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To: Business Licence <business.licence@brent.gov.uk>; Legister, Linda <Linda.Legister@brent.gov.uk>

Subject: Premises Licence number 152252 - Application to vary numbered 22739 280 Watford Road Harrow HA1 3TZ Blue Ginger Restaurant & Bar Ltd/Big Shots

Dear Business Licensing,

On behalf of the Sudbury Court Residents' Association we strenuously object to the License Variation 152252

We have only very recently become aware of the substantial Licensing Variation for 280 Watford Road and we are disturbed to find there have been previous Applications and expansions of the Licensed areas. It was our belief as a Residents' Association representing over 3,000 homes that the Council through the premises Lease, Planning and Licensing that this Golf Course and Driving Range would remain just that with some minor ancillary uses. To now find that the entire Driving Range Building is to become some sort of out of town Entertainment Venue / Night Club / drinking Establishment / Restaurants and operating over, in our view, excessive hours.

Our concerns centre on the following which we will expand as the process continues - we would have provided a more comprehensive objection had we known previously. As you are no doubt aware, a couple of A4 notices on the property perimeter and a notice in a newspaper that is not circulated in the area is not acceptable, even if it is the Law. We have suggested previously that Licensing Applications should be advertised in the Sudbury Court Residents' Association magazine The Courier - all that would be needed is an email to any of: chair@the-scra.co.uk, treasurer@the-scra.co.uk, secretary@the-scra.co.uk or planning@the-scra.co.uk.

Another concern is the creeping nature of the licensing applications until we get to the point now where almost the entire building and periphery areas will be licensed. We feel that if this application was the initial one then it would not be allowed. Also, we have no evidence that the new licensed areas will have fit and proper persons supervising. Using one person, to supervise several different business areas seems somewhat dangerous.

Our objection topics are as follows:

- **Protection of minors and young adults**
- The almost unrestricted nature of the License
- The excessive hours of the License in such a rural setting while close to residential property and an acute care facility.
- Outside noise from external Licensed areas while close to residential property and an acute care facility
- Exclusion of unattended young people from the premises because of the almost total Licensing of the building
- Traffic congestion
- Transfer parking onto residential roads
- Transfer parking onto Northwick Park to the exclusion of locals wishing to use the parkland
- Illegal U turns and other dangerous movements
- The area already suffers from antisocial vehicle movements including burn outs, doughnuts on our car parks and roads, plus circuit racing and drag runs and the straighter roads in the area.

- Potential for driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs - very few police traffic cars are seen in the area as on a Borough boundary and partially hidden from the highway until too late.
- Noise from outside spaces and indoor events
- Exclusion of groups that object to alcohol
- Also the off-sales from the site will bring the possibility of drugs supply and use to the site via delivery bikes.
- With such extensive site use, there is a strong possibility that the local drugs suppliers will move in, if they haven't already. Northwick Park Pavilion is a well-known supply portal to the local area and is only a stone's throw from the site evidenced to the last Licensing Hearing given by one of the directors of the overall tenant and Blue Ginger was that they had observed drug dealing in their car park but staff were instructed to nothing about it but take registration numbers. It was suggested that they then report to the police but we have not heard anything about this from the safer Neighbourhood team. We also note that six monthly meetings were meant to be organised with representatives of residents, councillors to which the SNT were also to be invited starting last April, no such meetings have been offered or approaches made. we understand stat the last Licensing Hearing, the problems which happened in our church car park were raised, for which barriers have had to be installed. Apart from all these nuisances, the idea that the church and our estates will have within a few hundred yards the addition of a large sports bar with two large doors opening out onto a substantial garden area which is also to be licensed is just beyond belief.

Overall, we think the licensing has **already gone too far and we strenuously object to the License Variation** to protect the local residents, especially our children and young adults. The applicant is simply adding areas over time. If this application was coming fresh to license the whole of the building, we cannot believe that a responsible Licensing Authority would be looking at it. Certainly not in the sloppy way that the Applicant has presented it. It almost looks as though they think they don't have to bother.

Additionally, we are concerned about the current and new plans not matching and yet the keys are the same. There are comments on the new plan that show that the plan is not complete. We therefore ask that this is corrected, and an application remade. You may disclose our registered address to the applicant.