

Olson K

From:

Sent:

To:

Subject: license for Queens Wood care

Dear Sirs, We live about 250 yards from Queens Wood cafe and we wish to protest against a license for music and dancing in this quiet residential area. We do not object to a license for alcohol with meals during the existing opening hours.

We understood that Queens Wood was a nature conervation area ,it is home to a large number of increasingly rare birds including--nuthatch,tree creeper,three types of woodpecker,greenfinch,chaffinch,chiffchaff,willow warbler,redwing,songthrush,mistlethrush,jay,sparrow hawk and tawny owls.Many of these birds will be frightened away by continual noise at night.There are also rare bats and many types of moth.

For the sake of the many young families and our diminishing stock of wildlife we trust that this application will be rejected

Yours sincerely

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Olson Kendra

From:
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Subject:

Dear Ms Barrett

We live at 22 Muswell Hill Road and are writing to object to the application for a licence for alcohol, live and recorded music, and dancing, in the Lodge and in a tent, from 6pm until 1 in the morning on three nights of the week.

We are primarily concerned that to allow the licence would lead to a public nuisance and an issue of safety. There is as far as we know no off-street parking available in Queens Wood. Muswell Hill Road has a bus lane and double yellow lines for much of its length. It has limited parking spaces that are already heavily parked up day and night, and the same is true for the few adjacent streets. Like other residents we pay for the use of resident parking in this zone. If the licence was granted for the seven hours requested on each of the three nights of the week it would prove impossible for residents to park when returning from work or a social occasion.

Muswell Hill Road is also a main bus route for day and night services, which is heavily used, and seems also to be an important emergency route for police and the ambulance service.

We trust these points on which our objection is based will be given consideration.

Yours sincerely

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Olson M

From:

Sent:

To: ~~Barrett, Lisa~~

Cc:

Subject: Queen's Wood: Extension of the License

Dear Ms Barrett

I understand that the chair of our Board of directors at Southwood Hall has already written to you in relation to the above but I would like to add my voice of concern in relation to the extension of the license. We have recently been experiencing breaches of security within the estate by groups of young people which culminated in a couple of burglaries. I have lived on the estate off and on for more than 45 years and it has always been a peaceful and tranquil area until this recent spate of issues. If the licence were to be given, adding alcohol sales to the equation, this has major potential to increase the threat to the safety and security of residents, many of who are elderly. The attraction of such a venue increases the likelihood of drugs and drugs related crime not to mention drugs paraphernalia being left where children visiting the woods could lay their hands on it. Drugs and alcohol increase crime and as someone who returns from work often after midnight I already fear at times for my safety when returning home. With the potential introduction of a licensed night club around 500 yards from our front gate, anti-social behaviour such as knife crime and sexual activity, increase in muggings, burglary etc is set to increase and I strongly urge the council not to consider this.

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Dear Daliah Barrett

We strongly oppose the planning application for Queens Wood Lodge Cafe to extend its activities in the ways outlined.

Open, natural spaces in London are at a premium and beautiful, tranquil ones are yet rarer whilst pubs & bars are plentiful (especially in Muswell Hill whose centre is full of them). Muswell Hill is well delineated residentially and commercially and should remain so in our view. It therefore seems quite astonishing to us that this request was not summarily rejected.

We would therefore like, in the strongest possible terms, to outline our concerns relating to the planning application. These fall into in five areas:

1. Public nuisance concerns - we back onto the woods, a sanctuary of peace and calm. The noise would be a very substantial disturbance - from time to time people have small parties in the summer in the woods - these are highly disruptive. There is also clearly an issue of people roaming through the woods late at night and the attendant security issues for those who back onto the house. We have also seen people light fires in the wood - a dangerous activity. This type of thing would only increase.
2. Environmental concerns – (drunk) people will damage and despoil the woods, music will disrupt the wildlife living in the woods.
3. Public disorder - people drinking until the early hours in the woods is clearly a recipe for disaster - no one is watching, people would feel they could get away with pretty much anything.
4. Health and safety- the woods are not safe at night. It is quite conceivable that criminals would come to the woods to prey on drunk revellers - as it would be very hard to catch them given the number of escape routes - it seems to us that crime would inevitably increase, which in its turn would put a stain on the woods. I cant imagine that council allowing something to happen that could make one of the most treasured places in the locality a hot spot for crime - one cant imagine what the press would say about this - its almost a daily mail issue. I would certainly feel that I would need to increase the security at the back of my house. I would expect the council to pay for this. One of the most attractive features of the woods for young children is the large swings. Not only are people late at night likely to hurt themselves on them, but also they are likely to damage them making them unsafe for kids in the morning. Simply put young children will be forced to bear the brunt of the night before as no one will have had time to clear up
5. Protection of children from harm. as we have young children, we often wander through the parks early in the morning. The detritus of people revelling in the woods, would still be there, and provides a risk to children.

