

# Licensing Sub-Committee

## Supplementary Agenda A

Wednesday 11 March 2026 at 6.30 pm

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# Agenda Item 4

## Additional Information for Members.

Application for 2025\_01813\_LAPR, 2 Vanston Place, Fulham

From [REDACTED]  
Date Mon 3/2/2026 10:14 AM  
To Gardiner Neil: H&F <Neil.Gardiner@lbhf.gov.uk>  
Cc [REDACTED]

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Hi Neil

Regarding the above application I am attaching further evidence to support my Representation against their request for a Late Night Refreshment Licence. Attachments as evidence are:

- one screenshot of page 13 (section 'I') of the application
- one PDF referencing a graphic table regarding sleep disturbances by London boroughs
- three photos from a Dungannon House apartment (located on Vanston Place) looking to the rear and side of the rooftop terrace of 2 Vanston Place, taken just after midnight on three consecutive nights last week.

#### Evidence EXHIBIT A:

screen shot [of page 'I' pdf page 13 of application.](#)

Would the committee please note that the application states:

- 1) "Serving hot food and drinks between 23:00 - 02:00 every day".

As well it states hours on the left hand side as from 08:00 to 01:00 every day. At the hearing, we would appreciate clarification from the applicant as to what he meant here (2am or 1am?).

- 2) On this same page, right hand corner, boxes are ticked; the applicant is applying for 'indoors' (ie on the premises) and 'outdoors' for Late Night Refreshment, ie 'hot food and drink' (ie off the premises); outdoors is effectively:

a) takeaway orders taken away on foot by customers or by drivers/riders of delivery services. This is expressly prohibited in the planning permission 2010\_03949\_VAR, Condition 11:

*"The restaurant/café (Class A3) premises hereby approved shall not be used primarily for the sale of takeaway hot food and any activity of this nature shall be incidental and ancillary to the permitted use for the consumption of food and drink on the premises."*

*"A greater takeaway use could give rise to a different operational conditions, a different pattern of traffic generation and car parking demand. In these circumstances the Council would wish to have the opportunity of assessing the implications of such a use on the amenities of the area, in accordance with Policies EN21 and SH11 of the Unitary Development Plan, as amended 2007."*

b) delivery orders taken by drivers/riders is prohibited in Condition 12 in the planning permission 2010\_03949\_VAR which I explain in my initial Representation.

*"No organised delivery of food in connection with any restaurant/café use (Class A3) shall take place from the premises using motor vehicles (which include motorcycles, mopeds and motor scooters)."*

*"No provision has been made for the parking of vehicles off-street in connection with a delivery service. Any such vehicles would be likely to park on the public highway, which would prejudice the free flow of traffic and public safety contrary to policy TN8 of the Unitary Development Plan, as amended in 2007."*

#### Evidence EXHIBIT B:

Graphic, one page, from [sleepseeker.co.uk](http://sleepseeker.co.uk) blog

Statistical evidence explaining that our H&F borough is "the most sleep-disturbed" of all 32 London boroughs, based on the number of noise nuisance complaints

**Evidence EXHIBIT C:**

Three Photos from an apartment at Dungannon House, Vanston Place looking towards the first floor roof terrace of 2 Vanston Place.

These were taken on three consecutive nights last week - 26-28th February 2026, the time is at the top on each photo, but as you can its just after midnight on all three occasions.

We would like the committee to know that we have noticed that the premises is open well after midnight, using this roof terrace with lights, and what we think is a large wide-screen monitor/tv screen. It appeared that the lights were out on the street level cafe area. So we question whether after 23:00 is being run perhaps as a private, club-type situation.

I hereby notify the Licensing Authority that this is a formal complaint of breach of Conditions on the existing licence (2019\_00248/LAPR) as well as breach of operating outside of the defined hours on the existing licence. I understand that one Fulham neighbour has already submitted a relevant video to the Licensing Authority and is also making a formal complaint.

It is very important to residents in and around Vanston Place, St John's Church, Walham Grove (densely residential) and this portion of North End Road that premises around us are acting within the law. We are very concerned that this is not the case here at this time. The licensing objectives are not being promoted.

As recently as 13th February 2026 Cllr Stephen Cowan, the Leader of our H&F Borough said in the media when speaking about the rejection of an appeal to the Magistrates Court by a premises located only 500 feet from 2 Vanston Place, he is keen to assist good businesses in the borough looking to maximise employment. "But there has to be a balance and businesses must also act as good citizens and good neighbours."

(Source: <https://www.mylondonnews/news/west-london-news/west-london-mcdonalds-loses-appeal-33421272> )

**Evidence EXHIBIT D:** (to be included in the Agenda Pack by the Licensing Authority)

The committee will know that the Agenda pack for the hearing will include the existing licence 2019 00248 LAPR, which states under Annex 3, Condition 8, 22:00 (10pm) as the terminal hour for use of this roof terrace, including Condition 24 ref 'lights out' when not in use, ie after 22:00.

