

Representations received on 25/01/2014 from Resident KN

We want to put a formal objection against Peaches Bar variation application in respect of the shisha lounge being opened any longer than the current hours of 12 midnight. We had also supported the last license review when the shisha lounge was closed down by the Local Council. We have a lot of nuisance from the shisha lounge as there is a lot of noise and smoke coming from the shisha lounge into our flat. The noise and nuisance is already excessive as we hear people talking loudly, shouting and singing into the late night. We are forced to inhale smoke and have no choice as our windows are just above the shisha lounge. We have come from India to study and our parents have paid a lot for our studies and due to the smoke and noise we are not able to concentrate on our studies. There is also excessive noise during the sports events which they show in the shisha lounge. They also have loud music playing from the speakers in shisha lounge until quite late into the night. Even on weekdays we have to suffer the same nuisance. We have been suffering a great deal due to the shisha lounge; there is continuous and excessive noise, smoke and violence from the shisha lounge. This has caused not only our studies to deteriorate but also has affected our health. We would appreciate if the timing of the shisha lounge is reduced if not closed all together.

Regards,
K

Representations received on 29/01/2014 from RA

i am writing to you in reference to the peaches bar and shisha lounge as i have already made several complaints in reference to the bar/shisha being open until late hours of the morning and experiencing abuse from the drunk people the noise, shouting and screaming and mostly violence and high volume of nuisance in the early hours of the morning. When i am passing the shisha lounge the smell and smoke aggravates my asthma, also the high volume of music that is played in the shisha lounge is annoying and causes a great deal of nuisance.

As a disabled person i am suffering mostly all nights as my illness keeps me awake and when i gradually do fall asleep the noise wakes me up.

I am making a request in not allowing the shisha bar to be open at all but most not certainly after 00.00hrs of the morning as it would encourage more violence and abuse that we as resident will have to put up with. I have also been pleading with the environmental and the landlords as well as the noise team and the estate agents but so far no progress has been made.

I personally had also been downstairs to the club to complain but they have not acted upon my complaints and they have not shown any care.

My car has been vandalised twice and the access of the entrance of the car park had been blocked as the ambulance wanted to pick me up and could not get access as cars of the bar/shisha blocked the entrance. I would like to make a representation and appeal against the removing of the condition 24 and peaches should not be allowed to open the shisha or the night club after 00.00hrs.

Due to my car incidence and as the club people have knocked on my door suddenly without giving me any notice or pressing my intercom button to gain access and as i live above the nightclub i am frightened and i am a disabled person, therefore i would like to request for my personal detail not to be disclosed.

Thank you
Mrs A

Representations received on 30/01/2014 from RT

I have recently become aware that Peaches Bar and Restaurant, which I live above, have applied for license variations which would have an adverse affect on my quality of living and a detrimental effect on the local area.

The condition they have applied to amend is current condition 25, which states "a maximum of 20 people will be allowed to smoke cigarettes without drink in the beer garden up to 0000 hrs. Monday - Sunday". Their amendment proposes a maximum of 15 people to be allowed to smoke cigarettes without a drink in the designated area of the beer garden.

My main concern is that this license condition amendment is deceptive - on the surface, it looks like Peaches are attempting to reduce the numbers in their beer garden at any one time, which would be a good thing. What is missing from their amendment, however, is the time limit - should their amendment be accepted, patrons would be able to smoke in the beer garden without a drink well after midnight, presumably until their usual closing hours of 2am weekdays and 4am Friday - Saturday. This would create an unacceptable level of noise, as patrons in the beer garden are often extremely noisy, usually shouting and yelling across to one another. I find it difficult to sleep with the current noise levels anyway, but this would likely make it much worse and more persistent throughout the early hours of the morning.

As usual, this application for a license amendment shows the management of Peaches Bar and Restaurant's utter disregard for the welfare of those living in the local area. As the management have been known to come into the block of flats above and try to persuade residents to support them, without offering any actual incentive, I would prefer that my personal details are redacted for fear of reprisal.

I also may not be able to attend a hearing in person due to work commitments - please note that the landlord of the property, who is also responsible for other flats in the building, is fully aware of my complaints and this letter, which he will be given a copy of. I would prefer that he represent my views at any hearing that may be arranged.