This seems to us totally unnecessary. The woods are loved by so many. Cars line the roads at the weekends as so many come to visit. Surely, the council should do all in its power to protect these beautiful spaces. How could the council put the yet another pub ahead of the wellbeing of such a beautiful spot?

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15 April 2010

Licensing Team, Enforcement, Urban Environment
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Dear Sirs:

QUEEN'S WOOD LODGE CAFÉ
LICENCE APPLICATION

We are writing to protest against the granting of a licence to Mr. Shelmerdine for a night time venue at Queen's Wood Lodge Café, which we feel, is both a poorly conceived idea and a gross invasion of privacy.

1. PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

The Woods are unlit and un-policed. As it now stands, the proposed facility would offer both drink and live music for dancing outside on weekends until 1 a.m. This would only increase the probability of vandalism and trouble in an area where people can easily get lost and up to mischief. This is no hypothetical threat or nimby fantasy. Over the last eighteen months, there have been two assaults in the Wood, which, especially in summer, has its share of squatters, flashers, drunk/lost people climbing over fences to find a way out of the dark and steep paths.

2. THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Lodge Café is just off Muswell Hill Road. The presence of the proposed late night venue so close to the road and to other people's houses (see below) compounds the issue of drunken driving, road accidents, fights, and vandalism to private property (Cars are parked in front of houses and are vulnerable to attack).

3. THE PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE

The Queen's Wood Lodge is less than one hundred feet from the first houses on Muswell Hill Road. For a night time venue, proposing music and dancing, the Lodge's proximity to residential dwellings is extraordinarily inappropriate; it represents a *bone fide* nuisance, flying in the face of notions of community and well-being.

To have any dancing and music out of doors, particularly until 1a.m. on weekends and 11p.m. on weekdays is an invasion of the residents' privacy and an intrusion on what they could otherwise expect to be the privilege of normal home life.

Noise carries in the Woods---it's a kind of echo chamber. The presence of music and drinking means that the inhabitants of the houses in the environs can't enjoy their garden, their solitude, their sleep during the summer without having to contend with unwanted and unnecessary noise from the proposed activities at the Lodge. They would change the entire quality of life of the residential area.

We understand that in an "Open Letter"—circulated to selected members of the neighbourhood -- Mr. Shelmerdine has subsequently suggested amendments to his proposal; he has not, however, amended his application. This is wrong and questionable. Without a rewritten application, his revised "proposals" are mere hearsay.

In our view, the application is made more dubious by the fact that a quick surf of the Web shows that within a mile's radius of Queen's Wood, there are twenty five pubs which serve food and music and two nightclubs where dancing is also part of the late night mix. In other words, there is no pressing need for yet another night spot in the Muswell Hill area, especially one that self-evidently threatens to impact negatively on the lives of so many residents.

We urge Haringey to reject this application which, by the very fact of Mr. Shelmerdine's continued back-tracking, indicates that the present application has not been properly thought through.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Daliah Barrett,

I write to comment in accordance with the Council's headings procedure on the application for a licence by Mr Shelmerdine about which we have been in touch.

The ancient wood and the Local Nature Reserve that is Queen's Wood contains a pleasant amenity -- a cafe in a small room and a porch of the old Keeper's Lodge. It is open currently from 10 to 6. Its proprietor, Mr Shelmerdine, who contributed to the preservation of the Lodge, and no doubt was rightly rewarded by Haringey Council with a 20-year lease at a peppercorn rent, has made an application to the Council for a certain licence.

The licence is for alcohol, live and recorded music, and dancing, in the Lodge and in a tent, from 6 pm until 1 in the morning on three nights of the week Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and until 11 pm on Monday to Thursday.

It is certainly an exaggeration but an understandable one that this is a proposal for something akin to a nightclub. It would be an unprecedented intrusion into a unique public space of quiet, solitude, natural beauty and wildlife, a public retreat of a character different from the parkland of Highgate Wood just across Muswell Hill Rd.