Many thanks  
Kind Regards

For and on behalf of

<b>Late night refreshment</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<b>Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
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				Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Day</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 4) Serving hot food and drinks between 23:00 - 02:00 every day		
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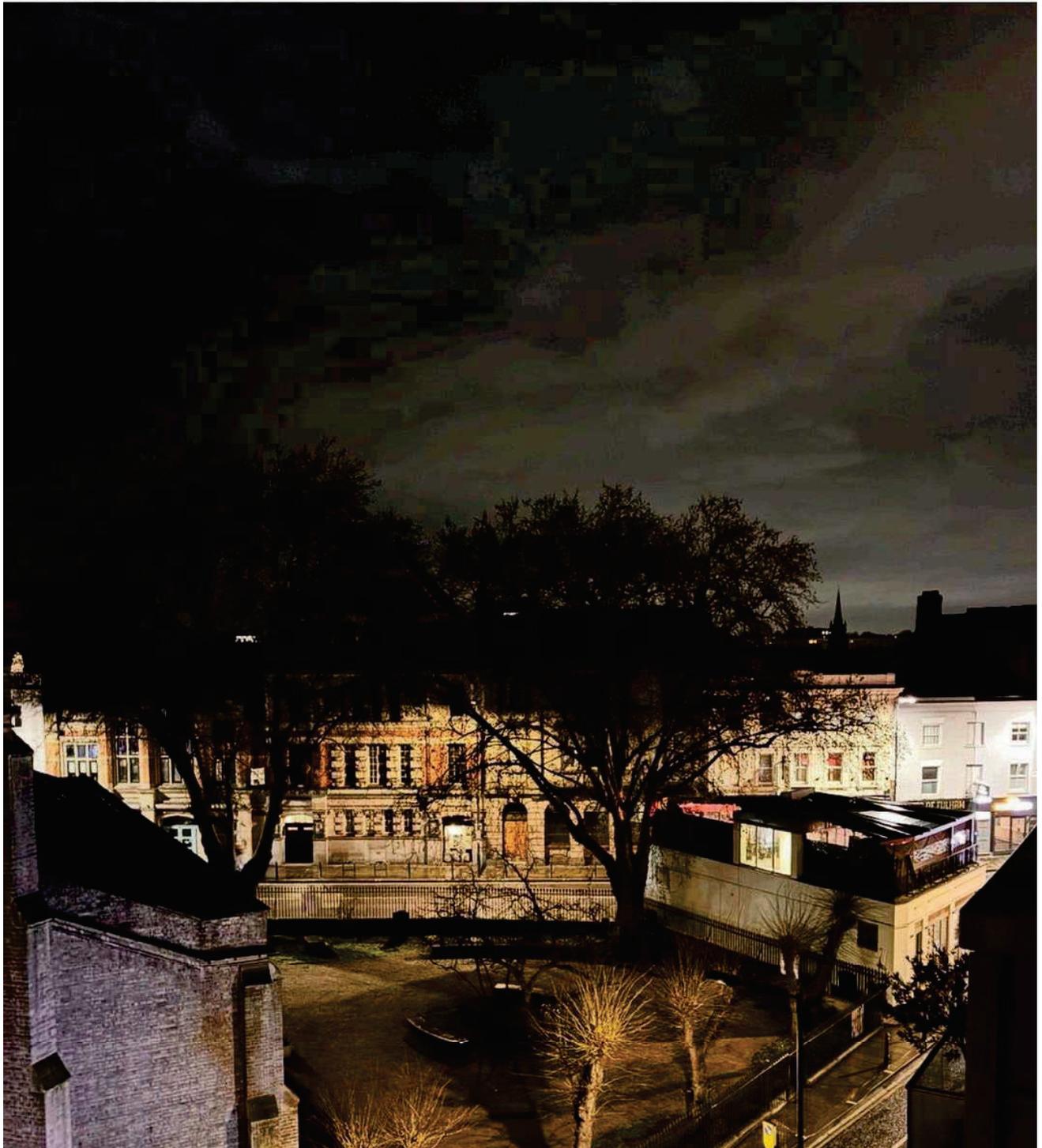








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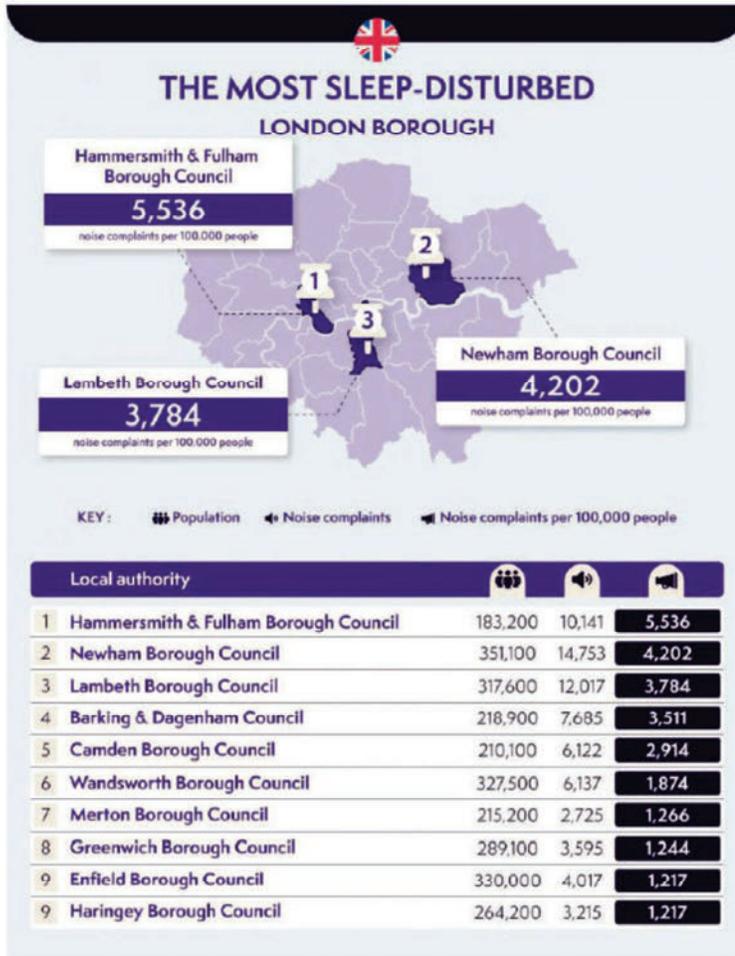


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N.B. Use link above for methodology etc. This uses Freedom Of Info data for 2021

## The Most Sleep-Disturbed London Borough

London is the most populated city in the UK, made up of 32 boroughs. We wanted to find out which of these London boroughs filed the most noise complaints in 2021.



