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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2024 3:06 PM

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**Subject:** 2024/01401/LAPRR by the Metropolitan Police of the McGettigan's current licence 2023/00272/LAPR

**From:** Barclay Road Conservation Area Neighbourhood Watch

**To:** H&F Licensing

cc: Walham Green Ward Councillors

**deadline** for comments 18 Sept for 2 Oct hearing:

**2024/01401/LAPRR Review Application by the Metropolitan Police of the McGettigan's current licence 2023/00272/LAPR**

Dear Licensing,

We write to support the licensing Review 2024/01401/LAPRR by the Metropolitan Police of the McGettigan's Public House's current licence 2023/00272/LAPR.

As local residents we are very concerned about the unfortunate state of three key licensed premises in our Fulham Broadway Town Centre;

- 1) McGettigan's,
- 2) the now former Redback (sold, then quickly closed; then into receivership, then squatters, and more) and
- 3) the Broadway Bar and Grill (continues to be temporarily closed).

For the Committee's information, we are very alarmed by the increased crime and disorder around us. As well, there is increased concern about public safety. The cumulative impact of all this is having a very negative effect on residents as well as businesses in the immediate Fulham Broadway area with its neighbouring residential properties.

Regarding McGettigan's, we are especially concerned about the welfare of female customers, as well as Premises Licence Holders who seem to take a frighteningly casual, and thus possibly quite dangerous approach to protecting their customers—this is a public safety issue directly relating to one of the four licensing objectives. Security staff turning away the Police, as described in the Review Application is unacceptable to us, as

neighbours. We count on the system of privately engaged SIA—approved security officers to be our neighborhoods eyes and ears, specifically in and around the Premises that they are ‘guarding’. This does not seem to be the case at McGettigan’s and we wonder who is actually reporting the lax attitude of the SIA security guards on duty that night—they turned away the police with casual comments-- to the agency who supplied the SIA security guards on the evening in question. This should be pursued by someone or some authority. We cannot ask questions at hearings, but we hope that this specific concern is addressed at the hearing by a Responsible Authority.

Our Council Leader Mr Cowan has proclaimed many times, through many initiatives, that women must feel safe in our borough and especially in our three Town Centres. This was certainly not the case at McGettigan’s, as described in the Review Application. Fulham Broadway needs a positive reputation for not only women who live in the area and frequent our local pubs, but also women who visit the area for a meal, a drink, a night out. Leader Cowan insists, and we support his efforts that women must be convinced that Fulham Broadway is safe, very safe.

This Review is the opportunity for the H&F Licensing Committee to take a proactive approach, to consider closure of the Premises for a time, and to require better management practices at McGettigan’s, and if any capacity is available, for police to proactively make spot checks directly at the venue. We support the Police and thank them for calling this official Review of the McGettigan’s premises licence.

If nothing else, the CCTV operation at McGettigan’s needs possible updating or at least the lenses of the cameras cleaned on a regular basis so that the muddy footage reported in the Review Application is not a hinderance to Police in the future.

Residents are also concerned about the growing drug trade that is simple to observe directly outside of McGettigan’s; just stand across the street for 10 minutes late at night. This includes observing handoffs between those standing in front of McGettigan’s, either smoking or chatting, or just waiting, and delivery scooter drivers who park outside McGettigan’s (on double yellow lines/the highway). As well, neighbouring roads are experiencing an increase in the number of drug deals witnessed, especially very late in the evening; the police are well aware of these problems with many reports filed by residents, photos given to police, vehicle registration numbers given to police etc.

As further background, we would ask the Committee to consider the cumulative impact in the immediate area of crime and disorder at pubs around us and inside premises such as

McGettigan's. A holistic view is needed. Consideration of Cumulative Impact, as clearly set out in the H&F Licensing Policy 2022-27 allows for the Committee to consider this Review in the context of Cumulative Impact in this area of Fulham Broadway, ie on a case by case basis.