It is fair to say the existing application is not only audacious but shocking. It is no surprise that after the first public notice of the application was not properly displayed to the public, however that came about, the Council acted to double the consultation period. The application has rightly been condemned by the local M.P. Lynne Featherstone and by Councillor Bloch.

The proprietor's licence application stands as it was, and remains on the Council website -- despite an informal letter sent by him to some neighbours seeming to withdraw parts of the application. The private letter is unclear in its assurances and must be of uncertain force. The present situation is therefore one of at least some uncertainty.

I wish to object to the existing application and any similar application, and to any granting by the Council of something approximate to what is asked. I respectfully ask the council, more precisely, to allow no further change than the serving of alcohol in conjunction with meals in the current hours of opening. It is apparently the case that a previous licence for this was allowed to lapse.

I object, incidentally, as a member of the Friends of Queen's Wood, among whose members I am certainly not alone. Despite a request by me, the 100 or 200 members have not yet been consulted by the small and active committee of the Friends, which understandably has been much involved with the applicant. His existing application, then already controversial, might have been discussed at the very

recent AGM of the Friends but was not. It is not mentioned in the Friends newsletter that arrived the other day.

I wish to object to the application under the headings specified by the Council, which are Public Nuisance, Health and Safety, and Public Disorder.

Public Nuisance. What is a public nuisance of course depends absolutely on location. What is a nuisance in a high street, a large playing field, a churchyard, a parking lot, your own backyard -- all of these will be different. Queen's Wood is a place of quiet, solitude, retreat, and the satisfactions of nature. It is indeed an historical wood and a Local Nature Reserve. There could hardly be a greater nuisance than the proposed development in a setting of hornbeam trees and birds. What more could be done by way of nuisance with respect to a quiet evening in a place of relaxation and escape from the urban environment?

The development would of course affect adversely, and be a nuisance to, some hundreds of residents in Muswell Hill Road, from Onslow Gardens up to Highgate tube station, and also residents in Wood Lane, as well as residents in Onslow Gardens and Connaught Gardens. But, in fact more significant, the development would also affect many more hundreds of people who visit the wood from at least a mile or two around. The development, then, is not open only to a 'not in my back yard' objection, however reasonable.

Health and Safety. The wood in the evening and after dark is in fact a place of some danger. There are low stumps to trip over, fallen trees, unpaved paths, slopes you can slide down, small flows of water. Young people having had a few drinks, to speak only of them, would indeed run the risk of coming to harm.

The wood is very dark, and there is hardly any lighting outside the Lodge now. For public safety it would presumably be necessary to install new lighting and to take other measures. These, plainly, could hardly be consistent with the enclave of Queen's Wood as it has been and is.

Public Disorder. No doubt this is a lesser concern. It has been remarked to us, however, that on weekend nights lads may indeed make their way down Muswell Hill from the pub on the corner of Archway Road and fancy a little fun at what they may take as a kind of alternative pub in the wood.

I wish to appeal not only to the Haringey licencing committee. This matter must also be of concern to the Haringey parks and open spaces division. I take it the designation of Queen's Wood as a nature preserve was serious in its intent, and that the reality is to be respected and defended. It is not just another public space. The Friends have in the past been concerned with disturbance to bird life in the Wood, in particular in connection with drumming by 'Pagans'. It would be proper, I take it, for the parks and division to make its position known to the licencing committee.

Olson Kendra

From: Cllr Bloch Jonathan
Sent: 18 April 2010 09:39
To: Barrett Daliah
Cc: Cllr Engert Gail; lynne@lynnefeatherstone.org; jlnew@blueyonder.co.uk
Subject: Licence application - Queen's Wood cafe

Importance: High

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Dear Ms Barrett,

Further to correspondence with members of the community particularly the Connaught Gardens and Area Residents Group I would like to back their concerns and hope that, should you decide to grant a licence, all the applicants undertakings will be incorporated as part of the licence namely:

- a.. The licensing hours should be up to 11 pm Sunday to Thursday, midnight Friday and Saturday
- b.. The use of the premises in the evening should only be for private functions or events
- c.. No tent should be erected at any time
- d.. There will be no discos or DJ's, and any recorded music should be played inside the cafe on a domestic hi-fi set with the volume control locked to a maximum set by Haringey's Noise Enforcement Officer
- e.. Any live music should be acoustic (non-amplified)
- f.. No cars should be parked near the cafe In addition in order to prevent abuse of the licence by another tenant, we would ask for the following to be included:
 - a.. Licence to be surrendered on termination of current lease for the Lodge
 - b.. Licence conditions to apply if lease of premises were to be assigned to any other person before its termination.