## 1 - Hammersmith and Fulham Borough Council - 5,536 noise complaints per 100,000

[2021] Hammersmith and Fulham takes **the top spot** with just over 5,536 noise complaints per 100,000 people. The **most frequent complaint was due to loud music**, followed by domestic complaints, and parties. Interestingly, Hammersmith and Fulham had one of the lowest populations out of the London boroughs, with just three below them, as well as the third most noise complaints in total.

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2025/01813/LAPR 2 Vanston Place SW6 1AY

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From J [REDACTED]  
Date Mon 3/2/2026 2:01 PM  
To Gardiner Neil H&F <Neil.Gardiner@lbhf.gov.uk>

Dear Neil

In the run up to the hearing on the 11th I would like to submit some further evidence.

We are concerned that the Applicant is in breach of existing conditions attaching to the site. Most notably the condition that the first floor terrace should be closed by 22:00 everyday.

The photo below was taken by me at 22:05 last night - 1 March. There are people on the roof terrace watching football on a large screen to the left of the picture. The heaters are on and there is absolutely no effort being made to close the premises. On some nights there appears to be someone moving around to serve people. The sign clearly reads "roof terrace open".

I walk home from work past the site five days a week generally between 8 pm and midnight. The picture reflects a general trend of late night openings that I have personally witnessed in the last three weeks.

Please let me know when the agenda pack is published. I will attend the hearing on the 11th and will represent Amanda Fredman and the Tournay Road Neighbourhood Watch Group.

Kind regards and thanks.

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2025/01813/LAPR 2 Vanston Place SW6 1AY

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From [REDACTED]  
Date Mon 3/2/2026 2:54 PM  
To Gardiner Neil: H&F <Neil.Gardiner@lbhf.gov.uk>

Dear Neil

Further to my earlier email of today I would like to add one other piece of photographic evidence.

I would also like confirm that I will attend the hearing on the 11th and part of my role will be to represent [REDACTED] from Dungannon House.

I also wish to submit the photo below as further evidence of the parking and road safety issues at the site. The picture was taken by me at 20:11 on 23 February.

I also have noticed that at no time in the past month has there been a blue notice attached the site. There is plenty of space and many other signs. Is this not a material failing in the application.

Kind regards and thanks

[REDACTED]





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**Further to our Representation 2025\_01813\_LAPR ref 2 Vanston Place SW6 1AY (one photo attached)**

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**From** Barclay Road Residents [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 3/2/2026 2:41 PM  
**To** Gardiner Neil: H&F <Neil.Gardiner@lbhf.gov.uk>

[REDACTED]

**Further to our Representation against licensing application 2025\_01813\_LAPR ref 2 Vanston Place SW6 1AY**

Attachment: one photo

Dear Licensing Sub-Committee

To support our original Representation against the granting of a Late Night Refreshment licensing application 2025\_01813\_LAPR for 2 Vanston Place, SW6 we now submit further information, concerns, questions and evidence exhibits for the H&F Licensing Sub-Committee (LSC) hearing 11 March 2026.

**1. Site visit leads to further reasons for objection**

Site visit:

Having made a site visit to 2 Vanston Place, SW6 on Wednesday 25 February around 16:30, I am even more concerned about this application and am therefore grateful to submit these concerns in writing as well as to express them at the planned hearing next week..

A very young male was minding the cafe when I entered. I introduced myself as 'I am a local resident' and asked to speak with the premises licence holder or the premises supervisor. The young male told me that 'he' would be back around 18:30.

I said to this young man that we had seen the roof terrace being used into the early hours of the morning and asked where the licence is for that. He said, 'We have the licence for that and we have other licences' and pointed me to a singular A4 piece of paper on the wall behind him (I could not read it as it was too far away). I said that that piece of paper on the wall behind him was not a copy of the multi-page licence for this cafe and that the licence should be posted in a visible place for anyone to easily see. I suggested to him that he might look for a job where things are being done properly and legally. He thanked me 'for the advice', so I thanked him for his time, and I departed. I did not go upstairs to the roof terrace as I felt I might get trapped somehow.

Operating long after 22:00

Other local Fulham residents have witnessed this premises being closed in the early evening at street level, but the first floor roof terrace being used well after midnight. We have reported this to the Licensing Authority and sent videos and photos. I have felt compelled to make a formal complaint to the H&F Licensing Authority and suggest that a Review take place as soon as possible regarding gross breaches of the existing licence.

I am concerned that the young man might not be old enough to work and I do wonder if he is properly employed and being properly paid on a PAYE basis. He clearly has not been trained regarding licensing basics (a breach of Condition of the existing licence). Perhaps this could be looked into by the Licensing Authority or whichever authority is responsible for such, as this might be a safeguarding issue. I do not know if other young people stand behind this cafe's counter/serve patrons; I hope that that would also be looked into with haste.

Each application must be considered on its own merits, but that includes the context of the area and the lived experience of those who make their home in this part of Fulham, London. The situation at 2 Vanston Place reminds us too closely of other premises challenges that we are facing in this part of Fulham (North End Road and Fulham Broadway). As reported in the media on 13 February 2026, quoting from the H&F Leader's Witness Statement for a recent licensing appeal hearing, in the context of a premises less than 500 feet from 2 Vanston Place, we read...