One pub (Broadway Bar & Grill) shut down in late 2023, reopened around Christmas but closed again and immediately attracted squatters. Owners Stonegate have taken back the license and have also been granted a shadow licence recently.

Another pub/club (The Redback) closed in March 2024 (RedCat pub group went into partial administration 28 March 2024) only to be stormed by illegal Unlicensed Music Events (UME), as well as squatters on 5/6/7 April. The Police led a operation by Neighbourhoods officers, Response officers and Territorial Support Group with three vans and 21 officers on 13 April 2024 at 21:00 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to stop a further UME using Criminal Justice & Public Order Act 1994 power under Sec 63 to 65, recommending on the scene a S.35 to assist with moving the attendees away from the area, deter them returning to the venue to resume the UME and reduce crime based on the UME from the previous weekend.

From the 18 April 2024 a police-initiated Magistrate's closure order was in place for three months from mid-April, at the former Redback, 490-492 Fulham Road.

The lease has reverted back to the freeholder Ilona Investments with whom residents have been in direct contact regarding the poor state of the building facade, requiring netting to catch falling masonry etc—a public safety issue that apparently no authority is required or empowered to properly address.

In summary, we support tonight's Review Application of McGettigan's Public House especially as it relates to Police efforts to reduce crime and disorder in our immediate area. We also emphasise the grave public safety concerns that this Application raises regarding the safety of women in our immediate neighbourhood. We thank the Committee for their consideration of the cumulative impact that these problems create around us. McGettigan's is smack in the middle of Fulham Broadway; what goes on there has either negative or positive implications for our Fulham Broadway neighbourhood.

Thank you for your attention to these very important matters for residents in and directly around Fulham Broadway.

For and on behalf of Barclay Road Conservation Area Neighbourhood Watch

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2024 10:20 AM  
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**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** McGettigan premises Licence Review 2024/01401/LAPRR

Dear Lorna

I write in my capacity as [REDACTED] of the Fulham Island Residents' Association and on behalf of all the residents of Fulham Island.

Fulham Island comprises 32 flats, which are members of the Association, and a further 8 flats in Albion House (fronting Vanston Place), which are not part of the Association. We have approximately 80 residents ranging in age from 92 to 6 years of age, not including those in Albion House.

The Fulham Island site is bounded by two pedestrianised roads: Jerdan Place, Vanston Place and, to a degree Farm Lane as there is no through access on Farm Lane.

It is a very short walk from Fulham Broadway and, inevitably, both Jerdan Place and Vanston Place are used as cut-throughs from Fulham Broadway to North End Road and beyond.

We write to support the licensing Review 2024/01401/LAPRR by the Metropolitan Police of the McGettigan's current licence 2023/00272/LAPR, and wish to register our interest in the outcome of the Polices' review of the Licence to serve alcohol on the premises at 1 Fulham Broadway SW6 1AA.

We read the report from the police officer, PC Nicole Sandh (2438AW), with dismay. The police review report suggests that there is a total lack of engagement between the owner and resident manager of McGettigans and the local police, resulting in unacceptable behaviour both inside and outside the premises being totally disregarded by those in charge. This puts both customers, especially women, and the general public at risk.

The lack of supervision, records of incidents and liaison with the police is disturbing. And in direct contravention of their Licence: 2023/02072/LAPR.

Fulham Broadway presents many issues concerning drugs and alcohol abuse and this is exacerbated by the main public house in the local area seemingly totally ignoring their licence conditions.

It is very important that licensed establishments, wherever they are, conform to the local Councils' conditions, and we ask that those that do not, in the case of McGettigans, are severely reprimanded. Their non-conformity affects the safety of every local resident.

Unfortunately I am on holiday on the 2nd of October but would like to nominate [REDACTED] to speak on my behalf at the Licence review hearing.

Please would you acknowledge receipt of this email.

Yours

[REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 17/09/2024 5:45 PM from [REDACTED].

