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To: Licensing HF
Subject: Supplementary Item from Belinda Donovan 2022/00806/LAPR 607 Fulham Road

Dear Licensing
Belinda Donovan is having an eye operation, so has asked me to send this to you as a supplementary item for 2022/00806/LAPR 607 Fulham Road 12 Oct 2022 Lic Hearing 18:30 zoom

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Supplementary Agenda Item 2022/00806/LAPR 607 Fulham Road

To: Licensing@lbhf.gov.uk cc:
From:
Friday, 7 October 2022

Below please find the comments I would like to make during my 5 minutes at the hearing. Could you please add to the Supplementary Agenda so that I can refer to the various hours instead of reading them out. This will save time for the Committee.

Many thanks.

Thank you, Chair.

I am very concerned about any increased hours for this Premises at 607 Fulham Road, under Crime and Disorder and Public Nuisance.

As the police wrote on page 32 of the Agenda Pack in their 28 June email to the Applicant, I quote,

"As discussed, the area of Fulham Broadway and the vicinity suffers with a high level of anti-social behaviour and criminal activity, specifically in the early hours."

This 'anti-social behavior and criminal activity', acknowledged by the Police, in and around Fulham Broadway was made vividly clear at the 2nd Aug Ward Panel meeting. The area has become a late-night, early hour destination for street drinking, nitrous oxide balloon sales and use, as well as the illegal resale of alcohol directly on the pavement, for immediate consumption on the pavement, directly in front of 607 Fulham Road and adjacent shops.

All of this culminates in the serious cumulative impact of too many people in the area during these late hours, leading to overcrowding on the pavement where people are lingering, drinking alcohol, eating takeaway food, and unfortunately partaking in nitrous oxide use and drug use. Residents have explained to me that this area of lower Fulham Broadway has become a destination for late night and early morning outdoor pavement parties along this section of Fulham Road as well as into the pedestrian area of Jerdan Place/Vanston Place, diagonally across from 607 Fulham Road.

I understand that the Supplementary Agenda for this hearing will include the 2-page summary of these concerns raised at the 2 Aug 2022 Ward Panel meeting.

Regarding Existing hours

At the moment, 607 Fulham Road is open to serve food, mainly fried chicken, side dishes and soft drinks as follows:

Monday - Thursdays 11am with closing at Midnight (this is one hour more than suggested in the Policy for Town Centres Late Night Refreshment)

Fridays and Saturdays 11am with closing at 01:30 (this is 30 minutes more than suggested in the Policy for Town Centres Late Night Refreshment)

Sunday 11am with closing at Midnight (this is the closing hour suggested in the Policy for Town Centres Late Night Refreshment)

The Committee will be aware that these existing hours are already longer than the suggested hours for the category called Late Night Refreshment, which is food, not alcohol, in Town Centres, as stated on page 22 of the Council's Licensing Policy.

Please compare these existing hours with the suggested hours of the Council's own Licensing Policy, namely,

Regarding, Suggested hours for Town Centres in the Licensing Policy, page 22

I see that the Council's own suggested hours, on page 22, for Town Centres are:

Monday through Thursdays closing at 23:00

Friday and Saturday closing at 01:00

Sunday closing at 00:00, midnight.

Regarding suggested hours for 'Mixed use areas' vs 'Town Centres'

I would point out that there are residential flats above all the shops in this parade of shops and residences across as well as the Jerdan Place residences in the newer residential buildings which one can see from this very shop.

The Licensing Policy suggests on page 22 for areas more in the direction of what is called 'mixed use', earlier hours for Late Night Refreshment of

Monday through Thursday, closing at 23:00

Friday and Saturday, closing at 00:30

Sunday closing at 23:30

The longer hours requested by the Applicant and even the somewhat compromised longer hours discussed between the Applicant and the Police will exacerbate an already very concerning situation in and around Fulham Broadway.

As a former councillor for this very area, I ask the Committee to take into consideration the crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour, noise, nuisance and general public safety directly in front of 607 Fulham Road as well as along the pavements and in Fulham Road itself where people spill into Fulham Road because of overcrowding on the pavement.

Based on everything I have covered above, as well as all the very valid and real concerns brought forward by residents, it is clear why The Environmental Noise and Nuisance Responsible Authority has rightly upheld their objection to this Application.

Because the current hours allowed on the current licence 2021/00123/LAPR already exceed the suggested hours of the Licensing Authority, and with all the unfortunate crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour and otherwise going on around this Premises and this section of Fulham Road, and the fact that the Environmental Noise Nuisance officers have upheld their objection to this Application, I request the Committee to reject the application.

Belinda Donovan

Representative for H&F to the Met Police Command and Control Call Center ('MetCC')

Former Councillor for Town Ward

Former Mayor of Hammersmith and Fulham

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