I would hope that this application will come before the full licencing committee so that all these matters can be aired.

Regards
Cllr Jonathan Bloch

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Olson Ke

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Dear Daliah

I understand there is a planning application re: Queen's Wood Keeper's Lodge asking for extended opening hours and a license to serve alcohol, play music etc. I would urge that this application be rejected or at least modified as follows:

Only serving alcohol with meals in current hours of opening

This is a quiet area and a Nature Reserve and this application seems to me to be wholly inappropriate.

Best wishes

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Olson K

From: [redacted]
Sent: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Keeper's Lodge, Queen's Wood

Dear Ms Barrett,

This email is to oppose the application for a license to allow an extension of the hours in which alcohol may be served at Keeper's Lodge in Queen's Wood. As you know, Queen's Wood is a precious Local Nature Reserve. The noise and light that would follow the granting of such a license would seriously compromise that which nature reserves seek to provide. The importance of biodiversity is increasingly realized. I am sure you would agree that we don't want this threatened. Please, please don't grant this license.

Alison

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re Queen's Wood Lodge Café: Objection

Daliah.barrett@haringey.gov.uk

17 April 2010

Dear Ms Barrett,

I am writing to register my objection to the grant of late night licences for the Queen's Wood Lodge Café

I am concerned primarily that it is going to change the character of the Woods. It is a nature reserve late night drinking with the problems of rowdiness, litter and vandalism that may flow from that could be damaging to the woods.

I am not sure whether the noise could actually reach my house, at the Highgate end of Wood Vale, but I certainly sympathise with those who live nearer who may well be disturbed.

There are no shortage of suitable venues in the area and allowing this one to operate late at night seems to add little, except to the profits of the owner.

Can I say as an aside I have been of the residents' groups complaining about the activities at North Middlesex Cricket Club, and have never felt the slightest urge to support those complaints.

The Woods are fine as they are now. Everyone in the area enjoys them. No-one wishes for late night activity.

Put simply: if it ain't broke don't fix it.

Yours sincerely,

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Olson K

From:

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Sent:

To: Barrett Darran

Subject: Re: Queen's Wood Cafe - Application for alcohol entertainment

Importance: High

Attachments: Drinking and Violence.ppt

Dear Ms Barrett,

As per my previous email, myself and my husband are local residents residing at 4 Onslow Gardens and we would like to continue raising our concerns about the application for alcohol and music licence for late night entertainment in Queen's Wood Cafe.

Our concerns and objections are raised against:

1. Managing Crime and Disorder:

There is very limited internal space on these premises, so potentially large numbers of people could congregate on the veranda and outside, with alcoholic drinks, spilling over into the public open space of Queen's Wood.

Also, I have attached some information collected by Councillor Tony Owen for LB Bromley re: the consequences of both extending drinking hours and then retracting it. It is very clear that the information shows that crime goes up with extended drinking hours from a pub in the LB Bromley.

2. Public Safety:

The Wood is unregulated, unlit, paths are rough and some are very steep. It is not a safe place to be after dark. I personally know of adults who have fallen and torn ligaments during daylight in Queen's Wood.

3. Prevention of Public Nuisance:

Queen's Wood is a designated Local Nature Reserve, used by many people for recreation, as a place of peace and quiet, and an escape from the noise associated with urban living. Music and noise emanating from the cafe would constitute a public noise nuisance to the many users of the Wood, and particularly to local residents.

The Wood is bordered by many houses (Muswell Hill Road, Onslow Gardens, Connaught Gardens, Wood Lane, Wood Vale). Sound carries very clearly across the Wood, especially at night, and with live music and dancing going on both inside and outside the building until 1.00am Friday-Sunday, clearly local residents would be seriously disturbed.

4. Protection of Children from Harm:

If this licence were granted it would enable groups of young people to congregate in this relatively isolated place where there will be minimal supervision; and, excessive drink could lead to the taking of illegal substances.

We consider the application as it stands to be inappropriate and do hope that you do not approve this application.

