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

Subject: The Lodge Roe Green Park Appn ref. 39409

I am writing to express my objections to this application which speak to all four of the licensing objectives.

At first glance the members of the committee might reasonably assume that this is an unimportant benign application for an extra hour's trading just two nights a week by a successful well-run restaurant providing a local service. This is not the case.

This site was most recently run (following two earlier unsuccessful ventures at the site by the applicant each of which caused noise and other complaints) by the applicant- in breach of planning and the user clause in his lease from Brent Council - as a sleazy nightclub characterised by violence, noise disturbance and most significantly for the purposes of this hearing, serious breaches of the conditions of the entertainment licence covering the site until the Metropolitan Police obtained a Closure Order at Willesden Magistrates Court in January 2025 banning the applicant (and others) from the premises.

In addition I believe there was a fine imposed (which I understand remains unpaid) in respect of the breach of a Noise Abatement Order at the premises.

The applicant will doubtless seek to counter this by blaming his manager (one [REDACTED]) for all the problems but the fact remains that throughout all of this the applicant made absolutely no attempt to rectify or even improve matters by the simple expedient of dismissing Irgul. In addition the applicant sought to maintain nightclub use by fighting (with the aid of paid professional advisers) a long battle with the Planning Inspectorate to overturn the planning enforcement notice served by [REDACTED] and his colleagues at Planning Enforcement forbidding such use. That appeal was finally thrown out as recently as 21st August 2026 in a decision remarkable for the vehemence of the criticisms of the applicant it contains. Despite this the committee and residents are expected to believe that the applicant is ready to go (from 1st October!) with a benign family-friendly alcohol and drug-free restaurant operation notwithstanding the property has been allowed since its closure to fall such into a serious state of dereliction and disrepair that it has turned (due to a rat infestation) into a serious health hazard needing a considerable period of time and expenditure before the premises can safely be occupied. May I respectfully invite the committee members to visit the site prior to the

hearing so that they can properly understand how ridiculous the suggestion that he is on the point of re-opening the premises is.

May I also draw to the committee's attention the fact that the applicant was previously involved with a property in LB Harrow-217/9 High Road Harrow where I understand similar problems occurred resulting in at least one licence review case culminating in a licence revocation.

It is my opinion that the applicant has no regard for any rules and regulations pertaining to this site whether licencing, planning, lease covenants, health and safety etc, nor the slightest regard or respect for residents or council officers such that if he is let anywhere near this site we will be back at another hearing in a few months to revoke his licence.

This application is nothing more than a sham designed solely to neutralise the effects of the police closure order.

In the circumstances I urge the committee to refuse this application. In addition as I believe the application to be so frivolous and vexatious as to amount to an abuse of the licensing system I invite the committee to make an order against the applicant for the costs of the council, this hearing and those of all objectors.