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Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 10:19 PM

To: Licensing HF: H&F <licensing@lbhf.gov.uk>

Subject: Reference 2023/01824/LAPR

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28th November 2023

Re: Application for a New License Premises at 80-82 Goldhawk Road

Reference: 2023/01824/LAPR

Dear Ms Lorna McKenna,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the application for a new license premises at 80-82 Goldhawk Road. I would like to bring to your attention specific issues related to the proximity of this new application which has already been experienced by a similar premises at 78 Goldhawk Road, as well as broader community concerns and safety.

1. ****Noise Disturbances from Nearby Premises:****

It has come to my attention that the basement of the nearby premises at 78 Goldhawk Road has been operational and continues to run, contributing to ongoing noise disturbances, particularly on certain days, with ongoing drumming. This existing issue raises concerns about the cumulative impact of noise in the area if another licensed premises were to be approved, especially with the license approval for the sale of alcohol.

2. ****Building Structure and Vibrations:****

The building at 80-82 Goldhawk Road is known to be old, and the structure may be susceptible to vibrations. Given that vibrations can be felt throughout the building, including sound transmission, approving a license for a restaurant at this location could exacerbate the noise issues already experienced by residents like myself.

3. ****Concerns for Fire Safety:****

I am concerned about the fire safety measures in place for the proposed premises. There is no information available regarding the installation of necessary safety features, such as vents, windows, and emergency exits. This lack of information raises significant concerns about the safety of the premises, especially in the event of a fire or other emergencies. I do not see how a restaurant can

function from a basement level and concerns me a lot for my own safety.

4. **No Application for On-Site Cooking Facilities:**

There is a notable absence of information regarding on-site cooking facilities in the application. It is crucial to ensure that proper measures, such as vents and windows, are in place to address the potential hazards associated with on-site cooking. The absence of this information raises concerns about the safety and well-being of both patrons and the surrounding community.

5. **Increase in Public Nuisance:**

The surrounding area has recently experienced an increase in people urinating behind premises, particularly in the car parking area adjacent to 80A-82A Goldhawk Road entrances to the flats and alleyway. This activity not only creates an offensive smell but also contributes to the degradation of the neighborhood environment.

6. **Safety Concerns in Alleyways:**

The alleyway near the proposed premises, especially during the night, is not consistently well-lit, raising safety concerns for residents and pedestrians. Insufficient lighting may contribute to an unsafe environment, affecting the overall well-being of those using the alleyway.

7. **Loitering and Personal Safety:**

It concerns me that people tend to loiter outside my own home, which has a step on my door. As a woman residing in the premises, I feel vulnerable when entering or exiting my home, especially during the evening hours. The presence of loiterers poses a potential threat to personal safety and adds to the discomfort of residents in the immediate vicinity.

In light of these seven concerns, it is imperative that the licensing authority carefully considers the broader impact of approving a license for a new premises at 80-82 Goldhawk Road. The cumulative effects of noise, structural vulnerabilities, fire safety risks, public nuisance, safety issues in poorly lit areas, and the vulnerability of residents, particularly women, need to be thoroughly addressed to ensure the well-being and safety of the community.

I appreciate your attention to these matters and urge you to prioritize the safety and quality of life for residents in your decision-making process.

Yours Sincerely,



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 7:28 PM
To: Licensing HF: H&F <licensing@lbhf.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: 2023/01824/LAPR

Dear Ms McKenna,

Please see the letter I have written to you below objecting to the above license application for your attention.

Many thanks,

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[REDACTED] 2023/01824/LAPR

Dear Ms Lorna McKenna,

I am writing to object to the late licence refreshment of Gilass Vibes at 80-82 Goldhawk Road.

The off licence and food store on the ground floor will open at 8.00am which is very early to be selling alcohol. We already have a drink and drug problem in this area. This attraction of early opening will only make things worse.