*an extension of the hours would see "the current disturbing problems being allowed to continue late on into the early morning when residents, quite rightly, might expect to rest or sleep in the comfort of their own homes".*

**EVIDENCE: EXHIBIT\_CD\_01** Source: media article

<https://www.mylondon.news/news/west-london-news/west-london-mcdonalds-loses-appeal-33421272>

Who is running this cafe?

The then licensing officer Matt Tucker explained to us in December that the present applicant has been running this cafe for several months although the present premises licence holder still holds the current licence 2019\_00248\_LAPR for 2 Vanston Place.

A new application is not an opportunity for a review of the licence. Although our concerns about the way in which 2 Vanston Place is being run are matters for a review of the existing licence, unfortunately, the fact is that the hours and the conditions are being breached and therefore the licensing objectives are not being promoted in this very sensitive, highly densely residential area of Fulham.

We ask that this licensing application be rejected because we have no confidence that any amount of conditions on a new licence would be effective in stopping this premises from operating outside of its conditions. The applicant has had much time to sort out how he wants to run this business and we have now witnessed just that—with a roof terrace turned into a kind of closed door club, running later than midnight etc. We are not convinced that the applicant applying now for a new premises licence at 2 Vanston Place has knowledge of licensing matters, nor that he understands the obligations he has under the current licence.

## **2. Evidence and exhibits**

We would like the H&F Licensing Sub-Committee (LSC) to know that much was learned at the recent appeal of Smash Operation Ltd (312 North End Road.) A key 'takeaway', no pun intended, was that at a local borough licensing hearing,

the Licensing Committee needs documented evidence from residents/other interested parties, in the form of 'Exhibits', to underpin the LSC's local decision of a licensing application.

In future, we will gather various evidence marked as exhibits for the H&F LSC.

### **3. Definition of 'Mixed Use Area', a possible misnomer in the H&F Statement of Licensing Policy table pp 21-22**

We would like the LSC to know that during the Feb 2-5 and Feb 13 appeal hearing mentioned above, when asked by the Magistrates, it was clarified by the King's Counsel (barrister) representing the H&F Council that '**Mixed use areas**' means '**Mixed commercial use buildings**', in other words, a parade of retail shops and premises in various commercial buildings.

### **4. Highly densely populated residential area**

Point 3, above, is an important one as it relates to the application before us tonight because 2 Vanston Place is in an area of mixed commercial use buildings, housed in a singular commercial building, albeit sharing the very historical plot of land which is Walham Green, with the listed building of St John's Church, churchyard and burial ground, and is smack in the middle of a very densely populated residential area of Fulham.

Vanston Place cafe is surrounded on all sides by what is officially termed a 'highly densely populated' area of residents who live above shops, above pubs, above eateries, above nail salons, above cafes, etc. All around 2 Vanston Place is a highly densely populated residential area, as defined in H&F's official 2024 Walham Green Ward Profile. This area is cut through by the historic, busy street daytime market thoroughfare of North End Road.

According to the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham's 2024 Ward Profile, Walham Green has a population density of 16,510 people per square km, which is nearly three times the London average of 5,598 people per square km.

*"The ward is almost entirely residential in character, with the exception of the shopping centre and many commercial premises alongside Fulham Road.*

*"It is the 5th smallest ward in H&F by area, but is **highly densely populated**. 36% of residents living in private rented accommodations.*

*"The ward has affluent neighbourhoods as well as pockets of deprivation. The overall population is middle-aged and young, single, with poorer health, and comparatively unskilled.*

*"The ward is made up of 5 Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs). 1 is ranked within the 20% most deprived nationally."*

**EVIDENCE: EXHIBIT\_CD\_02** Source: <https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/councillors-and-democracy/about-hammersmith-fulham-council/ward-profiles/walham-green-2024/>

### **5. Late Night Refreshment licence application vs an application for an alcohol licence**

The application before us is not for an alcohol licence. The existing licence is for alcohol, 2019\_00248\_LAPR, with strict timings for closing 23:00, and earlier closing for the roof terrace (22:00). Therefore, because the existing licence also requires that the 2 Vanston Place closes by 23:00, the existing licence does not require a Late Night Refreshment Licence ie for 'hot food' served after 23:00.

This application being considered 2025\_01813\_LAPR is for a Late Night Refreshment licence, ie preparing and serving 'hot food' (defined as beyond ambient temperature) 'indoors' for hours granted on the proposed licence.

For residents reading this statement, in licensing parlance serving hot food needs a licence specifically between the hours of 23:00 and 05:00, in what we local Fulham residents contended back in 2017 is a 'residential area', The first licence was considered and granted 2017\_00092\_LAPR. when the former Walham Green Victorian public convenience (toilets) was demolished and a modern structure given planning permission for a restaurant.

We call to tonight's LSC attention that at the 28 March 2017 first licensing hearing for this new building, great care was given to local resident's concerns.

Local residents making representation then presented their concerns in terms of this very densely populated RESIDENTIAL area with the busy 'mixed commercial' North End Road sdaytime treet market starting directly in front of 2 Vanston Place.

