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>> Sent: 12 October 2016 16:40  
>> To: Patel, Yogini  
>> Subject: Application for license to sell alcohol at 189 East Lane objection to the application by Sudbury Ward Councillors.

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>> Dear Yogini.

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>> Please regard this as our official objection to the application above.

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The premises in question is particularly associated with not challenging antisocial street drinkers

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An extension build without planning permission is used as an area to shelter street drinkers. The drinkers leave their cans and bottles in an area which is the property of the shop they are not collected by the shop. The drinkers have been associated with a number of antisocial issues in the area including harassment of women leaving North Wembley Station, using the area as a toilet by drinkers, impacting neighbouring businesses, disinhibition associated with being drunk particularly threatening to women at night and. Particular problem for residents in the flats boys 181/189 East Lane.

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Brent Council has taken a number of measures to mitigate the effect chronic problem of Street drinking in the East Lane/Harrowdene Rd. Area including removing a nearby bench, initiating a cleanup of the area behind 189 East Lane. The police has helped by putting a notice in the window of 189 East Lane in mother tongue, (see picture), patrolling the area.

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Other traders have voluntarily agreed to changes to their premises, E.g. Removing a canopy under which drinkers used to shelter. cleaning up cans and bottles etc. Proposing a gate to keep them out of alleyways.

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It is a concern that the applicant has not acted to deter this very persistent problem in and around their premises despite being aware of it on the contrary has offered unintentional sanctuary to them. There are a number of actions a responsible application could undertake e.g. Installing CCTV to the rear of their shop, clearing up litter, or complying with enforcement authorities to remove the building which is now a principal meeting point for street drinkers.

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As well as repeated complaints to members, the council and police. Council members have witnessed the risks to public safety of apparently inebriated customers of other licensed premises driving large commercial vehicles whilst continuing to consume alcohol purchased from local businesses.

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Whilst it may be argued that a new license application cannot be held accountable for the practices of existing license holders consideration must be given to the fact that compliance with any license granted will not be monitored. officers of Brent Council advise that they cannot monitor licensing compliance when complaints are received about breaches or the effects of the license on the community. The police response is not coordinated with the councils and concentrates on short term activity. this means the problem persists, is visible throughout the day impacting local businesses and residents. It is against that background that residents view yet another license application on East Lane with fear and dismay. This is especially the case as local people experience great difficulty easily accessing help when concerned about this problem. Conditions need to include a commitment in relation to CCTV to front and back of premises, a commitment in relation to creating effective shelter for drinkers and to daily cleaning of their property front and back

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The application is situated a very short walk from a large academy school serving children from age three to eighteen years. Large numbers of the children travel to school using North Wembley Train Station or bus services on East Lane. Children daily witness street drinking from cans or bottles and open drunkenness on East Lane it must be established with the applicant what actions they will take

to protect children given the sensitivity of the area as it is known children also use the alleyways for a range of illicit activity.

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Yours Sincerely

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Mary Daly