

17<sup>th</sup> January 2019

To Brent Licensing Team

**Brent License Ref: SR-0364/ Objection to License - Heather Park Hotel, Heather Park Drive, Wembley, Middx, HA0 1SN**

To Brent Licensing Team (and FAO: Licensing Inspector - Esther Chan)

Residents of the surrounding area of Heather Park Drive would like to object to the license being grant to the above business – for Recorded/ Live Music, Supply of Alcohol and Operating late nights - beyond 11pm at nights.

**Objections under Categories:**

- Prevention of Public Nuisance
- Prevention of Disorderly Behaviour
- Public Safety Licensing

**Reasons for Objections:**

- (1) This is a Residential area and this business premises is in very close proximity to residents' houses and flats. Operating late night hours, serving alcohol and playing music in a residential area would create elements of public noise nuisance, anti-social behaviour and disorderly behaviour which is not acceptable to the residents.
- (2) 'Heather Park Hotel' has two businesses opened currently within their premises – called 'Khalifa Lounge – Shisha Lounge' and 'Amira Lounge – Bar/Pub & Live Music'.

**Live Music/ Recorded Music**

- (3) Heather Park Hotel has open-space/ garden at the back of their premises where people smoke shisha. Live Music or Recorded Music being played for the entertainment of the guests in this open-space has no noise prevention measures, and no protective walls or windows to contain the noise levels within their premises.
- (4) If music is being played inside the premises but back-doors are kept open towards the garden, where guests smoke shisha, the noise would be unrestricted. Also, if back-doors are kept closed, but guests are going in and out through the back-doors to the garden or the smoking area, then this would also not limit the noise getting out of the premises.
- (5) **Note:** Khalifa lounge (within the premises of 'Heather Park Hotel'), without having an approved license - has been playing loud music randomly at weekends and some weekdays, up until 1.30am for last few months. This business is closing their entry door at 11pm but we can see number of people eating, drinking, playing music in the garden till 1.30am on many occasions. Few neighbours have complained to Brent Noise Team and we expect Brent Noise Team to be investigating recent complaints.

- (6) For above reasons, we object to the license being granted:
- to prevent playing live or recorded music in the garden at anytime of the day. Not even before 11pm.
  - to prevent music being played inside the building after 11pm, on any day of the week, as it cannot be assured that noise would not come out the premises.

**Serving late night Alcohol/ Refreshments and Operating beyond 11pm at nights**

- (7) Serving alcohol and refreshments after 11pm is not appropriate in the residential area because this can lead to alcohol-fuelled crime and disorder in the night-time.
- (8) Late-night drinkers would gather around the area. Loud-noises, use of strong language and using open-space/ garden of the premises or the front space would cause public nuisance.
- (9) Guests should not be permitted to take open containers of alcohol to the open-space/ garden of the premises after 11pm.
- (10) Guests should not be permitted to access garden after 11pm strictly. Their loud voices, shouting or swearing, especially if they are in drunken state – would cause disturbance to all the houses & flats surrounding.
- (11) This part of Alperton/ Wembley area has lot of complaints for alcohol, anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance for last many years. Area is filthy with alcohol cans all over the back-streets. People gather and drink alcohol behind residential homes. Allowing one another business to such license will only further increase the nuisance in our area.
- (12) Increased usage of this establishment for live entertainment must attract out of area customers. There is inadequate parking both on the premises and in the streets. Streets are already heavily congested.

It should also be noted that the licence granted recently to the Portuguese Bar, DIU Restaurant (5 Heather Park Parade, Heather Park Drive HA0 1SL) restricted their opening hours to 10.30pm with half an hour drinking up time to close at 11pm. Logically these two premises are opposite one another and it seems illogical that one should be permitted to be open later than the other.

Thanks

List of all the neighbours who are objecting to the license on above grounds (signed with names & address below)