These Fulham residents live:

- across (above Papa John's Pizza and above the other small parade of local retail shops/premises at top of Walham Grove)
- above Ole cafe,
- above flats which are diagonally across 2 Vanston Place, ie at the listed pub, The Cock, the shop next door to it, and then Snappy Snaps on the corner of Shorrolds Road.
- also diagonally across North End Road is the former St John's Parish Hall, now a bar, with apartments above and the former Fulham Bathhouse with its dance studio at street level and residential above (now apartments).
- directly outside the Vanston Cafe and down into the densely populated residential Walham Grove, with a new 100% residential development (Walham Yard) off it and visible from Vanston Cafe
- plus the modern residential block Dungannon House (over 40 apartments) almost directly across etc.
- Not to be forgotten, is the St John's Church and Churchyard and still peaceful, St John's parish church burial ground, directly behind 2 Vanston Place (the rear has a shared cast iron fence with the St John's Churchyard/burial ground) on the land called Walham Green.

#### **EVIDENCE: EXHIBIT\_CD\_03**

*We commend to the LSC the register of the Licensing Committee hearing in 2017, found here:*

<https://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=179&MIId=5697>

And the minutes specifically,

[https://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/documents/g5697/Printed minutes 28th-Mar-2017 19.00 Licensing Sub-Committee.pdf?T=1](https://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/documents/g5697/Printed%20minutes%2028th-Mar-2017%2019.00%20Licensing%20Sub-Committee.pdf?T=1)

As well, there was a further application, 2018 (2018\_00874\_LAPR) to amend the use of the entry and exit doors.

#### **6. Police recommended Conditions and Hours: agreed with applicant and PC (Met licensing officer) Charlotte Bennett**

##### **a) CCTV**

We note that in the current Licence of 2019\_00248\_LAPR, at Condition 8, the same type of conditions are set out about installing cctv. The Police suggested conditions look like they are partially updated language (especially the newer requirement for highest resolution cctv) but we do wonder if cctv has actually been installed or not and if it is installed on the roof terrace as well.

Request: Perhaps the LSC could clarify this during the hearing on 11 March 2026.

##### **b) Refusals log, suggested condition 4.**

As this is NOT a licence application for alcohol, could we please understand what the 'refusals' would be referring to. Would it be referring to refusals of entry or refusal to serve hot food?

**c) Hours:**

We note that the hours requested do not align with the Planning Hours (2010\_03949\_VAR) nor do they align with the suggested hours in the page 21-22 H&F Statement of Licensing Policy 2022-2027, as the suggested policy hours for residential areas are noted as 'not appropriate' for a Late Night Refreshment Licence.

**EVIDENCE\_EXHIBIT\_CD\_04:** Link to the planning permission  
<https://public-access.lbf.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?previousCaseType=Property&keyVal=LDTV00BIGX000&previousCaseNumber=KZP54EBI0DA00&previousCaseUpn=000034147652&activeTab=summary&previousKeyVal=KZP553BI0DA00>

To the Planning hours:

In the latest *Revised Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003* (published February 2026), the specific paragraph that deals with planning hours is **paragraph 14.66**. This paragraph states that **if planning permission for a premises includes a terminal hour that differs from the licensing hours, the operator must observe the earlier of the two sets of hours** ("the earlier closing time"). It explains that this requirement arises from planning conditions and that operating beyond the planning hours would breach planning law.

**EVIDENCE\_EXHIBIT\_CD\_05: Quote from the S. 182 guidance of the Licensing Act 2023 (Feb 2026 updated edition)**

*"14.66 There are circumstances when, as a condition of planning permission, a terminal hour has been set for the use of premises for commercial purposes. Where these hours are different to the licensing hours, the applicant must observe the earlier closing time. Premises operating in breach of their planning permission would be liable to prosecution under planning law. Proper integration should be assured by licensing committees, where appropriate, providing regular reports to the planning committee."*

**7. Photos and videos of roof terrace (conditioned to close at 22:00) being used after 22:00 as well as after 24:00**

We have sent videos and photos to Adrian Overton at the H&F Licensing Authority. He has undertaken to distribute the short videos of after 22:00, the roof terrace conditioned closing time, and after 23:00 and after 24:00 to LSC members.

I attach a photo here taken by a Walham Grove neighbour at 00:17 on Friday 27 February 2026 (Thursday night into Friday) clearly showing lights on on the roof terrace. The sound of the video that he also sent to me, from the same time, approx 00:17 emits a lot of male voices, a crowd of sorts (not visible), but one young male in a white t-shirt is standing/moving around, perhaps serving food or drinks.

**EVIDENCE\_EXHIBIT\_CD\_06:**

Attached: one photo 221cc854-9dd3-481c...0.jpg

**8. Existing licence fee paid? Lapsed licence fee paid?**

We asked the Licensing Authority if the existing licence, which I was told had lapsed last year in April, has been paid, and whether the existing licence has been paid up to April 2026. We have not had an answer, yet.

I am sure that the LSC would also feel obliged to know the answer. I would point out that in the nearby boroughs of Westminster and RBKC, it is a matter of course that the status of the payment or lack thereof of the existing licence is mentioned in the licensing officer's report. Residents respectfully suggest that this would be a helpful practice in the future, and it would save much time.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this evidence and these explanations to the LSC.

( on behalf of  
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Barclay Road Residents —

Barclay Road Conservation Area Neighbourhood Watch SW6 1EJ/EH works with our local Met Police to reduce crime in our Fulham Broadway neighbourhood whilst enhancing our historic Victorian streetscape

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Photo attached now?? EVIDENCE\_EXHIBIT\_CD\_06: Attached: one photo 221cc854-9dd3-481c...0.jpg

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From Barclay Road Residents [REDACTED]  
Date Mon 3/2/2026 6:23 PM  
To Gardiner Neil: H&F <Neil.Gardiner@lbhf.gov.uk>

Dear Neil. It was attached when you sent it back to me. Here is a new email with it attached again.  
Can I send to you on WhatsApp perhaps??

