

## **Applicant Response to Objector**

Dear Vanesha,

Thank you for your email.

The garden would only realistically be used for the licensable activity during warm weather. The restaurant itself will only be open to 11pm, in any event.

The restaurant is a family run business and the applicant's other 2 restaurants also have alcohol licences (which include outdoor space and neighbour residential dwellings) and he has never had any issues as a result thereof; my client understands the importance of meeting the criteria for this licence at all times and shall adhere to these strictly.

Kind regards,

**Spyridon Leoussis**

Partner

**NWL Solicitors**

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Thank you for your email of 1 October advising that the applicant has now withdrawn the request for 'Off' sales of alcohol and will only use the internal seating area.

Does this mean that customers will not be allowed access to the outside area for any reason, at any time?

Will someone be responsible for enforcing this? How will people be prevented from taking drinks outside, or using the space e.g. to smoke? Will the back doors and windows be permanently locked?

It seems to me that the garden may still be used, so I would anticipate the same level of disturbance which prompted my objection.

Additionally, the Cedar Restaurant and Bar referred to is in liquidation at the instigation of HMRC - the owning company is, I understand, the recently formed Cedar Express Limited. And naming Mr Sami Khoueiry as licensee and dps is concerning. Is a disqualified director allowed to take on these important roles within the company? This could of course be avoided by nominating another person for these positions.

I further understand that the development of the premises has taken place without the freeholder's knowledge or consent and without planning permission. It is currently the subject of investigation by your Planning Enforcement department, reference E/21/0653. Nothing in the behaviour of the applicants to date suggests that they are observant of the law and governing regulations for their activities and therefore cannot be expected to abide by any restrictions placed on them.

Without satisfactory answers to the above questions, my objection still stands.