Many children walk to school along the Goldhawk Road and it's really not nice to encounter this hostile environment. The off licence and food store plans to open until 12:30am at weekends and until 11:30pm weekdays. This is when all shops are shut. So, this in itself will attract late night drinking on the pavement

outside my flat which will cause noise and may lead to disorder. I fear when I'm coming home late at night having to negotiate my way past people as I try to get home safely.

The restaurant has an open seating area. Will this be for music ? There is only a stud wall between [REDACTED] and at the moment I can hear workmen talking (builders) and playing the radio as if they are in the next room. This is because in the 30 years I have lived here the basement has never been used . It is a very old building which is not designed for this purpose. As there is no sound proofing etc the noise travels and it will mean I will not be able to function as normal in my own home.

The application states outside drinking with no further clarification. I think that this will mean that there will be tables and chairs on the pavement underneath my flat which I think is unacceptable. Also, where is the designated smoking area for the restaurant ?

We have had a very bad experience living next door to a basement restaurant refreshment venue which went on to the early hours with thumping music drums. Even when we asked that music be turned down it never was, and it was often denied even having any music on in the first place. There was often arguing and fighting on the street outside our windows, making it impossible to sleep. One bad incident led to someone being badly injured. The police and ambulance were called out and the road was taped off. Which indicates the severity of the incident. The shops were unable to trade on the Saturday daytime as staff and customers were not able to enter the cornered off area to enter the shop premises. So, this is why it fills me with fear that this could happen again; this time it is right underneath me and not next door. Every shop in this block has residents above ; it is multiple occupants so many people will be affected.

Lastly, I really do fear that there might be a fire. It worries me a lot. In my opinion there doesn't seem to be adequate fire exits. Please don't let it be another tragedy waiting to happen. I don't feel that we are a late-night destination like other parts of the borough.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2023 6:40 PM
To: Licensing HF: H&F <licensing@lbhf.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: 2023/01824/LAPR

F.A.O Ms Lorna McKenna,

Dear Ms McKenna,

Please see the attachment below. This is a letter I have written which gives grounds for opposing the above licensing application.

Many thanks,

Louisa Kemp

[REDACTED]
Mobile number: [REDACTED]

Email

RE: 2023/01824/LAPR

Dear Ms Lorna McKenna,

I am writing to make a representation to object to a licence application (2023/01824/LAPR). The name of the applicant is Mr Minasie Ghebremariam and he is applying for a licence at 80-82 Goldhawk Road and the name of the business establishment is called Gilass Vibes.

As follows:

1. I object to the sale of alcohol early morning from 8.00am and the sale of alcohol until the early hours of the morning until 23:30 on a Monday-Thursday and at 00:30 on a Friday and Saturday. This is because within the vicinity of where I live at [REDACTED] there is a growing

social problem of drinking alcohol in public (I have seen people drink alcohol on the bench in the garden area near the children's playground of the William Church council flats opposite, as well as drug addicts smoking heroin near the bins opposite within the William Church estate. By serving alcohol outside the time frame of the local supermarket Sainsburys in Goldhawk Rd I believe would exasperate the problem. At the moment certain people seem attracted to the area because of the visibility of street drinking and drug taking. Outside of my flat I have witnessed what looks like drug deals taking place (I have seen money being exchanged).

2. By serving alcohol very early in the morning I believe would encourage alcoholics to use this service. Serving alcohol early morning and in the early hours is not a necessity. Outside my front door I often witness people urinating in the corner next to the two shared use parking bays, and my partner has reported this to the police because people were taking crack and heroin outside my front door (case number CAD6515/27 June 2023). We have both had to step over drug addicts in order to get into our front door and have been met with aggressive and threatening behaviour. A couple of doors down from our flat there is a family that has small children. I don't think it is socially and morally acceptable for children to see drug taking and the drinking of alcohol in front of their very eyes. Thus, the sale of alcohol during early morning and late at night would I believe increase the existing social problem of drinking and lead to other unacceptable behaviour which would be a bad influence on children at such any early age. I think it is necessary to protect children from a harmful environment and believe that the council has a duty of care as part of safe - guarding.
3. A) I believe that if this license application is passed allowing the sale of alcohol outside the established time frame of most supermarkets, that this could threaten public safety. Certain people, mainly I believe alcoholics would be able to queue up and buy alcohol. I have in the past left my flat early in the morning to catch the bus number 94 and have been followed to the bus stop by a heroin addict demanding money for their next fix. As a woman I find this behaviour both unacceptable and not something I should have to put up with. I feel that my personal safety would be threatened by those that become intoxicated with alcohol.