**EVIDENCE\_EXHIBIT\_CD\_06:**  
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## Several Fulham premises under investigation over claims they are staying open too late

*Hammersmith and Fulham Council's investigation into premises along North End Road was first mentioned at an unrelated court hearing in early February*

*It is understood Morley's is one of the premises being looked into by the council*  
(Image: LDRS)

By **Ben Lynch**  
Local Democracy Reporter

16:14, 18 Feb 2026.

<https://www.mylondon.news/news/west-london-news/several-fulham-premises-under-investigation-33448051>

A number of premises on a prominent West London road are being investigated over allegations they are staying open beyond their licensable



hours. The Local Democracy Reporting Service (LDRS) understands that popular chicken shops Morley's and Popeyes are among those being looked into along North End Road in **Fulham**.

**Hammersmith and Fulham Council** the local authority in charge of licensing across the

borough, confirmed it is investigating the allegations after the issue was raised at **an unrelated court hearing earlier this month**. A spokesperson for the council said carrying out licensable activities without the required licence is a criminal offence, and if convicted could lead to an unlimited fine and up to six months in prison.

Morley's and Popeyes were approached for comment. North End Road is a busy thoroughfare running from West Kensington in the north down towards Fulham Broadway at its southern end.

It is home to a range of premises, from pubs to cafés and takeaways, with a fairly large resident population also living in the vicinity. The area's late-night economy was recently thrown into the public eye when McDonald's, which has a restaurant on North End Road, appealed a council decision denying it later opening hours.

Councillors refused the application at **a marathon 5.5-hour Licensing Sub-Committee meeting last May**, with the appeal heard over several days earlier this month. The judgement, handed down at the City of London Magistrates' Court on February 13, found the council's original decision was "proportionate and necessary" and dismissed the appeal.

At one of the hearings it was mentioned the council is in the process of investigating several local premises over allegations they are staying open later than their licences allow. Morley's and Popeyes were both namechecked though others may also be involved.

When asked by the LDRS to confirm whether any investigations are taking place, a council spokesperson said "a number of allegations" had been made which the local authority is looking into. Sarah Chambers, a resident and Chair of the Walham Green Ward Panel, said she was 'shocked' to hear the allegations that some premises on North End Road are operating beyond their licensable hours.

"These hours aren't guidance, they are legal obligations," she told the LDRS. "We support the council's investigation into this issue and encourage residents to notify the council licensing team on any breaches they witness."

A **Hammersmith and Fulham Council** spokesperson said: "We have been made aware of allegations that a number of premises in Fulham's North End Road are alleged to be offering licensable activities later in the evening without the required licence. We are currently investigating these allegations.

“Carrying out licensable activities without the necessary authorisation is a criminal offence. If convicted, there is an unlimited fine and up to six months in prison.”

<https://www.mylondon.news/news/west-london-news/several-fulham-premises-under-investigation-33448051>

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**From:** Barclay Road Residents <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 5, 2026 7:34 PM  
**To:** Gardiner Neil: H&F <Neil.Gardiner@lbhf.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Supplemental ref 2 Vanston Place hearing Fwd: Haldane Road SW6 Patrols [#629725696]

Dear H&F Lic Sub-Committee

We attach a Met Police public 'Met Engage' report regarding proactive high visibility patrols last Friday 27 Feb just a few hundred steps from 2 Vanston Place, in and around Haldane Road/North End Road.

was at a resident's event on Saturday 28 Feb and so were our local Met Sgt Harper and PC Simon Brett. They are using precious resources to get out and about, to speak proactively with schoolchildren at the gates, with school heads, and at school assemblies, about the need for safety in the North End Road neighbourhood—local children can be part of the solution vs part of the current problems around us.

This is relevant to all Premises around 2 Vanston Place, including 2 Vanston Place.

I also spoke to our officers about recent concerns about licensed Premises staying open later than their licensed hours. As well, those without a hot food licence who are supposed to be shutting by 23:00 but are trading longer. We will continue to keep our local Met Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) in the local loop on what we see and encounter.

Thank you for reading this, and the below..

[REDACTED] Barclay Road Residents

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Metropolitan Police via Neighbourhood Alert  
<alert@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk>  
**Subject:** Haldane Road SW6 Patrols [#629725696]  
**Date:** 4 March 2026 at 14:55:28 GMT  
**To:** <[REDACTED]>  
**Reply-To:** <reply@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk>

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## Haldane Road SW6 Patrols

Dear residents,

Your local Safer Neighbourhood Team conducted a series of high visibility patrols on Friday 27th February 2026 around the Haldane Road SW6 area to tackle ongoing anti-social behaviour committed by various individuals. This has been an ongoing issue for a number of local residents and the surrounding community.

Kind regards,

Walham Green SNT

**Message Sent By**  
Camille Eid  
(Metropolitan Police, PCSO, H&F Walham Green Ward)

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## Your Neighbourhood Watch account...

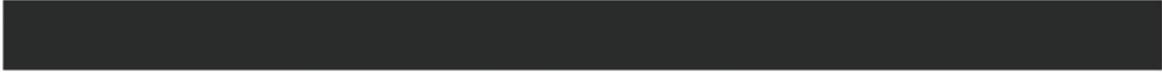
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**Re: Supplemental ref 2 Vanston Place hearing Fwd: Haldane Road SW6 Patrols [#629725696]**

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**From** Barclay Road Residents <[REDACTED]>  
**Date** Fri 3/6/2026 11:58 AM  
**To** Gardiner Neil: H&F <Neil.Gardiner@lbhf.gov.uk>  
**Cc** [REDACTED]

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Dear Neil,  
Tx for you email below. I'll/we'll work with you after the hearing to come up with a way to submit evidence more efficiently in future, but for this hearing we need your help, please.  
To answer your questions, Please include this email as part of the Supplemental Pack.

