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Sent: 17 September 2026 09:20
To: Business Licence <business.licence@brent.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: New Premises - The Lodge, Kingsbury Road, NW9 9HA - 39409

Dear Licensing Team,

Re: Premises Licence Application 39409 – The Lodge, Roe Green Park, Kingsbury Road, NW9 9HA

I have read the resident's representation dated 16 September 2026 and I take the concerns raised seriously, particularly those relating to crime and disorder, public safety and public nuisance.

I would like to respond constructively and provide some clarification about the proposed operation.

The proposed operation under application 39409 is a food-led restaurant serving pizza/pasta, kebabs and Arabic cuisine. In particular:

- **There will be no sale or supply of alcohol.**
- **There will be no shisha.**
- **There will be no live music.**
- **Background music only will be permitted, strictly in accordance with Police condition 13.**
- The proposed late-night refreshment hours are Friday and Saturday until midnight, as stated in the application.
- **The late-night refreshment activity will take place indoors, within the premises and the areas identified on the submitted premises plan. It is not proposed that late-night refreshment or late-night customer activity will take place in the external areas of the Park.**

Most importantly, I have **unconditionally accepted all of the conditions proposed by the Metropolitan Police in their representation dated 16 September 2026**, without amendment, qualification or reservation.

Following my acceptance of those conditions, the Metropolitan Police have withdrawn their representation.

Those conditions provide safeguards covering CCTV, incident recording, staff responsibility for CCTV, customer dispersal notices, restrictions concerning Mr Gokcan Algul and his associates/family, prohibition of shisha, restrictions on music, waiter service to seated customers, no Temporary Event Notices and a prohibition on customers bringing their own alcohol.

The Police representation expressly states that, if the conditions are accepted in full, Police Licensing would be in a position to withdraw their representations and that Police Licensing have no objections to the venue operating with those conditions in place.

I believe these safeguards are particularly relevant to the concerns raised by the resident about crime, public safety, noise and disturbance.

Condition of the premises and grounds

I understand the concern arising from the photographs showing the present condition of the external areas.

However, the current condition should not be taken as representative of how the premises will be operated once reopened.

The premises have been closed for a considerable period and have also been subject to unauthorised entry and vandalism during that period. The condition shown therefore reflects the circumstances during the prolonged closure rather than the proposed day-to-day operation of the restaurant.

My intention is to operate the premises responsibly and to maintain the premises and its operational areas appropriately once trading recommences.

Noise and disturbance

I recognise that The Lodge is situated next to a residential neighbourhood and that residents' concerns about noise and disturbance should be properly considered.

The proposed operation does not involve alcohol, shisha or live music. Any music will be limited to **background music in accordance with Police condition 13**.

The late-night refreshment activity on Fridays and Saturdays will be **indoors and within the areas shown on the submitted premises plan**. There is no proposal for late-night refreshment activity to take place outdoors in the Park.

I have also accepted the Police conditions in full, including the requirement for clear notices at the exit requesting that customers respect residents when leaving the premises.

The intention is therefore to operate a food-led restaurant with appropriate safeguards, rather than a bar, shisha venue or music venue.

Previous operation

The resident has referred to the history of the previous operation and previous complaints.

I do not seek to dismiss those concerns. However, application 39409 should be considered on the basis of the proposed operation and the safeguards that will apply to the new licence.

In particular, Mr Gokcan Algul and his associates/family are expressly addressed by Police condition 11, which I have accepted in full.

Planning, lease and other matters

I understand the resident's request that the Council consider planning, conservation, lease and property matters.

Those matters are separate regulatory or property matters and should, where appropriate, be considered by the relevant Council departments or parties. I would not wish the licensing process to become confused with matters that do not themselves concern the four statutory licensing objectives.

I am nevertheless committed to complying with all applicable planning, property, environmental and other legal requirements relevant to the operation of the premises.

Direct engagement with the resident

I would also like to engage constructively with the resident rather than simply responding through the licensing process.

I do not currently have the resident's contact details. If the resident is willing, I would be very happy for Brent Licensing to pass on my contact details or, alternatively, to facilitate an introduction by email or telephone.

I would be pleased to explain the proposed operation, the Police conditions that I have accepted and the measures intended to minimise any potential impact on neighbouring residents.

If, after receiving this information and having the opportunity to discuss the proposed safeguards, the resident considers that their concerns have been addressed, I would of course welcome them reconsidering their representation.

I respectfully ask that this response, together with my unconditional acceptance of the Police conditions, is placed before the Licensing Sub-Committee when application 39409 is considered.

I remain committed to operating The Lodge responsibly and in a manner that respects the surrounding residential community.