

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 April 2023 21:25
To: Business Licence <business.licence@brent.gov.uk>
Subject: Palm Island Lounge - Application: 27896

Dear Licensing Team,

Re; License application: Palm Island Lounge
1 Craven Park Road
London
NW10 8SE

It has come to my attention that the above-mentioned business, formerly trading as Vybz Bar, of the same address, has applied for a license to re-open from 5pm until 4am Monday to Sunday.

As per the notice outside the premises, I wish to oppose a license being granted on the following grounds:

Harlesden is currently plagued with ASB and street drinking and as such the current PSPO's within Brent reflect this. Whilst a night time economy can be beneficial to an area it is prudent to also look at preventing crime and disorder. There have been multiple instances of drug usage and selling, ASB and crime at the owners venue as noted by the recent closure order obtained by MPS Harlesden granted by Willesden Magistrates Court.

The venue is not sufficient for these purposes, especially with the additional structure that the owners have built and attempted to build on numerous occasions in order to raise the capacity of the venue. I believe this poses a fire-risk. The owners have continuously put their customers at risk through consistently operating above the capacity permitted within their license, without sufficient security and with little regard for the health and safety of their customers, whilst also breaching licensing conditions. The continuous failure to apply for the requisite planning permissions does not leave me confident that they will not attempt to place an additional structure to the rear using the correct channels. The historical breaches of both licensing and of planning consents serve as an indication of the likelihood of further breaches should a license be granted.

Our Town Centre Team (MPS Harlesden) do not have the resources to manage the behaviours that have and will emanate from the use of this venue. The idea that the owners wish to open until 4am is not feasible. The surrounding area has a number of residential units who would be affected by noise and disturbances if customers were to enter and leave the premises until the early hours of the morning. This would also draw many more vehicles into the Town Centre, further polluting and already poor air quality route and further exacerbate issues with parking on Craven Park Road.

There are also a number of HMO's and Hostels with vulnerable residents who would simply not benefit from having access to alcohol until 4am. The concern is this would raise a public safety and public nuisance issue.

In light of the above, it is my assertion that should a license be granted to Palm Island Lounge it would negatively impact residents and members of the wider community. I object to this licensing application.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]