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To: Benea, Councillor Teo <Cllr.Teo.Benea@brent.gov.uk>

Subject: Opposition to Aura Licensure (Private and Confidential)

Dear Councillor Benea,

As

residents concerned with the local community's welfare, we write to object to the continued licensure of the Aura Lounge on Harrow Road.

The establishment is linked with violence and disorder. You may be aware of a YouTube video that documented a brawl outside the club. In addition, a young man was stabbed outside the Aura over a year ago. The owners or their agents have breached their obligation to provide a safe environment for their patrons. If there had been better security mechanisms in place and greater collaboration with local police, perhaps these unfortunate incidents would not have occurred. The owners may argue the incidents took place outside the premises. But they have an obligation to not only protect people inside their club but outside as well.

Violent incidents outside the club are just one issue associated with the Aura. [REDACTED] a server and was threatened by patrons after a dispute over the price of a liquor bottle. It's clear by incidents inside and outside the Aura, the establishment is frequented by some patrons with violent tendencies.

The Aura has also had a negative impact on nearby businesses and residents. Patrons of the business have discarded empty liquor bottles and cans in front of nearby homes and businesses, blocked resident and business driveways, and also caused disturbances with arguments, altercations, and noise. To put it bluntly, Aura patrons have been a nuisance and the club's security has failed to prevent them from disturbing others. Some residents and neighbouring business owners are intimidated and reluctant to step forward and complain, because they are afraid that either the Aura or patrons will somehow retaliate.

We support our community, including local Sudbury businesses. But the Aura has failed in its duties to protect its patrons, staff, and to be a good neighbour to nearby residents and businesses. For these reasons, we oppose the Aura's continued licensure as an entertainment venue with the right to sell alcohol to its patrons.

If our names and addresses can be kept confidential, it's greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,