

Dear Ms Taylor

I write with regard to the application by Miss Tanem Dijoshkun for a premises licence in respect of the above trading premises made so as to enable late night refreshment to be provided between 23.00 and 05.00 each Friday and Saturday night. My understanding is that the application is for a time-limited licence for 12 months. I also understand that the premises currently operate between 08.00 and 18.00 each day of the week under a street trading licence.

Having considered the application and the ongoing dialogue that has taken place between the applicant and the licensing police office, I would wish to lodge a representation on behalf of the local licensing authority under the prevention of public nuisance and public safety licensing objectives. My concerns are that

- The operation of the premises for late night refreshment has the potential to cause nuisance to local residents in nearby Waverley Gardens and Craven Gardens. The premises is intended to attract trade generated through the night by the local late licensed shisha bar and premises further afield. In doing so it will provide a focus point where people meet, eat and socialise. Operating through the night the likelihood that some of the customers may be under the influence of alcohol is heightened.
- Public safety concerns are raised by the premises location close to a T junction on River Road. There is little designated space for customers to congregate without risk of them gathering in the road making themselves vulnerable to passing traffic.

The current situation is further complicated by the Government's Covid-19 operating restrictions which currently prevent premises providing food and drink, including take-away, from remaining open beyond 22.00 each night and customers from gathering in groups larger than six. It is not currently possible to provide licensable late night refreshment under the circumstances envisaged and indication has been given by the Government that these restrictions may remain in place for 6 months or more, which in itself limits the potential operation of this time-limited licence.

If we return to the position where the provision of late night refreshment is once again possible, I would wish to see an earlier terminal hour imposed on any licence granted until midnight only to restrict the impact on local residents. I would also wish to see the conditions discussed and agreed in principle between the applicant and the police licensing office to be imposed on any licence.

Regards

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