

# Licensing Sub Committee

**Tuesday, 9 July 2024 at 2.30 p.m.**  
**Council Chamber - Town Hall, Whitechapel**

## Supplemental Agenda

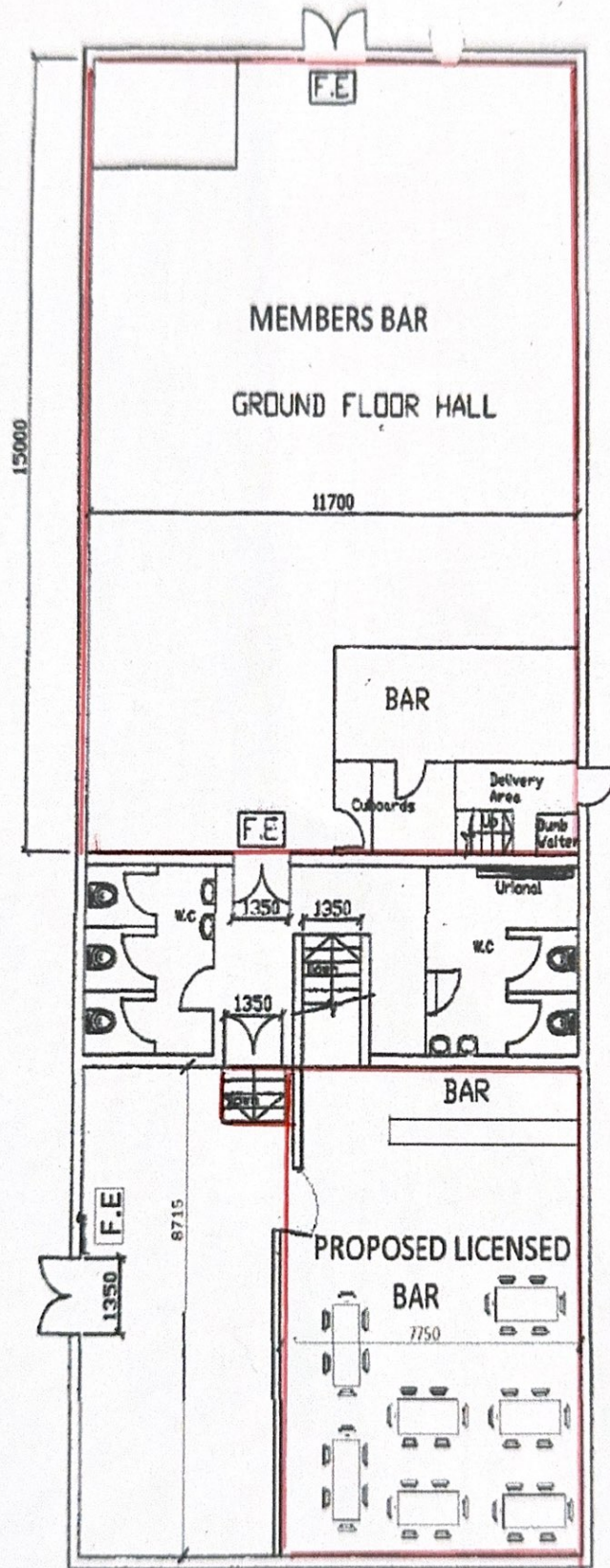
- 3 .1 Application for a New Premise Licence for Boro of Bethnal Green Working Men's Club 42-44 Pollard Row, London E2 6NB (Pages 3 - 4)**
- 3 .3 Application for a New Premises Licence for (Green Leaf), Unit 2 Vine Court, London E1 1JE (Pages 5 - 42)**

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# Agenda Item 3.3

## Mohshin Ali

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**From:** Lavine Miller-Johnson on behalf of Licensing  
**Sent:** 27 June 2024 11:33  
**To:** Mohshin Ali  
**Subject:** FW: Anti social Behaviour in Vine Court E1  
**Attachments:** IMG\_4159.heic; IMG\_4165.heic; IMG\_4169.heic; IMG\_4172.heic; IMG\_4174.heic; IMG\_4176.heic; IMG\_4178.heic

Kind Regards

### Lavine Miller-Johnson

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**From:** Benedict Langlands [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 27, 2024 12:28 AM  
**To:** Licensing <[Licensing@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing@towerhamlets.gov.uk)>; Edward Banford <[REDACTED]>  
Andrew Adebonojo <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Anti social Behaviour in Vine Court E1

Dear Mohshin, dear Edward, dear Andrew,

It is now 27 minutes past midnight.

