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Subject: Response to the Review of 75 Park Parade.NW10 4HT

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Dear All

I am Adekunle Aruna and the Director of Fork & Fingers Italian Ltd which is the Premises License holder of 75park Parade,NW10 4HT.

I am writing in response to the allegation made against us by one of our Neighbours (Mr Farid Boutiche).

Going through the petition, i could see he has been keeping some records since the 7th of July 2016. I also noticed that he has sent several letters to different section of the Authorities including the Local Mp.

What is Sad is that the Petitioner went through all these phases of complaints , Trips to post office, Calling the police, council, letters to MP and so on But he Never for Once stopped by at the club Premises and ask to speak to the owner or manager . In the case of whether he doesn't want to be known (Which i don't think is the Case) , He could have at least left a letter through the letter box stating that exiting customers from the cub does constitute any kind of Nuisance to him or his fellow neighbour within the same block of flats.

May i humbly take this time to tell you a brief history of this club and myself . This club has been in existence for over 20 years. I have personally worked at this club in past as a security Guard for 2years (2008- 2010) Before i Purchased the Club in 2013. I have also worked in 3 other clubs in the Area in the past around the same time. I have a over 7 years of experience in Door Supervisor (Security Guard) especially in Nightclubs & Bars. I have worked in over 40 different premises within London . This much is known to licensing officers at the Brent council and also Brent Licensing Police to the point that i received a letter of Recommending from Retired Licensing Police chief (Mr Nick Mortimer) earlier this year which stated how keen i am always ready to work with the Authorities. Whilst i am not saying i am the best at the security Management when it comes to nightclubs and bars, I am Quite Good at what i do if i am given the chance to do so .

This Issue first came to my knowledge on the first week of september when i had a call from a Brent licensing officer (Lavine) that there has been a complain about the club. I asked her if the complain came from the newly Built Flat close to the club but she didn't know exactly and she was meant to let me know as soon as she knows.She emailed me on the 26th October that she is still waiting to find out where the complains are coming from and that she will be in touch with me as soon as she does have the information.

(Measures Taken)

Nevertheless , i took immediate steps to ensure our customers do not Congregate around the Neighbourhood when leaving the club . I Posted notices on the entrance and exit doors, toilet doors, cloakroom and smoking area , asking customers to be quiet when leaving the premises or when smoking outside. I usually have 3 doormen working at the club , i have increased this to 4 doorMen immediately and now to 5 doormen including myself monitoring the door all night . I sent Videos and Photos of this steps that was taken to Lavine Miller Johnson of the Brent council licensing Section on the 26th of October. I will attach copies of photos and correspondence with the council to you on a separate email or on Request .

Rucklide Avenue like every other street close to Harlesden High Street has its Own Problems. People leaving other bars and pubs around 1am always gives us Problems ,Bus 18 is 24hours Bus from central London with it's Bus stop is right next to us .People coming drunk from London passes by around 2am and gives us problems because we deny them entrance, some calls us racist and some are aggressive and so on.

Going forward , my security team and i started regular patrol of Rucklidge Avenue where the flat of the petitioner is Located to be sure no one is making a nuisance on that street . What we have noticed is that several group of people does congregate on Rucklidge Avenue directly opposite the window of Farid Boutiche and they do make a lot of noise, drinking and doing all sort. On an occasion , they have broken and smashed all the windows at the ground floor flat of where Mr Boutiche Lives . I was told police were called and the case was reported. This Happened during the week whilst the club was shut so it had nothing to do with us whatsoever .We have several videos of these set of people and i also made calls to the police a few times asking the police to come and remove these people from the area as their noises will be disturbing the neighbours and they might be mistaken to be our clients (I do have Police Reference numbers for all these calls). I have seen drug dealings on this particular street several times and it is still ongoing . I have seen fights on these street and it is still ongoing and these people has nothing whatsoever to do with us. From our Experience , we know that drug dealers and bad gangs always go around at Weekend nights as this is the best time for them to sell drugs and or deal with their gangs. These street is a hotspot for them and this has been the Case for the past 9 years that i have known this club and the Area . The street is Quite dark and there are no Cameras on this street to Prevent Crimes. So illegal activities always happens on this street. In the past 3 years one of my client as beaten up on this street and his Van was stolen off him at knife point. My door man had his Car Smashed and the people ran off. The Windows of my Car was smashed in 2014 and the case was reported to the police Plus many More. All on Rucklidge Avenue. The Area has its own problems . I have proves of people doing different unsocial and illegal activities on this road and this people has nothing to do with my business whatsoever .

Regular Occurrence are the Somalians hanging around and targeting passersby and my customers when they leave the Club to offer them illegal drugs and once we see them and intervene , they wont leave quietly. The will threaten us and try to bully us into leaving them alone. I have called police several times because of this. Some of the dealers as young as 13 years old. I have been Personally offered drugs by them so that i can give them free hand to Operate. (I reported all of these to the police and council on a few occasion).

The other ones are the Algerians who hang around at the Jasmine Coffee shop around the corner until 3am and then come to Rucklidge Avenue around this time to Rob our Customers off their belongings . The moment we intervene to try and protect our customers they become aggressive with us. I Almost Got hit on the Head with A Belt Buckle from one of them on the New years Eve of 2015.

Several calls has been made by me personally to the police asking them to come down to avoid the breakdown of law and disorder. 80percent of the problems we encounter are from the people on the street giving problems to us and our customers .

