

Dear PC Brendon,

I acknowledge the effort you and your team put out in Craven Park. Regarding what you said about drug users and dealers using my location as a spot to attract customers. I'm not saying that it will not occur outside the premises as I cannot control people behaviour outside my premise but only control people coming into the premises.

However, we have a policy in place that forbids people from coming into the premises with drugs or using drugs in the premises. Anyone coming into the premises will be searched at the door before entry and if such things are found, we will refuse entry. So therefore my business will not entertain such behaviours/act in the premises.

During the period the formal business (VYBZ BAR) trading in the premises had a closure order on them, I wasn't involved with the premises. I only got involved with the premises as the estate agent was helping me look for some properties to start my business and I liked the premises and leased it in December. The estate agent didn't tell me about workers not being allowed in the premises and as soon as the police made me aware that builders wasn't allowed and they evacuated the place with immediate effect. I contacted the police to make sure we understood what was happening and no one went in there until the closure order ended. So it wouldn't be fair to hold me accountable for something I had no idea of. As soon as I was aware I complied with it and that should show you I'm willing to abide by the law.

You expressed a concern about the working hours since you felt they were comparable to Vybzb bar. It appears that Vybzb bar used to be open from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m., but I'm asking for 5 p.m. to 4 a.m., and we will be providing different activities, so I'm not sure why you believe it's the same as Vybzb bar.

Regarding your concern about Public Nuisance, we have a policy in place that instructs all customers to depart the premises silently while exiting the venue and security will make sure people coming into the premises behave in an orderly manner which will not upset the residents.

Regarding your concern about street drinking and loitering, I have a policy that states no drinks or food is permitted to leave the area, where as our staffs will make sure this policy is being followed. This will even help limit people's tendency to leave litter outside the venue or neighbouring premises and make the environment clean.

If a licence to operate until 4am is granted, the public, the police and the company will all benefit. Craven Park appears to have a bad reputation in Harlesden, but if given the chance, I would like to be the one to make a good difference. This is because there will be a drastic reduction in street drinking because our premises can be used as a venue for drinking to minimise people from drinking on the street carelessly and without proper supervision. Operating until 4am, it will also provide adequate time for individuals to leave the area before 4am. I have nothing more to say, but I can only conclusively demonstrate to you and the licence authorities.

Kind regards

Kingsley Adjei.