I would be grateful if you could confirm how many applications have been made by the residents of Queen's Wood Lodge to date.

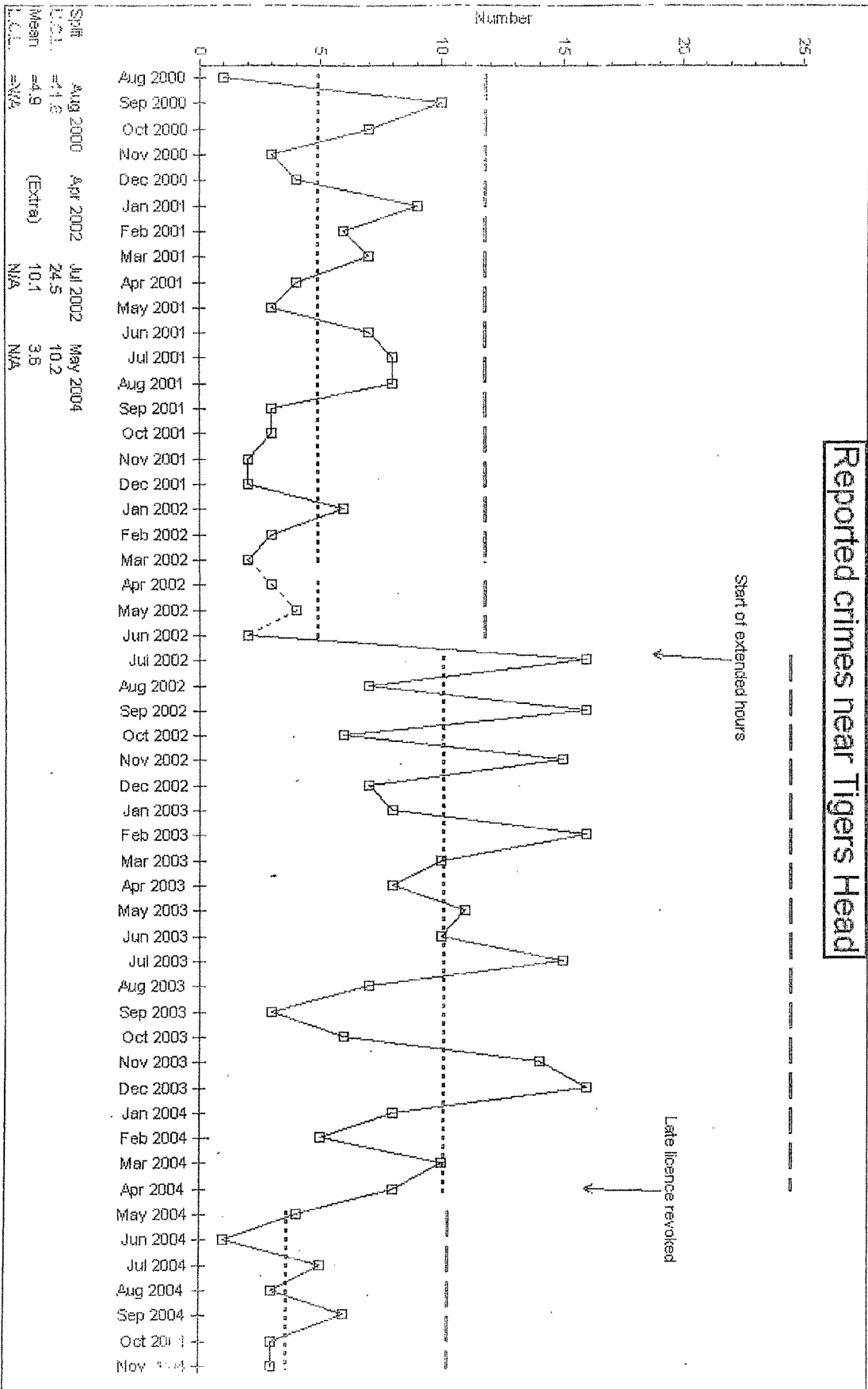
Kind regards,

19/04/2010

Do extended drinking hours cause more violence?