Due to the breeches that we have now witnessed,  
The most important piece of evidence is the video taken after midnight on 27 Feb 2026 of this place open on the rooftop and you can hear that there are many people up there. I included a screen shot where you can see three people but when Graham Hull took this video he could hear a lot of voices. He asked me to send it on to you for the Committee hearing. He made a Representation.  
It was taken by him on 27 February at 00:17:46, 17 minutes past midnight.  
I attach  
—the still  
— as well as the short video  
— plus a screenshot of its timestamp and date.

Graham wrote: Zoom in on the first Vanston video and you can see two men quite clearly.  
I also think you can't see more people because of the screening.

Tx  
[REDACTED]

On 6 Mar 2026, at 09:36, Gardiner Neil: H&F <Neil.Gardiner@lbhf.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi Charlotte,

Is that the end of your supplementary items please ? As I need to collate. It would be much better if you could send as one whole item when you feel you have everything included. Just an idea but does anyone in the group have experience of court files/ exhibit lists, to collate all your items together (as a ward) and send over as one bundle with an index. There is a lot of repetition, such as numerous photographs of the front of the building.

I don't believe there is a megabyte limit over TEAMS. ?

Best wishes

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Attachments to Fr 6 March 11:50-ish email to Neil



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**2 Vanston Place further evidence application 2025\_01813\_LAPR**

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**From** Barclay Road Residents <[REDACTED]>  
**Date** Sat 3/7/2026 3:08 PM  
**To** Licensing HF: H&F <licensing@lbhf.gov.uk>; Gardiner Neil: H&F <Neil.Gardiner@lbhf.gov.uk>; Licensing HF: H&F <licensing@lbhf.gov.uk>  
**Cc** Cllr Paynter Lydia: H&F <Lydia.Paynter@lbhf.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]

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Saturday 7 March 2026

Dear H&F Licensing Sub-Committee,

Apologies goes, but late developments compel me to send in more evidence as I will now be cropping a Fulham neighbour who lives very close to the Premises. .

As per his email of today below, I will be representing this Fulham neighbour at the 11 March Lic hearing ref 2 Vanston Place.

Attached is his short 29 second video of roof terrace activity just before midnight on 24 Feb.

at 23:26 Tues Feb 24. 2026, he sent this text to me

"So the cafe is closed but upstairs is full... you can hear them al upstairs talking and laughing. One chap came out of the side door to chat on his phone" and

" There are loads of (it sounds like men) up there"

At 23:53 Tues Feb 24 he wrote after taking the attached 29 second 2.8 MB video,

" There are still a lot of people up there but because of the traffic noise it's hard to pick them out but it looks like they have a bar man and at least one waiter up there"

-On Fri 27 Feb at 00:17 (ie Thurs into Fri after midnight) he wrote to me:

"Vanston still very much open upstairs after midnight."

-He sent me, at 00:17 ie 17 minutes after midnight an 11 second video to prove this.

I am not attaching it as it is similar to other videos already sent to you for the Supplemental.



Begin forwarded message:

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 7 March 2026 at 09:35:33 GMT

**To:** licensing@lbhf.gov.uk, Neil.Gardiner@lbhf.gov.uk

**Cc:** Barclay Road Residents [REDACTED]

**Subject:** 2 Vanston Place

Dear LBHF Licensing team and Neil,

Unfortunately I will not be able to make the Licensing meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> March and would like Charlotte Dexter to take my allotted time for evidence.

I have submitted photos and videos of 2 Vanston Place being used way in excess of it's Licensed hours. The café downstairs is closed and empty but there seems to be some kind of men only activity happening on the roof terrace.

Just to reiterate I strongly oppose any extension to the existing opening hours

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Walham Grove resident and co-chair of the residents association

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**FW: URGENT - Licensing Act 2003 - 2 Vanston Place, London, SW6 1AY**

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**From** Overton Adrian: H&F <Adrian.Overton@lbhf.gov.uk>  
**Date** Mon 3/9/2026 12:03 PM  
**To** Gardiner Neil: H&F <Neil.Gardiner@lbhf.gov.uk>

Dear Neil,

Further to the licensing sub-committee meeting for Vanston Place on Wednesday evening, please find attached below an email exchange between James Dismore (licensing enforcement officer) and the legal representative of the current licence holder.

It appears from this exchange that the current applicant may wish to transfer the licence into their name. At the time of writing this email the licensing authority has not received a transfer application.

Please could this information be produced as a supplementary agenda item for members of the committee to consider.

Kind regards

Adrian

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 March 2026 12:05  
**To:** Licensing HF: H&F <[licensing@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@lbhf.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** Overton Adrian: H&F <[Adrian.Overton@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:Adrian.Overton@lbhf.gov.uk)>; Barrett Sophia: H&F <[Sophia.Barrett@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:Sophia.Barrett@lbhf.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT - Licensing Act 2003 - 2 Vanston Place, London, SW6 1AY

Dear James,

Thank you for your email.

I have spoken to my client who was contacted by the tenants today.

I have suggested that the obvious way forward will be to transfer the license, and I have suggested their advisor contacts us.

