

Dear Andy,

I appreciate the efforts you and your staff have made to counter anti social behaviour and violence in Harlesden, and I have taken your concern to accountability that there won't be enough police presence during the period I'd like to operate. However, I am asking for the license to operate till 4am not just to entertain criminal activities but for the premises to have enough time to evacuate people before the hours of our closing time and we will have enough security presence to make sure its adhered so we will not repeat the behaviours of the previous owners. As you are aware, they repeatedly violated their operating hours before requesting a change in the schedule, which the council denied on the basis that they had refused to do so from the moment they obtained the property.

We have a policy in place that instructs all customers to depart the premises silently while exiting the venue. Additionally, no drinks or food is permitted to leave the area, which will even help to limit people's tendency to leave litter outside the venue.

Individuals who are not entering the premises will be prohibited from lingering around the property by our SIA staff. We want to support the police in their efforts to combat antisocial behaviour within the premises vicinity. Additionally, everyone entering the building will be thoroughly searched by our SIA staff for any sharp objects or illegal substances. To stop people from carrying blades, we plan to use metal detectors. The employees will ensure that this policy is adhered to, which forbids the sale or use of illegal substances on the premises.

I conducted a survey with some locals and businesses in my area about opening a new business in the area, and they were all delighted about it because they said the community needed something like this. They were also happy the business was new and is being operated by new owners and management team. I was also informed by fellow residents and other businesses around my vicinity about the previous owners' poor customer care and management, and I took all of it into consideration and put measures in place to assist in resolving it. The concern you expressed regarding builders entering the property to work while it was closed, there was a misunderstanding because the estate agent told me I could carry out building work before your team entered to stop my builders. If you can recall, [REDACTED] (Land Lady) visited your office and even got in touch with you via email regarding the police presence on the premises, which you were able to resolve. As aware that no one was allowed in there until you could verify it was a new owner and the landlady gave you my details which I was contacted the following day either by you or a member of your team regarding the closure and the steps to take before opening.

We agreed that instead of waiting for a court date which was going to take over two weeks before we reopen will not be fair, but we can rather reopen on the date the closure ends to get back to business. So I'm surprised you raised this issue again as you were the same person who solved the misunderstanding and also promised me you were going to get the word across your team to understand it's a new ownership so they will not stop my builders from working. It's surprising that you're in disbelief about me being the new owner which I highly don't understand.

As I've stated repeatedly, we are not in contact with the former tenants because I don't even know them and I obtained the property through LBC estate, which you can confirm with them if you like. If you want further assurance that we are unaffiliated in any way, you can conduct background checks on both the previous tenants and myself that we're not related in any type of way. The structure is a wooden temporary structure which means planning permission is not needed as far as we follow building regulations.

The public, the police, and the business will all profit if a license to operate until 4am is granted. This is because there won't be any concerns with street drinking, which leads to fights, and it will also give as enough time to evacuate people from the premises before 4am. I can't say more but I can only prove to you and the license authorities if I'm permitted with no doubt.

Kind regards

Kingsley Adjei.