The Chai Ghar Cafe in Vine Court is still trading, people are coming and going, and and there is a group of people sitting on the ground outside our house drinking tea and making a noise.

It is too late for us now. We need to rest. We have asked them politely to go home and let us sleep, but they are ignoring us.

You (The Council) must close these cafes down if they continue to trade outside their licence hours which are too late anyway.

You (The Council) can find them another place to trade where they do not disturb people.

Why are you allowing these people to ruin our lives?

Please help us.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Langlands and Nikki Bell



Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Benedict Langlands <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Anti social Behaviour in Vine Court E1  
**Date:** 26 June 2024 at 23:43:20 BST  
**To:** Mohshin Ali <[licensin@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:licensin@towerhamlets.gov.uk)>, Edward Banford <[REDACTED]> Andrew Adebonojo <[REDACTED]>

Dear Mohshin, Dear Edward, Dear Andrew,

It is Wednesday 26 June and we took the attached photos just now at 22:51 hours.

It is past 23:30 hours and the cafes in Vine Court are still trading.

Now it is 23:40 hours and there are still groups of people sitting around outside on the ground, eating, smoking, littering and making a noise.

It is too late. We can't rest because of the noise. We need to sleep.

These businesses and their patrons have made our life a misery since they were established here in Vine Court 11 years ago.

Because of this chaos we are hostage in our own homes and because of them and their activities we can not have visitors.

The cafe-takeaways and the bikers must be relocated by the council to a more suitable place where they can trade and congregate and not disturb the residents of Vine Court.

We want our homes and our life back

Yours sincerely,

Ben Langlands Nikki Bell





## Mohshin Ali

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**From:** Licensing  
**Sent:** 28 June 2024 10:54  
**To:** Mohshin Ali  
**Subject:** FW: Vine Court E1 1JH - Anti Social Behaviour 27-28 June.  
**Attachments:** IMG\_4875.heic; IMG\_4900.heic; IMG\_4891.heic; IMG\_4886.heic; IMG\_4888.heic

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**From:** Benedict Langlands <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 28, 2024 12:47 AM  
**To:** Licensing <Licensing@towerhamlets.gov.uk>; Edward Banford <[REDACTED]>; Andrew Adebonojo <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Vine Court E1 1JH - Anti Social Behaviour 27-28 June.

Dear Mohshin, Dear Edward, Dear Andrew,

It is after 24:30 hours, Thursday night / Friday morning, 27/28 June.

There is a still a crowd outside making a noise keeping us awake.

There are people going in and out of the Chai Ghar Cafe.

There is a car with it's engine running constantly and there are still motorbikes coming and going in Vine Court.

Why is this happening now? The very latest these cafes should be trading is 22:00 hours.

They should not have licenses for trading any later than 22:00 hours and these hours should be enforced.

The cafes should be closed down if they are still open at 22:01 hours

We need sleep. My wife is being treated for cancer she needs rest.

It is too late at night. These people shouldn't be here in the street making noise at this late hour.

They should have left Vine Court 2 1/2 hours ago.

Please see the attached photos taken at 24:17 hours.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Langlands











## Mohshin Ali

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**From:** Simmi Yesmin  
**Sent:** 01 July 2024 13:12  
**To:** Mohshin Ali  
**Subject:** FW: Vine Court - late night cafes - noise and disturbance - motorbikes and litter  
**Attachments:** IMG\_4203 2.heic; IMG\_4213 2.heic; IMG\_4207 2.heic; IMG\_4206 2.heic; IMG\_4218 2.heic; IMG\_4210 2.heic; IMG\_4195 2.heic; IMG\_4202 2.heic

Hi Mosh

Please see email

Kind regards

Simmi Yesmin  
Democratic Services Officer (Committees)

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**From:** Benedict Langlands [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 28, 2024 11:39 PM  
**To:** Licensing <[Licensing@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing@towerhamlets.gov.uk)>; Edward Banford <[REDACTED]>; Simmi Yesmin [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Andrew Adebonojo <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Vine Court - late night cafes - noise and disturbance - motorbikes and litter

Dear Mohshin, dear Edward, dear Simmi, dear Andrew,

It's nearly 23:30 at night on Friday 28 June and the noise and disturbance in Vine Court is terrible.