My Doubts about the Petition

I went through our daily occurrence book and vast majority of the Dates Mr Farid has said our customers had done one thing or the other is very unknown to us. I think He has well over Exaggerated the events and occurrence . I will Agree that some of the incidents are true but i believe majority are false . On the days we have had problems especially the ones that involves Violence , the first thing i do the next day is Send and email to the council and the Police to explain what has happened, why it has happened and steps i have taken immediately to make sure it doesn't happen again. (Pls Liaise with Authorities to Confirm if Any doubt & i can also supply copies of such emails if requested). We are always working to improve how we manage the business . Had it being that Mr Farid has informed us of the problems since

July 7 that he has been keeping his so called Records, I'm very sure the matter would not have reached this level and the problem would have been sorted. (if Genuinely there was a Problem).

I am really keen to Seeing the Video of the Bike that Mr Farid claimed was going back and forte selling things (Drugs) to my Customers.

I do not know who Mr Farid Boutiche is personally and i have Not met him. However i have observed that a particular window has its curtains closed during the week and has its lights on But on weekends , Curtains are Open and the lights are off. I have several videos and photos of this flat. I have seen a dark figure videoing us from this room on a couple of occasion . The light from the telephone of the person recording was what made all the difference . This gives me the believe that Mr Farid is likely to be black man . I called the Police on the 27th of November to remove a lady from our vicinity has she picked up a fight with a member of staff. She was ejected from the club but was outside waiting to fight with the staff involved once she was asked to leave by the securities of the club. I knew she would be a nuisance and i didn't want this to happen. The police arrived around 3am with no light on their van or Siren. there was no noise whatsoever but on looking at this Particular window , I saw someone there already filming us. This and many more reasons made be doubt if truly Noises from our customers is what the problem is .

I am again very keen to see Videos from Mr Farid that shows all the points he has stated and i would love to see wether the videos has Audible voices from the street inside his room with his windows shut . If we can hear voices from the street in his room on the videos he has recorded then i will accept it to be a Genuine Problem. I do not believe so at this stage.

About 6 months ago i was approached by some muslims in the area (Likely Somalians Muslims) . They asked if i was interested in selling the club to them as they want to turn it into a Mosque . I said No . One of them knows I'm a muslim myself and he started preaching to me as to how unIslamic/ Anti Islam my business was. I walked away at this point . I didn't see a big deal out of it until i later saw the signatures and names of those who signed the petition of Mr Farid .I believe from the names, 9 Out of 14 are muslims which makes me want to think that Maybe the problem is not about the Noise . I later checked on Social Media and i could only find one Farid Boutiche (Petitioner) on social Media and this Farid Boutiche lives in london . I went through his photos and i could clearly tell that this person was a Radical Muslim/Core Muslim. I have attached photos from what i believe to be his Facebook page to this email for your perusal . If this was the same Farid Boutiche writing this Petition against my Business then it all makes sense why he is doing so . He can't stand to have a club next to his window. A muslim will believe Allah will reward him if he successfully Convinces the Authorities into Closing my business,which is what he is hoping for right now . I went through copies of the letters he has sent to MP, Police,Council etc, All he wanted was that the club must be closed. None of the letters said that the authorities should contact us and ask us to improve on one or two things. From taking Videos, records of time and dates of occurrences and all other steps he has taken, he only wants one thing (Close the club), Forgetting that 21 families living in Brent council earns a living from this premises .

I went further by trying to see if i could speak to a few people who has not signed his petition within the same block of flat where Mr Farid Resides . I was very lucky to meet the person living on the same floor as Mr Farid Boutiche . Mr Farid Lives at [REDACTED] and i Met [REDACTED] who lives at [REDACTED] lives in this flat with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said she has never been disturbed for once and not once had she woken up from her sleep as a result of Noise . Whilst she doesn't know who Mr Farid was. She reckons she should have the same problems as Mr Farid as their flats are on the same floor. Please be free to Contact [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Finally, there are 18 residential flats and 9 commercial shops 22 feet directly across the road from my Club and for almost 4 years , the council haven't heard any complain from them whatsoever . There are also 16 residential flats and 8 commercial outlets about 22 feet Directly opposite the block of flat where Mr Farid lives on Park Parade and yet for Almost 4 years no one from this flats has made any complain to the council about my Nightclub. These 2 set of flats are closer to the club than the flat of Mr Farid .

Mr Farid's flat will be about 80 feet away from my Nightclub, He lives in a Brand New flat and with New and Current style of double glazing windows . Yet he has had so much problems within the last 5 months than people who has been living closer to the club in the last 4 years or more . There are also over 50 houses Directly next to the flat of Mr Farid and yet none of them has sent a petition to the council. All the petition and the Signatures came within his block .

All that i have mentioned above and many more has made me think that maybe the problem is not really about the noise . It is mostly likely a Religious Motivated or Aggravated complain and looking at the manner at which Mr Farid has gone about this matter, It seems to me he is quite experienced in Matters like this. I will not be Surprised if this is not his first of Making Review Application for licensed premises.

We had an Impromptu visit by 2 council officials from the licensing Department 2 weeks ago and they saw that we were doing everything required by law . We were a given a couple of Advices and we have started executing it with immediate effect .

I shall wait to hear back from the council .

Kind Regards

Adekunle Aruna

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