B) The operation of a restaurant in the basement also concerns me. I am very worried about possible unsafe practices of cooking food in a basement. This is because a basement normally is a confined space that does not seem very accessible or suitable for cooking; being a basement it is at the very bottom of the structure of flats which I am living in. There would surely have to be adequate ventilation, windows and fire exits. I am very worried that my home would be at risk of catching fire and my life would be endangered as well as that of my partner, and my next -door neighbour and residents whose flats are attached together. Even with adequate fire regulations I would be worried that say a deep fat fryer was left on overnight. This is a possible health and safety issue which could very well happen.

4. As a result of serving alcohol early morning and late at night I am anxious that this may increase the volume of noise outside my flat. The provision of the late-night refreshment both indoors (as seen in the planned operation of the basement floor restaurant) and outdoors, I believe is going to cause a massive public nuisance to me and the surrounding community. It is going to prevent me sleeping and thereby infringe on my human right to sleep. I am a chef and I have to get up at 5:00am Monday to Friday and I will not be able to get a good night sleep due to a) the noise from the restaurant, the noise from the drunks buying alcohol late at night and c) from the sale of alcohol off the premises. Also, to sell alcohol outside the business establishment would suggest seating arrangements need to be made which would suggest seating on a public pavement where there is no space and would create a health and safety issue with disabled people (wheel- chair users), push chairs and pedestrian's.

It is ironic that any pub you step foot in within the boundary of Hammersmith & Fulham seems to respect their neighbours. For example, at the Queens Head pub in Brook Green you are not allowed to sit outside in the garden after 10pm in case you upset the neighbours. It is simply unfair and biased if such an alcohol licence goes ahead in favour of a more affluent part of the neighbourhood at the expense of a poorer more deprived part of the borough being Shepherds Bush.

Gilass Vibes proposes to operate three businesses out of 80-82 Goldhawk Rd. The barbers shop I do not object to. This is a needed public service. However, it is simply not necessary to have a off licence serving alcohol during a time when residents expect a quiet environment to live. It is not needed. This street is quite during the early hours of the morning and late at night. We are not a nightclub

destination. By having this establishment operate both as an off license and restaurant and outside drinking area during socially inconvenient times will affect my mental and physical health. I will be forced to move, and the area will become an urban outer London ghetto.

At the back of 80-82 Goldhawk Rd a backdoor has been cut out of the wall. People will be congregating down the passageway directly outside my front door, smoking, drinking, talking and inevitably creating noise. In addition, there is no sound proofing between my home and the restaurant basement as the basement has never been used before in over 30 years. There is a stud wall in my hall between me and the basement. I will hear all the noise of people talking and background music as if I was in the restaurant myself.

There is an African food restaurant operating out of number 78 Goldhawk Road. In the past I have had to ring the council to complain about the noise of drumming taking place in the early hours of the morning. The location of this business is further way from my flat than Gilass Vibes and I could still hear the vibrations from the drumming. In comparison, Gilass Vibes will be operating 3 businesses directly under my home so the noise will be excruciating. It will be a totally unacceptable level of noise that a human being would not be able to tolerate. This D'Afrik restaurant (which previously traded as Zula) had in the past a serious incident outside where the police were called, and the area was shut off with police tape. Therefore, I believe that letting Gilass Vibes operate as a late night and early morning drinking venue would lead indirectly to the same sorts of problems.

I wish to conclude that my reasons for objecting to the proposed license application are that such a move would be dangerous for me as a woman and also to the immediate surrounding community. I have to leave early for work when it is dark and I do not want to encounter people with addictions chasing me for money which, as I have previously mentioned in this representation, has happened in the past. This is not acceptable behaviour that I should have to endure on a daily basis when leaving my flat to go to work.

