

RE: FOOD 4 LESS 38 Queensbury Station Parade HA8 5NN Case REF 15658.

By EMAIL TO : business.licence@brent.gov.uk

This alcohol outlet should have its Licence revoked as the owners cannot abide by the licensing regulations. With the large numbers of street drinkers and groups on the grass outside and on Queensbury Parade Green my family have stopped walking around that area. The street drinkers also congregate in the Queensbury tube car park. We have also stopped going to the lovely restaurants in Queensbury parade on either side because we do not feel safe.

Apart from the cheeky and intimidating behaviour of the loiterers, this anti-social behaviour brings with it the littering of cans, glass beer bottles and white cigarette butts everywhere. The constant spitting and urination is another factor to lower the tone of what used to be a nice area. The behaviour is a nuisance and not a precedent that the council should be allowing for others to watch and believe that it is acceptable.

It's an easy calculation for Brent Council and the Police to stop the shop selling alcohol rather than wasting time, money and other resources, clearing up litter, placement of signage and officers to issue penalties etc. - not to mention the wasting of police time when the fighting starts or criminal activity takes place! The general ASB also means that my wife has stopped picking me up from Queensbury Station when I return back late from work, making it even more inconvenient for my commute back home at an incremental cost. Apart from not being safe its also unhygienic. It is beyond us how the Council have let it get into such a state, as street drinking carries a large fine.

I also refer you to my response to the Police in December 2018 (see below) which remains unchanged and should also be taken into full consideration to remove the licence from food 4 less.

Response sent to the police in December 2018

"You asked about 2 issues and responses in relation to these from the residents. Please see my response below.

1. What is the problem locally?

There are a multitude of main issues which I believe are all interlinked:

- a) Street Drinking
- b) Frequent drug use
- c) People congregating causing a nuisance
- d) Threatening behaviour to both pedestrians and cars passing by
- e) Litter – cigarette, beer bottles / cans, other food waste all a result of a), b) c) and d) above.
- f) People who are fundamentally responsible for the actions above using the park area, tree trunks, street corners etc as public open toilets

2. How is this problem affecting you?

The issues identified in 1 above are affecting my family and myself as follows:

- a) Anxiety of using Queensbury station for commuting to and from work. Often when I work late, I used to get picked up by car from near the station – now I fear for those coming to pick me up and for my safety as well.
- b) Anxiety for my life and that of my family. Note response to 2 a) above.
- c) Stress due to the state of affairs caused by the observations in 1 above
- d) Stress about the impact of the above behaviour on elderly and the young. Seeing any of the above and in particular the threatening behaviour has led to many to not use the bus stops / public transport in the area and use other means, clearly making this more inconvenient.

I hope this helps to clarify your questions.”

I trust that the licence will be revoked asap for the better good of the community. I would also ask the Council to consider the issues also in relation the betting licence (Ladbroke) next door to food 4 less and in any cases the punters are also the culprits and just revoking the licence, whilst a good start, will not be enough.

Finally you need to extend the review of the area to stop bicycles on the pavement - pavements are for pedestrians and need to remain that way.

I have asked all my local contacts to aslo respond so that you can build you r own case as a result to put a closure to this nonsense asap.

Thank you

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