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**To:** Business Licence  
**Subject** Opposition: Application for a license to sell alcohol until 11pm in a retail outlet / Applicant: Mr Amrik Singh Arora / Premises: The Local, 42 Donaldson Road, NW6 6NG

James and Philippa Dillon

18th August 2016

Re: Application for a license to sell alcohol until 11pm in a retail outlet / Applicant: Mr Amrik Singh Arora / Premises: The Local, 42 Donaldson Road, NW6 6NG

Dear Sir/Madam

Myself and my wife (cc'd) would like to oppose the application to sell alcohol and extend opening hours for the shop at 42 Donaldson Road.

We have lived in our property since 2012. As direct neighbours, we welcome the recent improvements made to the shop which will have a positive impact on the street, and will no doubt drive more business to the shop.

However, we feel an alcohol licence and later closing time of 11pm will have a detrimental effect on what is a predominantly family-oriented area. It will also affect us personally as our bedrooms are at the front (nearest the street) of our property, less than a few meters from the shop itself.

Our concerns about late opening include:

- Increase in people visiting the shop could cause potential disturbance in a currently peaceful area late at night, particularly at weekends.
- Increase in parking outside of the shop late at night will create additional noise late at night.
- Closing the shop (pulling down shutters etc.) will happen later at night, creating more noise after local children and professionals may be sleeping.

All of the above would have a detrimental impact on local residents.

Our concerns about the alcohol licence include:

- People buying alcohol particularly late at night are likely to already be intoxicated leading to additional noise, potential disturbances, violence, and crime. This would put the safety of local residents and property at risk.
- This is a quiet street. Unlike the shops selling alcohol on the main street, this shop is tucked away, therefore the safety of residents or people - particularly lone women - passing by or on their way home could be compromised by the above mentioned individuals. With the imminent closure of Queen's Park Police Station, this is a major concern.

There are a number of shops selling alcohol within a 0.3 mile radius until 11pm, so we do not see the need for a new one in a quiet residential area.

While we wish the shop well in improving their business, we strongly oppose their application to sell alcohol and open until 11pm, and we hope that Brent Council also agree.

Kind regards

James and Philippa Dillon