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Sent: 05 August 2016 10:16
To: Business Licence
Cc: James MacDonald Turner
Subject: New premises licence for Freedom Food (Uk) Ltd

To whom it may concern,

We live [REDACTED] Vicki's Cafe at 43 Kilburn Lane, who have recently put up an application to sell alcohol between 6:30-22:00. We are very concerned about how this will impact us. There are several concerns which we hold

Public nuisance the cafe is adjoining our flat with thin non insulated walls, in addition they have a door which opens onto our garden which was never blocked up when our flat was divided off and sold. Our solicitor has confirmed that they have no right of access to our garden and the door is redundant. However, because it is still there it is opened by the cafe which funnels noise from the cafe directly into garden within easy earshot of our back door and windows. As a result we are already regularly disturbed by talking and music playing in the cafe. They are currently shutting at around 18:00 on weekdays if they shut at 22:00 and then spend a further hour cleaning down the cafe we shall be subjected to both talking, music and the loud banging and clattering of washing up pans etc during antisocial hours. In our view the door really shouldn't be there it's very invasive to be sitting on the sofa in the evening and still be able to hear people washing up in the cafe next door.

We are also concerned that if alcohol is served on the premises that not only will people be there later into the evening but that the clientele will be noisier and using the toilet more which is also positioned by the back door. In addition we already have problems with the staff at the cafe smoking outside our front door and leaving their fab butts on the pavement what provision will be made for late night drinkers and smokers?

Prevention of crime and disorder We have already had one pot outside our door smashed and numerous beer cans and bottles left in our planters outside the front of our house and a no parking sign ripped off our gates we also suffer with people urinating against our gates too presumably from those passing to and from the Paradise. If the cafe on the corner is also encouraging people to attend and drink alcohol next door, we are very concerned that more damage and antisocial behaviour will increase and be focused even closer to our home.

In the event that the door leaving to our garden is left open, this effects the security of our flat, firstly that someone could simply walk in and trespass, but also that some could look into our secluded garden and case the joint for a burglary. Should anyone get into our garden they would be totally undisturbed. We'd really rather people weren't aware of what was behind our front door and how they might be able to get in around the back.

When we bought our flat we were told that the door would be blocked up, it never was. We moved in next to a cafe not a pub or bar. Kensal Green is already well catered for with lots of really good pubs and bars two of which share the same post code. The deli over the road sells wine as do all of the little shops, I can't see that it is necessary to sell alcohol at this premise.

In the event that the application is granted, I would like there to be two clauses which are added that they have to adhere to in order for the application to be granted: The blocking up and the soundproofing of the door and provision of a smoking area and somewhere to put fag butts.

I appreciate that this is a very long email, I hope it highlights our concerns, I would be very happy to talk through any of our concerns with someone from the licencing team.

Kind regards,

Ella MacDonald Turner

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