These crowds are attracted by the late trading cafe-takeaways.

Why do you allow these cafes to stay open so late and ruin the lives of everyone else who lives and works in Vine Court.

Why do we have to suffer the noise and the squalor that they cause.

You and your families could never live in these conditions.

We would not expect you to endure the anti social behaviour these cafe takeaways cause.

We pay our Council Tax same as you do.

Why are we expected to live with it?

Yours sincerely,

Ben & Nikki

Ben Langlands    Nikki Bell







## Mohshin Ali

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**From:** Licensing  
**Sent:** 02 July 2024 16:51  
**To:** Mohshin Ali  
**Subject:** FW: ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR - VINE COURT 30 JUNE3 2024  
**Attachments:** IMG\_4235.heic; IMG\_4252.heic; IMG\_4253.heic

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

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**From:** Nikki Bell <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 1, 2024 5:04 PM  
**To:** Simmi Yesmin <[REDACTED]>; Licensing <Licensing@towerhamlets.gov.uk>; Edward Banford <[REDACTED]>; Andrew Adebonojo <[REDACTED]>; Ayesha's world <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Fwd: ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR - VINE COURT 30 JUNE3 2024

Dear All, dear Simmi Yesmin,

Regarding the forthcoming Licensing Sub-Committee meeting that will be considering the application by the Green Leaf Cafe I am resending this email with photos that I sent you all on 30 June with CC to Simmi Yesmin as requested.

Please note that we ask that these night cafe-takeaways are closed or re-located to a more suitable place where their anti-social business activities do not disturb neighbouring residents and businesses.

The filth, noise, crime, and crowds of loiterers, and their anti-social activities that accompany their trading are not one-off events, they are continuous every night of the week and every week of the year.

It is intolerable to us and our neighbours that they continue trading with their current hours let alone any extended hours.

No amount of warnings by Council officials, no number of notices asking for peace and quiet and no litter, no number of pleas by neighbours, will have any effect.

All these appeals to common decency and reason will be ignored by them and their customers as they always have been in the past.

My wife and I have just received this email from Ayesha Aktar a mother with a child residing at [REDACTED] who has also had enough of the misery generated by these cafe-takeaways.

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*Dear Mr/Mrs,*

*I am writing to express my strong opposition to the application submitted by Green Leaf Cafe for extending their operating hours. As a resident of the local community, I have several concerns that I believe warrant your attention and consideration.*

***Impact on Quality of Life:***

*The extension of operating hours will likely lead to increased noise levels in the neighborhood, particularly during late hours. This will disturb the peace and quiet that residents currently enjoy and negatively impact our quality of life. As a parent, I am deeply concerned about the potential impact on my children's ability to sleep and rest. Noise from the shop during late hours will make it difficult for them to get a good night's sleep, which is crucial for their health and well-being.*



**Personal and Family Suffering:**

The noise and activity associated with extended operating hours will significantly disrupt our family's routine. My children and I already struggle with getting sufficient rest due to the existing noise levels, and extending the shop's hours will only exacerbate this problem. The lack of adequate sleep not only affects our physical health but also our mental well-being and daily functioning.

**Traffic and Safety Concerns:**

Longer operating hours could result in higher traffic volumes at times when streets are typically quieter and safer. This increased traffic poses a risk to pedestrians, especially children and the elderly, and could potentially lead to more accidents.

**Increased Crime Rates:**

Extended hours often lead to higher crime rates, as businesses open late can become targets for criminal activity. The increased foot traffic and loitering during late hours may attract individuals with ill intentions, thereby compromising the safety of our neighborhood.

**Population Growth and Overcrowding:**

Allowing longer operating hours can attract more people to the area, leading to overcrowding. This can strain local resources and infrastructure, making it challenging for current residents to enjoy a peaceful and well-maintained community.

**Environmental Concerns:**

Extended hours may also mean more waste and litter in the vicinity, leading to environmental degradation. The additional lighting and activity could also contribute to light pollution, affecting both residents and local wildlife.

**Community Sentiment:**

It is important to consider the views of the community on such matters. Many of my neighbors share similar concerns and are opposed to this application. The potential negative impacts far outweigh any benefits the extended hours might bring to a few.

**Recommendation for Reduced Hours:**

In my opinion, rather than extending the operating hours, the shop should consider reducing its current hours of operation. This would help mitigate the negative impacts on the community, improve the quality of life for residents, and ensure a safer, more peaceful environment for all.

