

Dear Linda,

Thank you for your email.

I would like to attend the meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, 7th May, and am happy to submit a written statement beforehand.

My principal objection to the late licence is the airborne pollution caused by the restaurant's charcoal extraction chimney. While I appreciate the hard work of the chefs and the fact their food is carefully prepared, the smoke created is a real problem for residents and our families. On days such as Sunday, 27th April, a dense haze of smoke covered the area, spreading over hundreds of feet. The smoke irritates the eyes and throat, and I am deeply concerned about its impact on children's lung health and brain development, as well as the wellbeing of adult residents.

Brent Council's Air Quality Action Plan (2023–2027) acknowledges that air pollution is particularly harmful to vulnerable groups, including children. The plan states:

"Air pollution is harmful to everyone and it can affect all organs of the body. There is no 'safe' amount of air pollution – long-term exposure to even low levels of air pollution can impact our health in the future. The health impacts of air pollution are unequal, leading to unacceptable health inequalities."

— [Brent Council Air Quality Action Plan 2023–2027](#)

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Furthermore, the Council emphasizes the need to reduce pollution concentrations as quickly as possible, striving for compliance with World Health Organization guidelines, especially in areas where vulnerable members of the community are most at risk.

Given that air pollution is worse at night, as per Brent Council's own guidance, extending the operating hours could exacerbate these health risks. Therefore, I strongly object to a late licence being granted.