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Dear Ms Lea,

I am writing in relation to the Licensing Application for Simmons Bar, 374 North End Road, Fulham, London, SW6 1LY (2022/01370/LAPR).

Constituents have contacted me with their concerns about the extension of opening hours to 01:30h and that the sale of alcohol could possibly be extended to 01:00h on certain nights of the week.

Local residents are very concerned about the potential increase in anti-social behaviour, nuisance and disturbance which would be caused by the sale of alcohol on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday being extended from 23:45h to 01:00h and opening times being extended from 00:00h to 01:30h; which is well into the early hours of the morning. It has been highlighted to me that this would be against the suggested closing times for bars in mixed use areas as set out in the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham Statement of Licensing Policy 2022 – 2027.

Specifically, residents who live in the nearby vicinity of the bar such as Barclay Road, have expressed their apprehensiveness about more late-night licenses in their local community. Anti-social behaviour like noise and disorder is already a problem in these residential streets and my constituents are rightly concerned about a potential increase with a late-night licence being approved.

I trust that you will take the concerns of my constituents regarding this application into consideration.

Yours sincerely,

The Rt Hon Greg Hands MP

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