# **Objector - 51 Epirus Road London**

From: Sent: 05 October 2025 15:29

To: Tucker Matt: H&F < Matt. Tucker@lbhf.gov.uk>

Subject: Subject: Additional Evidence for Inclusion in Agenda Pack – Amigos

Application 352 North end Rd/2025/01088/LAPR

Dear Matt,

I'm writing to share further evidence in support of my Representation opposing Amigos' application to extend their operating hours beyond 23:00 for serving and delivering hot food.

Please include this email, along with the thread below, in the Agenda Pack for the upcoming 14 October hearing.

In particular, I'd like to draw attention to my email, dated 1st October 2025 to Councillor Umah, attached below. In it, we express our deep concern about the recent and very troubling escalation of crime and anti-social behaviour in the North End Road Market area.

This incident prompted the Met Police to issue a 48-hour Section 35 Dispersal Order, a serious measure, not taken lightly, and one that required swift coordination from Inspector Hayes to help de-escalate tensions among the young people involved, some as young as 12 to 15.

I understand you'll be finalizing the Agenda Pack shortly, so I'm sending this now to ensure it reaches you first thing Monday morning, 6 October.

With many thanks and best wishes,

51 Epirus Rd

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From:

To: mercy.umeh@lbhf.gov.uk

Sent: Wednesday, October 1st 2025, 23:32

Subject: To: Members of the Hammersmith & Fulham Licensing Committee From: Very

Concerned Residents of the North End Road Neighbourhood

We are writing to you to follow up on concerns, previously shared with Mr Adrian Overton, (letter Attached) in your capacity as a member of the H&F Licensing Committee and to share our lived reality.

We represent residents from the North End Road neighbourhood, 23 residential roads branching off North End Road between the Fulham Road Roundabout and the Lillie Road Roundabout.

We are deeply concerned about **escalating crime and public safety issues**, particularly at the southern end of North End Road and directly in Haldane Road.

These incidents **have not been covered by the media**, but public information has been shared by the Metropolitan Police via the MetEngage website.

We include below the Section 35 Dispersal Notice, the MAP PDF for Met Cad number 2922/26SEP25, and links to relevant announcements for both Lillie Ward and Walham Green Ward, including the mapped dispersal zone:

Section 35 Dispersal Order – Fulham Area

We are writing to ensure you have direct, first-hand testimony from residents about what is truly happening in our neighbourhood—not just over the past two weeks, but stretching back months and years. The situation reached a critical point on Saturday, 20 September 2025.

#### Public Safety Deteriorating Across North End Road and Its 23 Residential Offshoots

We want you to be acutely aware of the recent, frighteningly dangerous youth-led attack on residents of Haldane Road that marked a turning point.

Around 8pm, disorder escalated rapidly. Despite repeated 999 calls, there was no timely police response. Neighbours were left to manage the situation alone—some physically at risk, many frightened, and all deeply unsettled.

This incident, and others leading up to it, are documented in live WhatsApp chats. Residents used these chats to warn, support, and protect each other in real time. It was a stark reminder that enforcement on paper does not always translate to protection on the ground.

#### The details:

## Saturday 20 September – Fireworks Used as Weapons

Around 8pm, a group of very young youths—aged 12 to 15—began daring each other to use 'Gatlin'-type firework bazookas to "gun down" residents, vehicles, and front doors. LET officers, who were informed by key residents who are almost every day in contact with the H&F LET's Ian Harper by email (only way to reach the LET in real time) replied by email that the Police would need to intervene.

When Met Police officers eventually arrived, they told several Haldane Road residents that there was nothing they could do to confront or curtail the dangerous and possibly life-threatening activity of these 15-20 youths.

One resident filmed a conversation with the manager of MacDonald's, which the youths were using as a base. The MacDonald's manager confirmed she had finally called the Police, several times over the last few days and on that very evening of 20 Sept, despite MacDonald's not having a policy to do so. Our Ward Panel Chair was present during this exchange and one can hear her speaking with the manager, one blond haired youth telling all to f-off etc.

#### Tuesday 23 September - Emergency Meeting Called by Our MP

In response to the escalating disorder, our MP convened an emergency meeting with the Metropolitan Police at St John's Church on Walham Green. Forty-five residents attended. Inspector Clive Hayes heard direct testimony from residents who pleaded for meaningful action after years of unchecked problems—many centred around McDonald's at the corner of Haldane and North End Road.

At this MP/Met Police emergency meeting, Residents described a slow but steady escalation over the past 18 months:

- Youths playing "challenges" to kick in every door on Haldane Road
- Threats against mothers with children
- Repeated intimidation of Haldane's oldest resident (aged 82+)
- Even worse...

### Friday 26 September – Section 35 Dispersal Order Issued

Met Sargent put a plan in place after his meeting with residents, during which he admitted to watching himself 40 videos sent into the Met/him by residents etc.

Thankfully, Inspector Hayes has put a plan in place for the next six weeks from Fri 26 Sept through 5 Nov/Guy Fawkes bonfire night.

A **Section 35 dispersal order** was enacted for 48 hours from Friday 26 September 2026, covering all of Lillie Ward and most of Walham Green Ward. Active patrols from the Met and LET were visible from 6pm on Friday and Saturday. Residents witnessed officers proactively engaging with youths aged 12–15—the very age group often described as "untouchable by law." Youths were verbally told to disperse etc

#### What We Ask of You

We urge you to take this testimony seriously. Licensing decisions have real consequences for public safety. We ask that you:

- Consider the lived experience of residents around this part of Morth End Road when deciding about fresh applications for new licences and or variations of existing licences around lower North End Road/Fulham Broadway.
- Re-examine the role of late-night venues and fast-food outlets as smack in the middle of persistent crime and disorder hot spots. Can conditions on a license under the 2093 Licensing Act realistically assist the applicants around us to 'prevent crime and disorder'? We believe and many of us know that the answer is 'no'.
- Encourage a scheme of pro-active licensing enforcement, working with residents who know where the problems are in real time.
- During licensing hearings, take your Policy 4 into sincere consideration.

  Cumulative Impact of licensed premises around us is pulling down our North

  End Road neighbourhood and making it more dangerous.

We are not asking for punitive measures. We are asking for accountability, transparency, and a licensing framework that protects residents as well as businesses.

Thank you for your attention and for your commitment to our North End Road community's well-being.

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