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Sent: 01 October 2026 10:58

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

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

Dear Members of the Licensing Sub-Committee,

I am writing in response to the objection submitted by the Roe Green Village Residents Association on 30 September 2026 in relation to my premises licence application for The Lodge.

I fully appreciate the concerns raised by local residents regarding the previous operation of the premises. However, I respectfully believe that the objection does not adequately distinguish between the period when I personally managed the premises and the subsequent period when the business was operated by Gokan Algul, while I was suffering from serious ill health and was out of the country.

1. Previous management of The Lodge

The association acknowledges in its objection that The Lodge was initially well run as a local café and had a friendly atmosphere when it first opened.

This is an important acknowledgement, as it reflects the period when I was personally managing the premises. The business initially operated as a local café and restaurant, providing a service to the local community.

Subsequently, Gokan Algul became responsible for the day-to-day operation of the business under a profit-sharing arrangement. During this period, I was suffering from serious ill health and was out of the country, which significantly restricted my ability to supervise the business.

During Algul's management, the nature and operation of the business changed, and concerns arose regarding shisha, operating hours, noise and other activities. I had previously raised concerns with Algul about shisha, late operating hours, permissions and compliance with the relevant legal requirements.

I respectfully submit that it is important for the Sub-Committee to distinguish between my own management of the premises, which the residents' association acknowledges was initially well run, and the subsequent period when Algul was responsible for its day-to-day operation.

I do not seek to dismiss the concerns of residents or deny the importance of my responsibilities as leaseholder. I simply ask that the circumstances, the actual management arrangements and my involvement during the relevant periods are properly considered.

2. Algul's relocation to Park Royal and documentary evidence

I wish to bring to the Sub-Committee's attention documentary evidence confirming that Gokan Algul had publicly announced the relocation of his Alaturca Lounge business from The Lodge to Park Royal in November 2024.

On 15 November 2024, an announcement was published on the Instagram account @alaturca_lounge, informing customers that the restaurant would be moving to 860A Coronation Road, NW10 7PS, stating that the business had outgrown its existing restaurant space and needed to move to larger premises.

I have retained a screenshot of this announcement, which I am attaching to this response as supporting documentary evidence.

The announcement provides contemporaneous evidence of Algul's intention to relocate his business and supports my account of the circumstances surrounding his departure from The Lodge in November 2024.

Following the relocation, the police took enforcement action in relation to the former operation at The Lodge and obtained a closure order from Willesden Magistrates' Court on 9 January 2025 under section 21 of the Civil Justice and Police Act 2001.

The premises have remained closed since that time.

I respectfully ask the Sub-Committee to consider the chronology of these events and distinguish the former operation from the new business arrangements proposed under my application.

3. Police enforcement action and exclusion of Algul

The police took action in connection with the former operation and obtained the closure order in January 2025.

As part of the proposed conditions for my new premises licence application, the police have expressly required the exclusion of Gokan Algul from involvement in the operation of The Lodge.

I have accepted this condition in full and unconditionally, together with all the other conditions proposed by the police.

This is an important safeguard designed to ensure that the former operator will not be involved in the future operation of the premises, in accordance with the precise wording of the condition.

The police exclusion condition, together with the other agreed conditions, demonstrates that the concerns arising from the previous operation have been specifically addressed in the proposed arrangements.

I respectfully ask the Sub-Committee to take account of the police's involvement, the enforcement history, the exclusion condition and my unconditional acceptance of the proposed safeguards.

4. Closure of the premises, vandalism and illegal occupation

The association describes the premises as having returned to a rat-infested and dangerous condition.

The Lodge has been closed for a prolonged period since January 2025 and has subsequently suffered vandalism, damage and illegal occupation by squatters.

These incidents have contributed to the deterioration of the building and have raised concerns about its security and condition.

I respectfully submit that the current condition of a building that has been closed for an extended period and subjected to unauthorised entry should be distinguished from the management and operation of an active restaurant.

I recognise the importance of addressing the condition of the premises before reopening, including appropriate security, maintenance, pest control and health and safety measures.

However, the deterioration of the building during the period of closure should not, in itself, be treated as evidence that the proposed restaurant operation will cause public nuisance, crime and disorder or compromise public safety.

I am committed to addressing the property's condition and ensuring that the premises are suitable for the proposed operation before reopening.

5. The proposed new operation and safeguards

My current application is for a restaurant serving food, with limited late-night refreshment. It is substantially different from the former operation.