### Application Summary

Address: McGettigan's Fulham 1 Fulham Broadway London SW6 1AA

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Proposal: Premises Licence Review

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Case Officer: Ms Lorna McKenna

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### Customer Details

Name: [REDACTED]

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Email:

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Address: [REDACTED]

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### Comments Details

Commenter Type: Residents Group

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Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Licensing Application

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Reasons for comment:

Comments: 17/09/2024 5:45 PM We welcome this application for a Licensing review 2024/01401/LAPRR by the Metropolitan Police of the McGettigan's current licence 2023/00272/LAPR. We are in no doubt that if the Police feel a discussion is warranted then there should be a review with possible new restrictions or conditions put in place following such.

Vanston Place Management Company, of which [REDACTED], looks after the interests of all residents of our building. We have a wide range of around 100 residents from babies to the elderly, families and singletons. Safety is high on our Agenda and the security of the building is something that all residents take seriously.

Our building is in Vanston Place, which leads into the Broadway at the junction close to McGettigans, so are very aware of disturbances in the

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vicinity particularly at night as they often spill out in our neighbouring streets.

We find that the case identified by the police in this application worrying as it clearly shows the safeguards currently in place to prevent Crime and Disorder are not working. It also highlights that the current system for applications for TEN's is not functioning as it should. We therefore welcome the advice of the Police on these matters and look forward to hearing their suggestions to make Fulham Broadway as safer place for all our residents.

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2024 3:21 PM

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**Subject:** Deadline 18 Sept: Support of Licence hearing and Licensing review 2024/01401/LAPRR by the Metropolitan Police of the McGettigan's current license 2023/00272/LAPR.

Dear Lorna,

### **Premises License Review**

**McGettigan's Fulham 1 Fulham Broadway London SW6 1AA**

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### **SUPPORT**

I have just been timed-out on the LBHF website and so am making my representation by email before dashing to a meeting. Please acknowledge receipt.

I fully welcome and support this application for licensing review 2024/01401/LAPRR by the Metropolitan Police of the McGettigan's current license 2023/00272/LAPR. I have lived at this address for 24 years and in the last 5-10 years have witnessed the cumulative impact of a significant increase in violence, danger to life, drug related crime, ASB, increased nuisance, crime and disorder generally, threats and dangers to and harassment of women of all ages and people intimidated to turn a blind eye both at McGettigans and similar venues nearby. The area (a crime hotspot) is intensely residential with many schools and public amenities, so I completely share the concerns of the Police.

This case is appalling and frightening. Concerns include ineffective or no conditions on the license, poor CCTV coverage and safeguards, weak (possibly dishonest) management, inexperienced and young (often terrified) staff, pressure on staff to cover-up and not report issues (to avoid poor or negative social media reviews and because they need to protect themselves), insufficient assessments, too many TENs easily granted for late night and extended hours which are harder to police when resources are already stretched, no contribution to the community from the site operators to engage with residents to address concerns and promote real safety initiatives. This is a real opportunity to set a gold standard or benchmark against which all other site owners, operators and license applicants can and should be measured. Surely that is good for the police, LBHF,

residents, women, parents, visitors to the area, the elderly, disabled, the emergency services and businesses who want to grow and thrive etc. Visible, real and recorded enforcement, accountability and compliance will reassure all stakeholders.

Thank you.



**From:** [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Licensing review 2024/01401/LAPRR by the Metropolitan Police of the McGettigan's current licence 2023/00272/LAPR.

This is sent in case my earlier email did not find you.

I welcome this application for a Licensing review 2024/01401/LAPRR by the Metropolitan Police of the McGettigan's current licence 2023/00272/LAPR.

The need for this review is worrying as it clearly shows the safeguards currently in place to prevent Crime and Disorder are not working. It also highlights that the current system for applications for TEN's is not functioning as it should.

I therefore welcome the advice of the Police on these matters and look forward to hearing their suggestions to make Fulham Broadway as safer place for all our residents and especially women.

Regards

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