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**Sent:** 30 April 2023 17:14  
**To:** Business Licence <business.licence@brent.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Objection to Palm Island Lounge - Application: 27896

To whom it may concern,

My name is [REDACTED], I live with [REDACTED]. I am writing on behalf of a dozen [REDACTED] residents from numbers [REDACTED].

It has come to our 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.

This is a TERRIBLE idea that cannot possibly be legal in a residential area. As per the notice outside the premises, we wish to oppose a license being granted on the following grounds:

- **The prevention of Public Nuisance**

When the bar formerly named Vybz Bar was open in the past it was horrifically noisy. The back garden of the above-mentioned premises is bordering with the gardens on Nicoll Road (directly behind [REDACTED] Nicoll road).

Given the tall houses on Craven park road, The Stay Club and the residential houses, the sound of a bloating speakers coming out of the Vybes Bar was amplified and reverberated throughout the whole neighbourhood. Those late night parties could be heard until 4am all across Nicoll Road, Connaught Road, Greenhill Park and even Acton Lane.

Not only was the music unbearably loud until the early hours of the morning, this was *always* accompanied by drunken shouting, swearing and browels. Every single night.

- **The Prevention of Crime and Disorder**

Harlesden is currently plagued with ASB and street drinking and as such the current PSPO's within Brent reflect this. 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.

- **Public Safety**

The venue is not sufficient for these purposes, especially with the additional illegal 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.

They have recently built an illegal structure that covers the whole back garden. This looks like a huge fire risk - see photos attached.

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.

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 our assertion that should a license be granted to Palm Island Lounge it would negatively impact residents and members of the wider community.

We strongly object to this licensing application.

Kind regards,

██████████ on behalf of ██████████ residents.