Evidence from LB Bromley using a
capability or control chart
(courtesy of Councillor Tony Owen)

Reported crimes near Tigers Head



Olson V

From:

Sent:

To:

Subject: Queens Wood Lodge Cafe

To Licensing lead officer:-

I earnestly implore you **not to license the Queens Wood Lodge Cafe.**

Public nuisance

We moved into this house 34 years ago to get away from noise. We saved and borrowed money to do so. The peace in this road is precious to everybody - it's a rare thing. The sound coming from the anticipated project at Queens Wood Lodge Cafe will inevitably be loud; it's obvious that sound will carry across the wood. The character and identity of Queens Wood will change.

Public disorder

My house is at the side of the pathway between Wood Vale and Muswell Hill Road. People - lots of young people - often come through the woods onto that pathway. It is unlit - totally dark. They can be heard ..every word almost amplified because the path is so narrow - but that's fine. However, if they have come from a licensed bar it won't be fine. It's obvious. Moreover, it is easy to get lost in the woods - even in daylight if the paths are not closely followed. It could be very dangerous indeed at night. It is **inadvisable** to encourage young people there who may have had a lot to drink. It would be tempting for people to wander into the woods after a music/drinking session.

Please do not grant this license.

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19/04/2010

Olson Kendra

From:
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My name is A:
licensing application concern

Y) and I strongly oppose the
d Lodge Cafe for several reasons:

Firstly, Queen's Wood is a designated Local Nature Reserve and must be protected from urban influences, such as noise pollution and litter. It is not only a place for flora and fauna to flourish, but also a place to rest after a long day at work or a place where kids can play (alone) on a Sunday afternoon without facing tipsy or drunken adults or broken glass.

Secondly, sound carriers very clearly across the wood - e.g. already we are disturbed by music or cheers that carry over from Highgate Woods. My partner gets up at 5.30am Monday to Saturday, and I work late from home. Further distractions of our night will seriously affect our quality of life.

Thirdly, I personally would feel more at risk walking at night past this area, when coming from Highgate tube station and having to pass a drinking crowd or drunk individuals.

The Queen's Wood Lodge Cafe is a lovely place as it is. I personally feel that this proposal has the potential to seriously affect the character of this area and attract crime and disorder.

I ask you to not support this application.

Thank you very much,

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Olson Kent

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Sent:

To:

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Subject:

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Dear Daliah

Please find attached my response to the Licensing Application for Queens Wood Lodge Cafe.

I would be grateful for an acknowledgement of this email and the attachment.

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Licensing Team, Enforcement, Urban Environment
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Tottenham N17 9LN

18th April 2010

Dear Daliah Barrett

Queens Wood Lodge Café – Licensing Application

We email to express our concern with the licensing application for Queens Wood Lodge Cafe, 42 Muswell Hill Road. London N10 3JP, Highgate.

In our opinion we do not consider the venue to be appropriate for a late night drinking license. We do appreciate that the proprietor is making attempts to increase revenue in difficult financial times but it should not be out of character with the initial objectives and permissions that were originally granted for the premises.

We would therefore formally record our disquiet and total objection to the licensing application on the following grounds.

Firstly the application really does not provide detail as to what the proprietor is trying to achieve.

Statements that:

The performance of live music both indoors and outdoors will be performed occasionally (E).

The playing of recorded music take place indoors will be required only occasionally (F).

No description of the facilities for making music have been provided but simply again only occasionally (I).

No description of the facilities for dancing has been provided again only the statement occasionally (J).

In answer to the question of late night refreshment, which is proposed both indoors and outdoors, the statement for occasional events (L).

The sale of alcohol again both indoors and outdoors will only happen occasionally (M).

Every answer is evasive and in two instances does not actually provide any information and it must question the real intent of the application whereby once a license has been granted on little detail then the usage can be abused.

We believe that the granting of a license will instigate a public nuisance based on two main issues. The first one being noise. Queens Wood a designated nature reserve and music from inside the café and especially from outside the café would cause great disturbance to local residents as the sounds would carry across the woods a great distance.

The noise would also disturb the animal and bird residents that live and breed in this nature reserve and who, up till now have been left undisturbed at night.

The noise factor would be compounded by the increase in number of people attending these supposedly occasional events. This in itself would also create further disturbance with people coming and going early in the morning. Again disturbing the animal and bird wildlife so precious in London.

We would also ask you to consider the safety aspect of people walking down from Highgate tube station. Firstly cars parked

along the road will cast, what is already a dark road, even more shadows.

It may also make the area more dangerous as lone people walk past the dark entrance where people have been drinking.

We wonder how Haringey Council will be able to deal with the increase in complaints raised to the Council's environmental department. This is a cost that cannot be borne by ratepayers.