In the mean time are you able to send me a copy of the application?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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**Sent:** 05 March 2026 10:46  
**To:** S [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Overton Adrian: H&F <[Adrian.Overton@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:Adrian.Overton@lbhf.gov.uk)>; Barrett Sophia: H&F <[Sophia.Barrett@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:Sophia.Barrett@lbhf.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** URGENT - Licensing Act 2003 - 2 Vanston Place, London, SW6 1AY  
**Importance:** High

Good morning [REDACTED]

**LICENSING ACT 2003**  
**Premises Licence Number: 2019/00248/LAPR**  
**Premises Name: Fouberts**  
**Premises Address: 2 Vanston Place, London, SW6 1AY**

I understand you represent Mr Signorello Lodico, the holder of the above Premises Licence.

We are still receiving a number of complaints regarding alleged unauthorised licensable activity taking place at this premises.

Our records confirm that the premises currently benefit from a Premises Licence authorising the sale of alcohol. However, we understand that the premises is now being leased to a new tenant and Mr Lodico has removed himself as the Designated Premises Supervisor. We also understand that Mr Lodico is no longer involved in the operation of the business at the premises.

The new tenant has submitted a new application for a Premises Licence authorising Late Night Refreshment, which is due to be considered by the Licensing Sub-Committee Next week. The applicant also indicated that they do not intend to operate under the existing premises licence.

In light of this, and to provide clarity regarding the licensable activities authorised at the premises, we would strongly encourage Mr Lodico to consider formally surrendering the existing premises licence ahead of next week's hearing.

Surrendering the licence would remove any potential ambiguity regarding liability and would also ensure that enforcement matters can be considered with reference only to the current operator and their licence application.

Please could we ask this request be relayed to Mr Lodico for his consideration.

Kind regards,

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**Vanston Cafe, 2 Vanston Place, SW6 1AY - Enforcement Update**

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**From** Overton Adrian: H&F <Adrian.Overton@lbhf.gov.uk>

**Date** Mon 3/9/2026 12:19 PM

**To** Gardiner Neil: H&F <Neil.Gardiner@lbhf.gov.uk>

Dear Neil,

Further to the information provided in the enforcement section of the licensing sub-committee report for the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026, I would like to make the committee aware of the following recent visits to the premises :

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Noise and Nuisance officer visits:**

First visit – 22:35 - *There was no activity on the ground floor. The premises appeared closed, with tables and chairs already stacked upside down as businesses typically do when finishing their cleaning. There was some activity upstairs and the TV was on. The individual we believe to be the owner/manager appeared to be packing up.*

Second visit – 23:40 - *All lights were off, the TV was off, and there were no signs of any activity. The premises were fully shut.*

Third visit – 00:00 - *There were a few adults in the top floor of café and I observed one man emit smoke, suggesting shisha or vaping. We also saw two men leave premises via the glass door to the left of the picture attached.*

*A gentleman (Ahmad) from the premises approached the patrol vehicle as we were about to leave and politely enquired why I took a picture. He said it was only the staff in premises at the time and that they had ordered food and were waiting for their food to arrive so they can eat together before leaving, as it was Ramadan. One of the officers asked if shisha smoking was being carried out inside premises and he replied “only by us staff”. I asked why he thinks they are allowed to smoke indoors and he said the roof is open, indicating the area is not substantially enclosed. I did not have a clear view from ground level, so could not see whether hot food was being prepared and/or sold at the time.*

There is no evidence from the visits above that licensable activities were being provided at the time of the visits. However, we would suggest that the current licence in place at the premises is surrendered, to ensure that there is not any possibility of confusion when enforcing the terms and conditions of licences in the future.

I would be grateful if this information could be produced as a supplementary agenda item for members of the committee to consider.

Kind regards

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**Re: Notice of Hearing 11 March 2026 - Vanston Cafe 2 Vanston Place London SW6 1AY**

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**From** Ward Panel Chair Walham Green <[REDACTED]>

**Date** Mon 3/9/2026 1:06 PM

**To** Gardiner Neil: H&F <Neil.Gardiner@lbhf.gov.uk>

**Cc** Fulham Broadway Together <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED]  
<[REDACTED]>

Dear Neil and Adrian,

I would like to make a formal complaint about the premises and this operator.

I passed the premises on the evening of Friday 6th March at 10:45pm, and observed there were customers seated on the roof terrace. I could see people on the roof terrace from the direction of the church as I walked past the church and also on the other side of the premises by Walham Grove. There were people seated on the church side of the terrace and also on the North End Road side, where it looked like they were watching a sports fixture playing on the huge TV screen. I could see smoke rising from the Walham Grove side, it looked like the customers were using shisha pipes.

It is worth noting the ground floor premises were in darkness but there were lights and patio heaters clearly visible on the first floor level.

My understanding is the planning permission doesn't allow customers on the roof terrace after 10pm and there are strict rules governing the sale of shisha pipes. It seems there is likely an illegal shisha club operating on the roof terrace at night.

I am attaching 2 photos and have three videos of 10 seconds, 7 seconds and 6 seconds duration to provide. I can send these videos by WhatsApp or shares links to a Dropbox folder.

Please could you share this email with your colleagues on the planning team and also advise the members of the Licensing Committee attending Wednesday's hearing. The operator is demonstrating he is not operating the premises in line with the planning and licensing terms. The terms aren't guidance, these are legal obligations.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - Walham Green Ward Panel





Sent from my iPhone

On 6 Mar 2026, at 09:15, Gardiner Neil: H&F <Neil.Gardiner@lbhf.gov.uk> wrote:

Morning [REDACTED]

I will adjust the attendance list accordingly. **Thank you** for letting me know in good time.

Best wishes

**Neil Gardiner**  
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