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Sent: 28 September 2026 11:30

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

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

Dear Brent Licensing,

Thank you for forwarding the further representation concerning premises licence application 39409.

I respectfully ask that this email is placed before the Licensing Sub-Committee and considered alongside the resident representation.

I would like to clarify several material points, as the representation contains a number of statements which do not accurately describe the application presently before the Sub-Committee.

1. This is not an application for an alcohol licence

The application does not seek permission to sell alcohol.

There will be:

- no sale or supply of alcohol;
- no shisha;
- no live music;
- only background music in accordance with the agreed Police condition; and
- no customer BYO alcohol.

The application is for a food-led restaurant serving food and non-alcoholic refreshments.

2. Takeaway service ends at 10:00pm every day

This is particularly important in relation to the concerns raised about late-night takeaway activity.

All takeaway service and takeaway collections will end at **22:00 (10:00pm), Monday to Sunday.**

There will therefore be no takeaway operation or takeaway customer collections between 22:00 and midnight on Friday or Saturday.

The proposed late-night refreshment hours on Friday and Saturday are for the continued operation of the **indoor restaurant**, within the areas shown on the submitted premises plan.

Food and drink consumed on the premises will be provided by waiter service to seated customers, in accordance with the agreed Police condition.

3. The Responsible Authorities have considered the application and the proposed safeguards

The Police initially made representations and proposed a comprehensive set of conditions addressing matters including CCTV, incident recording, management, shisha, music, customer conduct, waiter service and other safeguards.

I accepted the Police conditions **in full, unconditionally and without amendment, qualification or reservation.**

The Police subsequently withdrew their representation.

Brent Licensing also proposed conditions, which I accepted. Brent Licensing has subsequently withdrawn its representation.

Accordingly, there are now no outstanding representations from the Responsible Authorities.

I do not suggest that this means resident representations should be disregarded. Rather, it demonstrates that the two Responsible Authorities have considered the application and the proposed operating arrangements, and that I have worked constructively with them to put enforceable safeguards in place.

4. Noise and public nuisance

I recognise that the premises are situated close to residential properties and that residents understandably wish to avoid disturbance.

The application has therefore been structured to minimise the potential for noise and disturbance.

In particular:

- there will be no alcohol;
- no shisha;
- no live music;
- takeaway activity ends at 22:00 every day;
- Friday/Saturday late-night operation is limited to indoor restaurant service;

- customers consuming food and drink on the premises will be seated and served by waiter service;
- CCTV and incident-recording requirements have been accepted;
- the agreed conditions include measures concerning customer conduct and dispersal; and
- customers will be reminded to respect local residents when leaving.

These measures directly address the concerns about customer behaviour, noise and disturbance associated with the proposed operation.

5. Historic allegations should be distinguished from the present application

I appreciate that residents have referred extensively to historic events and previous use of the premises.

I do not seek to prevent the Sub-Committee from considering any relevant history which it is entitled to take into account.

However, it is important that historic allegations are not treated as though they describe the proposed operation under application 39409.

The present application is materially different in several respects, including the absence of alcohol and shisha, the absence of live music, the ending of takeaway service at 22:00 every day, and the agreed Police and Licensing safeguards.

I have also accepted the Police condition specifically preventing Mr Gokcan Algul and the persons identified in that condition from involvement in the running of the premises or attendance at the premises.

6. Planning, lease and property matters

The representation also raises matters concerning planning, the lease, the physical condition of the property and previous enforcement matters.

I respectfully ask that these matters are distinguished from the licensing issues unless they are shown to have a direct and evidenced connection with one or more of the four licensing objectives.

The premises licence application is not an application for planning permission, nor does the grant of a premises licence determine the parties' respective rights under the lease.

I am, of course, willing to comply with all applicable planning, property, health and safety and other legal requirements.

7. Current condition of the premises

I also note the assertions concerning the present condition of the premises.

The premises have not been operating as a restaurant during the period referred to in the representation, and the property has subsequently been affected by unauthorised entry and vandalism.

Those matters should not be confused with the manner in which the premises would be operated if the licence is granted.

Any necessary works and preparations for reopening will be undertaken before the premises commence operation, and the premises will be operated in accordance with all applicable requirements.

8. Request for a site visit

The resident has asked the Sub-Committee to visit the premises.

I have no objection to the Sub-Committee considering whether a site visit would assist it. However, I would respectfully suggest that any assessment should focus on the premises and the proposed operation relevant to application 39409, rather than treating the current physical condition of a premises that is not presently operating as evidence of how the licensed operation would be conducted.

9. Request concerning costs

I also note the resident's request for a costs order.

I oppose that request. I have not sought to prevent residents from making relevant representations and I have responded constructively to the representations made.

Conclusion

I fully recognise the importance of protecting nearby residents from crime, disorder, public safety risks and public nuisance.

That is precisely why I have accepted the Police and Brent Licensing conditions and why the proposed operation is substantially controlled.

For clarity, the key features of application 39409 are:

No alcohol.

No shisha.

No live music.

Takeaway ends at 22:00 every day.

Friday/Saturday late-night refreshment is indoor seated restaurant service only.

Police conditions accepted in full.

Brent Licensing conditions accepted.

Police representation withdrawn.

Brent Licensing representation withdrawn.

I respectfully ask the Sub-Committee to determine the application on the basis of the actual operating schedule, the agreed conditions and the evidence before it, while giving proper consideration to any resident concerns that are relevant to the licensing objectives.

I remain willing to engage constructively with Brent Licensing and local residents regarding reasonable and proportionate measures directed specifically at the licensing objectives.