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Sent: 25 September 2026 10:07

To: Business Licence <business.licence@brent.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: New Premises - The Lodge, Kingsbury Road, NW9 9HA - 39409

Dear Licensing Team,

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

Thank you for forwarding to me the representation dated 24 September 2026. I would be grateful if this response could be placed before the Licensing Sub-Committee alongside the representation.

I fully recognise that local residents are entitled to raise concerns about the proposed operation of the premises. However, I consider it important that a number of factual points in the representation are corrected so that the application can be considered on the basis of the actual proposal before the Licensing Authority.

1. This application is NOT an application for an alcohol licence

The representation repeatedly refers to an “application for an alcohol licence” and an “application for the sale of alcohol”.

That is incorrect.

Application 39409 does not seek permission for the sale or supply of alcohol.

There will be:

- no sale or supply of alcohol;
- no shisha;
- no live music;
- background music only in accordance with Police condition 13; and
- no permission sought for any alcohol-led operation.

This is a food-led restaurant application, including late-night refreshment.

The Licensing Authority’s own information confirms that late-night refreshment is a separate licensable activity from the sale of alcohol. ([Brent Council](#))

I therefore respectfully ask that the reference in the representation to an “application for an alcohol licence” is not treated as describing the application before the Sub-Committee.

2. Takeaway service will end at 22:00 every day

I also wish to clarify an important point concerning the late-night period.

All takeaway service will finish at 22:00 (10:00pm), Monday to Sunday.

Accordingly, there will be no takeaway collections or takeaway customer activity generated by the premises between 22:00 and midnight on Fridays and Saturdays.

The application for late-night refreshment until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays relates to **indoor restaurant service**, within the areas shown on the submitted premises plan.

There is no proposal for late-night refreshment or customer activity to operate outdoors in Roe Green Park.

This is particularly relevant to the concerns expressed in the representation about takeaway collections, vehicles and customers waiting outside during the later hours.

3. Police have considered the application and withdrawn their representation

The Metropolitan Police submitted a representation dated 16 September 2026.

I subsequently confirmed that I accepted **all of the Police conditions in full, unconditionally and without amendment, qualification or reservation.**

Following that acceptance, the Police withdrew their representation.

The agreed Police conditions include extensive safeguards concerning:

- digital colour CCTV and retention;
- availability of CCTV to Police and authorised Brent officers;
- accurate date and time recording;
- coverage of entrances and exits;
- incident recording;
- management of incidents and complaints;
- notices asking customers to respect local residents;
- the prohibition on shisha;
- restrictions on music;
- waiter service to seated customers;
- no Temporary Event Notices;
- no customer BYO alcohol; and

- a specific condition preventing Mr Gokcan Algul and the persons identified in that condition from being involved in the running of the premises or attending the premises.

These safeguards are directly relevant to the licensing objectives.

4. The previous operation should not be confused with the proposed operation

I note the references in the representation to the previous operation of the premises, including allegations concerning noise, licensing proceedings, Police attendance and previous operators.

I do not seek to dismiss any genuine historic concerns raised by residents.

However, the current application must be considered on the basis of the **operation now proposed and the conditions that will govern that operation.**

The present application is materially different in important respects, including:

- no alcohol;
- no shisha;
- no live music;
- background music only;
- takeaway service ending at 22:00 every day;
- late-night refreshment remaining indoors;
- waiter service to seated customers;
- no Temporary Event Notices;
- no customer BYO alcohol; and
- the full Police conditions having been accepted unconditionally.

In addition, Police condition 11 specifically prevents the involvement of Mr Gokcan Algul and the persons identified in that condition.

I therefore respectfully ask that historic allegations concerning previous operators or previous modes of operation are distinguished from the operation proposed under application 39409.

5. The reference to the previous licence

The representation refers to a previous premises licence and states that it was suspended for repeated violations and that the owner appealed.

I would ask that any previous licensing history relied upon by the objector is verified against the actual licensing records before it is treated as evidence concerning this application.

In particular, I would ask the Sub-Committee to distinguish between:

1. the applicant and the proposed operation under application 39409;
2. previous operator
3. any historic licensing proceedings; and
4. matters concerning planning, property condition or the lease.

Those are not necessarily the same matters or the same person.

6. Planning and condition of the building

The representation also raises a number of planning, conservation, building condition and historic-building issues.

I acknowledge that these matters may be of legitimate concern to residents and that I am committed to complying with the applicable planning and property requirements.

However, I respectfully ask that the Licensing Authority distinguishes those matters from the licensing decision.

The statutory licensing framework is concerned with the four licensing objectives: prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, prevention of public nuisance and protection of children from harm. Brent's current Licensing Policy similarly states that representations should be based on those objectives. ([Brent Council](#))

I therefore ask that planning or property matters are not treated as though they independently determine whether this premises licence should be granted.

7. Present condition of the site

I also wish to clarify the present condition of the premises.

The building has been closed for a prolonged period and has experienced unauthorised entry and vandalism during that period. This has contributed to the present external appearance.

I am committed to bringing the premises back into proper condition and operating it responsibly.

The current condition of the premises should not be interpreted as evidence that the proposed licensed operation will be conducted in the same manner as any previous operation.

8. Location within Roe Green Park

I acknowledge that the premises is located within Roe Green Park and close to residential properties.

That is precisely why the application has been structured around a controlled, food-led operation with no alcohol, no shisha and no live entertainment, together with the Police conditions that have been accepted in full.

The later operating period is also substantially controlled:

- takeaway service ends at 22:00 every day;
- Friday and Saturday late-night refreshment is indoors;
- there is no proposed outdoor late-night customer area;
- customers are to be seated and served under the accepted Police condition;
- background music only is permitted; and
- customers are to be reminded to respect local residents.

I consider these measures directly relevant to the concerns about public nuisance, crime and disorder and public safety.

9. Reference to the attached photographs

I note the reference to photographs showing the current condition of the site.

I do not dispute that photographs may show areas requiring attention following the prolonged closure and unauthorised entry.

However, the photographs do not establish that the proposed licensable activities will cause a failure of the licensing objectives.

I am committed to maintaining the premises properly as part of its return to lawful operation.

10. The application should be considered on its actual terms

I respectfully ask the Licensing Authority and, if applicable, the Licensing Sub-Committee to consider application 39409 on the basis of:

- the actual activities applied for;
- the actual operating hours;
- the fact that **no alcohol is sought**;
- the fact that **takeaway service ends at 22:00 every day**;

- the fact that the late-night period is indoors;
- the Police conditions accepted in full;
- the withdrawal of the Police representation following that acceptance; and
- any evidence demonstrating a likely impact on the four licensing objectives.

I am willing to comply with reasonable, clear and enforceable conditions directed towards the licensing objectives. My intention is to operate the premises responsibly and to maintain good relations with the surrounding residents.

I would therefore be grateful if this response, together with the clarification that **application 39409 is not an alcohol application and that all takeaway service will cease at 22:00 Monday to Sunday**, is placed before the Licensing Sub-Committee.

I would also be grateful if the Licensing Authority could ensure that the final report accurately distinguishes the factual allegations concerning previous operator and historic matters from the operation proposed under the present application.

Thank you for your consideration.