The application does not seek authorisation for the sale of alcohol, shisha, live music or recorded entertainment.

The proposed operating arrangements include restrictions on takeaway sales to 22:00 hours, with late-night refreshment sought only on Fridays and Saturdays between 23:00 and midnight, in accordance with the application.

I have accepted all the police's proposed conditions in full and without qualification. These include safeguards relating to CCTV, crime and disorder prevention, and the responsible management of the premises.

Both the police and Brent Council's Licensing Authority initially submitted representations in relation to the application but subsequently withdrew their representations following my acceptance of the proposed conditions.

I respectfully ask the Sub-Committee to take account of the fact that the responsible authorities have withdrawn their representations and that the proposed operation is subject to the safeguards agreed with the police.

I am committed to ensuring that the premises are managed responsibly and that all licence conditions are strictly observed.

6. The allegation concerning whether I am a fit and proper person

The association asks the Sub-Committee to consider whether I am a fit and proper person to hold a premises licence because of the previous problems at The Lodge.

I respectfully submit that the application should be determined under the Licensing Act 2003, with particular regard to the four licensing objectives and the likely impact of the proposed operation.

The association's own acknowledgement that the premises were initially well run when I was managing them is relevant to an objective assessment of my previous management.

The subsequent operational problems arose during a period when Algul was responsible for the day-to-day operation of the business and I was suffering from serious ill health and was out of the country.

I recognise that, as the applicant and prospective premises licence holder, I will have important responsibilities for compliance with the licence and its conditions.

My acceptance of the police conditions in full, including the express exclusion of Algul, demonstrates my willingness to work with the responsible authorities and implement safeguards to address the concerns arising from the former operation.

I respectfully ask the Sub-Committee to consider my actual role in the former business, the circumstances at the relevant time, the evidence of the former operator's relocation and the safeguards now proposed, rather than attributing all the actions of a former operator to me personally.

7. Consideration of the residents' concerns

I understand that residents may have experienced noise, nuisance and other problems during the former operation of The Lodge. I do not seek to undermine their experiences or prevent them from raising legitimate concerns.

However, the current application is for a different operation, with no alcohol, no shisha and no live or recorded entertainment, and with additional conditions accepted by me following engagement with the police.

The premises have also remained closed since January 2025, during which time they have suffered vandalism and illegal occupation.

I respectfully ask the Sub-Committee to distinguish between the historic concerns relating to the former operation, the subsequent deterioration of the vacant property and the actual activities and safeguards proposed under this application.

The application should be assessed on its own merits, taking account of the evidence, the proposed operating arrangements and the conditions intended to promote the licensing objectives.

8. Conclusion

I acknowledge the concerns raised by the Roe Green Village Residents Association and fully understand the importance of protecting the local community.

Nevertheless, the association's own objection recognises that The Lodge was initially well run when I was personally managing it. The subsequent problems occurred during a different period of management, when I was suffering from serious ill health and was out of the country.

Algul publicly announced the relocation of his Alaturca Lounge business to Park Royal on 15 November 2024. The police subsequently took enforcement action in relation to the former operation and obtained a closure order in January 2025. The premises have remained closed since then and have suffered vandalism and illegal occupation.

My current application proposes a substantially different operation, with strict restrictions and police conditions that I have accepted in full and unconditionally, including the exclusion of Algul from involvement in the premises.

I respectfully request that the Sub-Committee consider the full history of the premises, the distinction between the respective management periods, the documentary evidence provided and the safeguards now proposed.

I remain committed to operating The Lodge responsibly, complying with all licence conditions and addressing any legitimate concerns of the local community.

In these circumstances, I respectfully request that the Sub-Committee determine the application on its own merits, having regard to the four licensing objectives and the evidence relating to the proposed operation.

Thank you for considering my response.

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OFFICIAL ANOUNNECEMENT !!

Dear Customers,

We are thrilled to let you know that on Friday, 15 November 2024. our Restaurant will move to our new location at **860A, Coronation Road, NW10 7PS** (It was Elite Restaurant before).

We want to say thank you. Because of customers like you, we have outgrown our existing Restaurant space and need to move. As so many customer come we need to increase the capacity of the places. We would like to update about the scehdule of our new places in our Instagram **@Alaturca_Lounge**.

Please feel free to contact Alaturca Lounge at **07438 054338** or send us direct message via instagram at **@alaturca_lounge** if you have any queries.

We look forward to seeing you at our new location.

Sincerely,

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