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Sent: 11 January 2024 15:27
To: Business Licence <business.licence@brent.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to Palm Island Lounge - Licence: New Premises Reference: 30411

To whom it may concern,

My name is **a second of**, I live with **a second sec**

It has come to our attention that the above-mentioned business, formerly trading as Vybz Bar, of the same address, has applied again for a license to re-open as a bar/music venue

This is a TERRIBLE idea that cannot possibly be legal in a residential area. As per the notice outside the premises, we wish to oppose a license being granted on the following grounds:

• The prevention of Public Nuisance

When the bar formerly named Vybz Bar was open in the past it was horrifically noisey. The back garden of the above-mentioned premises is bordering with the gardens on Nicoll Road (directly behind **behind behind b**

Given the tall houses on Craven park road, The Stay Club and the residentials houses, the sound of a bloating speakers coming out of the Vybes Bar was abmilfied and reverberated throughout the whole neighbourhood. Those late night parties could be heard until 4am all across Nicoll Road, Connaught Road, Greenhill Park and even Acton Lane.

Not only was the music unbearably loud until the early hours of the morning, this was *always* accompanied by drunken shouting, swearing and browels. Every single night.

Even if the new application is 'only' until 23:30 at night this is still not an acceptable hour to operate in a residential area.

• The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Harlesden is currently plagued with ASB and street drinking and as such the current PSPO's within Brent reflect this. There have been multiple instances of drug usage and selling, ASB and crime at the owners venue as noted by the recent closure order obtained by MPS Harlesden granted by Willesden Magistrates Court.

Public Safety

The owners have continuously put their customers at risk through consistently operating above the

capacity permitted within their license, without sufficient security and with little regard for the health and safety of their customers, whilst also breaching licensing conditions.

In their first attempt to grant a license, they have built an illegal structure that covers the whole back garden. Thankfully the council prevented that and they had to take it down.

The failure to apply for the requisite planning permissions does not leave me confident that they will not attempt to place an additional structure to the rear using the correct channels. The historical breaches of both licensing and of planning consents serve as an indication of the likelihood of further breaches should a license be granted.

There are also a number of HMO's and Hostels with vulnerable residents who would simply not benefit from having access to alcohol. The concern is this would raise a public safety and public nuisance issue.

In light of the above, it is our assertion that should a license be granted to Palm Island Lounge it would negatively impact residents and members of the wider community.

We strongly object to this licensing application.

Kind regards,