I am also very anxious that I will not be able to sleep due to the noise generated. This sleep deprivation will affect my mental and physical health. My flat may be at risk from a fire due to the restaurant operating in the basement. As a chef,

I think this is a totally unacceptable, inappropriate and would go so far as to say possibility negligent choice of location in which to operate a professional functional kitchen.

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 4:09 PM

To: Licensing HF: H&F <licensing@lbhf.gov.uk>

Subject: Ref: 2023/01824/LAPR

Dear Hammersmith and Fulham Licensing department,

I am writing to formally object to the application reference 2023/01824/LAPR submitted by Mr Minasie Ghebremariam- Gilass Vibes-80-82 Goldhawk Road, London, W12 8HA, under the licensing grounds of the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance, and the protection of children from harm. I believe that granting the sale of alcohol license, Restaurant and late night refreshment poses significant risks to the community and contradicts the objectives of maintaining public order and safety.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder:

The location of Goldhawk Road, London, W12 8HA is already challenged by the presence of existing restaurants; pub and food shops. Just last week there were 5 police cars outside the road/shops. This area has a history of criminal activity, and granting alcohol sales may exacerbate the existing problems and contribute to an increase in crime and disorder, posing a threat to the safety and well-being of the community. This will also increase individuals using the passageway behind the shop as a public toilet and littering on the streets and incorrect disposal of rubbish causing an environmental welfare attracting animals in the area. The persistent issue of littering and rubbish in the area is disheartening. Maintaining a clean and safe neighbourhood is essential for our families, and introducing an alcohol license may exacerbate the littering problems we currently face.

Alcohol can be a significant contributory factor to levels of crime and disorder in an area promoting, overcrowding- attract larger than usual crowds promoting violent, aggressive followers, rival gangs or other crime activities, customers being drunk or under the influence of drugs results in theft, conflict, violence and anti-social behaviour.

Public Safety:

Allowing the sale of alcohol at 80-82 Goldhawk Road, London, W12 8HA could compromise public safety. The potential for alcohol-related incidents, such as fights, disturbances, and intoxicated patrons, creates an unsafe environment for residents and visitors. This goes against the principle of promoting public safety within the community. On this Road there are enough pubs and restaurants that people can enjoy and off licence to buy alcohol.

There will be an increase of double parking on our roads further compounds safety concerns for both drivers and pedestrians, including our children who travel the same route. It creates traffic congestion, hindering the smooth flow of vehicles and posing potential hazards.

Prevention of Public Nuisance:

The sale of alcohol and Late-Night opening hours is likely to result in public nuisance issues, such as noise disturbances, public intoxication, and disruption of the peace. These factors can have a

detrimental impact on the quality of life for nearby residents and businesses, as well as create an unwelcome environment for families and pedestrians. The persistent problem of restaurants opening late and playing loud music beyond trading hours disrupts the peace and tranquillity of our neighbourhood. Hearing music under our pillows at crazy hours significantly diminishes our overall quality of life.

Protection of Children from Harm:

The close proximity of this premises there are two children's learning and a secondary high school which raises serious concerns about the potential exposure of children to alcohol-related activities. High traffic of children walks on this road and via the passageway by themselves even late at night. Posing alcohol c. We need to protect our children from harmful activities and not to expose them to illegal substances. As a parent, having to call the police three times this year due to public nuisance issues because myself and children cannot get out of our front door and my children are scared to come home on their own have heightens concerns about the safety and security of our community, particularly our children. Granting an alcohol license to this establishment may undermine efforts to protect children from the harmful effects of alcohol consumption and set an inappropriate example for young members of the community.

In light of these concerns, I urge the Licensing Authority to carefully consider the potential negative consequences associated with granting an alcohol license to Gilass Vibes-80-82 Goldhawk Road, London, W12 8HA. I believe that such a decision would be detrimental to the overall well-being and safety of the community.

I kindly request that my objections be taken into account during the review process for the alcohol license application.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

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