We also wonder how Haringey Council will deal with the debris that will accumulate in the surrounding area of the woods as people arrive and leave the Lodge. It should also be considered that people will wander off into the woods further spreading debris.

We presume that the Police have been consulted regarding the fact that they will now have to deal with the outpouring of people from the pubs and clubs in Muswell Hill Broadway and at the same time the venue.

We presume that they have been consulted on the parking management programme for the late night parking and no doubt the occasional morning obstruction of the bus lane.

Olsen Ken

From:
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Dear Sir/Madam

Re QUEENS WOOD LODGE CAFÉ
42 Muswell Hill Road, London N10 3JP

As a resident of Muswell Hill Road I was shocked to return from my Easter break to discover that the proprietor of Queens Wood Lodge had made a licence application for alcohol, live and recorded music, and dancing, in the Lodge and in a tent, from 6pm until 1 in the morning on three nights of the week (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) and until 11 pm on Monday to Thursday.

I strongly object to this licence application on the grounds that the proposed application is completely out of keeping with the unique atmosphere of Queens Wood which is a Local Nature Reserve. I also object under the headings of Public Nuisance, Health and Safety, and Public Disorder.

I would therefore ask the Council to allow no further change than the serving of alcohol in conjunction with meals in the current hours of opening.

Yours faithfully

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Olson Ke

From:

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To:

Cc:

Subject: .licensing application for queens wood lodge cafe

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I am against granting the license for allowing music, dancing and supply of alcohol at the above because it could create a public nuisance, public disorder and health & safety issues. The area of the wood is used for recreation and an escape from noise associated with urban living. The noise emanating from the cafe would be a public nuisance. The limited internal space in the existing premises could result in over spilling into public open space causing potential problem with public disorder and safety for ther users eg. broken glasses and litter.

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Olson Kendi

From:

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Attachments:

Dear Daliah Barrett,

I enclose as an attachment my objection to the application by Mr. Shelmerdine for late night music, alcohol and dancing at the Queen's Wood Café, Muswell Hill Road.

All good wishes,

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OBJECTION TO LICENCE APPLICATION: QUEEN'S WOOD CAFÉ

I object strongly to the application by Mr. Shelmerdine for a late night licence for alcohol, music and dancing in Queen's Wood Café, situated in a Nature Reserve.

1. Prevention of Crime and Disorder

The Woods are unlit, unfenced and un-policed. There have been squatters in tents, two attempted rapes in the last year, and stolen bicycles, motorbikes etc. dumped in the Wood. People wandering around in the dark could be targeted as could the properties nearby.

As the café is so small, overflow would be inevitable, and it would be difficult to deny entry to unsuitable persons such as drug dealers or criminals. The applicant has stated he would only have private parties, but any parents know how easily gate crashers can smash up parties for their teenagers.

2. The Protection of Public Safety

The Queen's Wood Café (formerly the Keeper's Lodge) is just off Muswell Hill Road. There is very little parking on this main road, but the Café can be clearly seen, especially in the dark if lit up. The licence proposal would increase the probability of illegal parking, road accidents, fights and vandalism to cars parked outside houses.

The Wood has narrow, very steep and dangerous paths, even in the daylight. At night, for patrons under the influence of alcohol, they could be lethal.

3. The Prevention of Public Nuisance

The houses on Muswell Hill Road almost abut the Café. It is quite inappropriate to have music, alcohol and dancing until 1.a.m., even till 11pm, in this vicinity, when residents are trying to sleep. It goes against all ideas of community and well-being.

All noise in these woods carries a long way, as there is a sort of land echo-chamber effect. The area around the wood is intensively residential and the quality of life in these houses would be seriously reduced if the licence were granted.

I hope you will reject this application.

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Dear Ms. Barrett:

Enclosed is the letter I have also posted to the License Team. I wonder are they aware that the Lodge which is proposing to stay open until 1 a.m. And to also allow music and dancing for "private parties" is less than a hundred feet from the first house on Muswell Hill Road.

Yours,

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15 April 2010

Licensing Team, Enforcement, Urban Environment
Units 271-272, Lee Valley Technopark,
Ashley Road
Tottenham, N17 9LN

Dear Sirs:

RE: QUEEN'S WOOD LODGE CAFÉ APPLICATION

We are writing to protest the granting of a license to Mr. Shelmerdine for a night time venue at Queen's Wood Lodge Café during the summer which we feel is both a poorly conceived idea and a gross invasion of privacy.

1. PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

The Woods are unlit and un-policed. As it now stands, the proposed nightclub would offer both drink and live music for dancing outside on weekends until 1 a.m. This would only increase the probability of vandalism and trouble in an area where people can easily get lost and up to mischief. This is no hypothetical threat or nimby fantasy. Over the last eighteen months, there have been two assaults in the Wood which, especially in summer, has its share of squatters, flashers, drunk/ lost people climbing over fences to find a way out of the dark and steep paths.

2. THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Lodge Café is just off Muswell Hill Road. The presence of the night club so close to the road and to other people's houses (see below) compounds the issue of drunken driving, road accidents, fights, and vandalism to private property (Cars are parked in front of houses and are vulnerable to attack.)

3. THE PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE

The Queen's Wood Lodge is less than one hundred feet from the first houses on Muswell Hill Road. For a night time venue, proposing music and dancing, the Lodge's proximity to residential dwellings is extraordinarily inappropriate; it represents a *bone fide* nuisance, flying in the face of notions of community and well-being.

To have dancing and music until 1 a.m. on weekends and 11 p.m. on weekdays is an invasion of the residents' privacy and an intrusion on what they could otherwise expect to be the privilege of normal home life.

Noise carries in the Woods---it's a kind of echo chamber. The presence of music and drinking means that the inhabitants of the houses in the environs can't enjoy their garden, their solitude, their sleep during the summer without having to contend with unwanted and unnecessary noise from the erstwhile club. Its presence changes the entire quality of life of the residential area.

We understand that in an "Open Letter"—circulated to selected members of the neighborhood -- Mr. Shelmerdine has subsequently suggested amendments to his proposal; he has not, however, amended his application. This is wrong and questionable. Without a rewritten application, his revised

“proposals” are mere hearsay. In our view, the application is made more dubious by the fact that a quick surf of the Web shows that within a mile’s radius of Queen’s Wood, there are twenty five pubs which serve food and music and two nightclubs where dancing is also part of the late night mix. In other words, there is no pressing need for yet another night spot in the Muswell Hill area, especially one which self-evidently threatens to impact negatively on the lives of so many residents.

We urge Haringey to reject this application which, by the very fact of Mr. Shelmerdine’s continued back-tracking, indicates that the present application has not been properly thought through.

Yours sincerely,

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From:

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Subject: Queens Wood Cafe - Licence application

Dear Ms Barrett,

Further to my previous e-mail I now notice that the application has been properly displayed and the consultation period extended. I would therefore draw your attention to my previous e-mail and the objections obtained therein which fall under all the headings displayed in the notice:

Health & Safety. A totally unsuitable site considering the rough terrain, inadequate lighting and hygiene facilities - in this latter category one can't help but speculate on the use that may be made of the surrounding open space!

Disturbance to local residents - as we know from 35 years of experience sound travels very easily across these woods and the provision of public entertainment will undoubtedly prove to be detrimental to the peace of local residents.

Environment - Queens Wood is a nature reserve and it cannot be imagined how a facility of this type will integrate with this. There is a distinct risk that alcohol fuelled behaviour may well cause local damage to the surrounding area - if the debris in Muswell Hill Broadway after a Friday or Saturday night is anything to go by.

I would therefore once again urge you to turn down this application.

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To Licensing Team, Enforcement, Urban Environment Tottenham N17 9LN

Dear Team,

It came to my attention that the Queens Wood Lodge Café is applying for an extended license to its opening hours, sale of alcohol and late night parties. Queens Wood is a local nature reserve, open for walks, children and adults recreation. It is a place where birds nest, it is appreciated by people who love contact with nature as a place of peace and quiet.

My residence at Onslow Gardens, backs on to Queens Wood at a very close distance to the Queens Wood Café. Silence at night is important for the residents and for birds nesting on the woods. We believe that late night music would disrupt this, being inappropriate for Queens Wood. The Wood is not gated, the café premises are small, so the creation of an alcohol drinking space on its grounds would bring undesirable movement and noise to a nature reserve at night.

A day café as it is, fits well a nature reserve. By selling alcohol and staging late night parties doesn't.

I thank you to take into account the views of our neighbourhood when considering the above licensing application.

Yours faithfully,

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