I kindly request that you take these concerns into account and reject the application for extended hours. Maintaining or even reducing the current operating hours will help preserve the character and tranquility of our neighborhood.

Thank you for considering my views on this matter. I am happy to discuss this further if needed and provide any additional information or support for the opposition.

Sincerely,

Ayesha Akter

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted address line 1]

[Redacted address line 2]

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Benedict Langlands <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR - VINE COURT 30 JUNE3 2024  
**Date:** 30 June 2024 at 01:37:32 BST  
**To:** Mohshin Ali <Licensin towerhamlets.gov.uk>, Edward Banford  
> Andrew Adebonojo  
>

Dear Mohshin, dear Edward, dear Andrew,

It is now AFTER 24:44 hours and the Green Leaf Cafe and the Chair Ghar Cafe are **both still trading !!**

Both cafes have half shut their shutters or dimmed their lights to pretend they're not trading, but they are still trading, crowds of people re hanging around outside making a terrible racket and people are going in and out of the cafes under the shutters

I have attached pictures.

There have also been illegally parked cars in Vine Court all day.

We are trapped right now because there is a car parked outside blocking the road that's been there since 14:00 this afternoon.

We called the police 101 number AT 23:00 hours this evening and after 45 minutes waiting on the phone they answered and told us to call the Council as they were too busy and it was not their responsibility.

But they gave us a **crime number: 6031444** and a **call ref: CAD 9166/29June24**

The Police then gave us a Council-Out-of-Hours number to call and we ended up being put through to the man manning the cctv on the corner of Valance Road and outside the Davenant Centre. He spent 10 minutes on his radio trying to reach someone who could do something about the car blocking Vine Court - unsuccessfully!

**WE ARE STILL TRAPPED!!**

While we were outside on the phone to him someone came round the corner and started urinating in front of Nikki my wife.

She asked him politely to go and use a toilet and her told her to F. Off. and carried on urinating right in front of her.

The teashop takeaways in Vine Court **THAT YOU HAVE LICENSED** are creating **TOTAL ANARCHY AND CHAOS** in Vine Court.

We are living in a **FILTHY CESS PIT** that the Council has created. The Council has created this Cess Pit by their neglect and complacency and by **licensing cafes that ARE OPEN TOO LATE and continuously trade unlawfully.**

**THE COUNCIL COULD NOT CARE LESS ABOUT THE RESIDENTS WHO LIVE HERE AND THE PROPER BUSINESSES, OR YOU WOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.**

**VINE COURT HAS BECOME THE MOST DISGUSTING PLACE IN LONDON AND THE COUNCIL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING IT!!!**

**THE LATE CAFES MUST BE CLOSED or MOVED TO A MORE SUITABLE LOCATION**

**THE COUNCIL IS REPOSIBLE FOR ALLOWING COMPLETE MISERY FOR THE RESIDENTS IN VINE COURT.**

**IT IS NOW 01:36 ON SUNDAY 30 JUNE.**

**WE ARE EXHAUSTED FROM THE NOISE OUTSIDE CAUSED BY THE CAFES YOU HAVE LICENSED AND FROM TAKING PHOTOS AAND EMAILING THEM TO YOU!!!**

**PARKED CARS ON DOUBLE YELLOW LINES BLOCKING THE ROAD BUT THE COUNCIL DOES NOTHING AND STILL GIVES THEM LICENSES!**



PARKED CAR FROM 14:00 STILL THERE AFTER 24:00 STILL COMPLETELY BLOCKING THE ROAD **BUT**  
**THE COUNCIL DOES NOTHING!**

THE MAN SITTING ON THE ROAD IN BARE FEET IS SURROUNDED BY TEASHOP LITTER AND SITTING IN RATS FEACES AND HUMAN URINE AND HE DOES NOT EVEN KNOW OR DOES NOT CARE. **BUT THE COUNCIL DOES NOTHING AND STILL GIVES THEM LICENSES!**



AT 12:40 THE GREEN LEAF CAFE IS STILL TRADING BEHIND HALF CLOSED SHUTTER **BUT THE COUNCIL DOES NOTHING AND STILL GIVES THEM LICENSES!**





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AT 12:40 CUSTOMERS LEAVE THE GREEN LEAF CAFE WHICH IS STILL TRADING BEHIND HALF CLOSED SHUTTER **BUT THE COUNCIL DOES NOTHING AND STILL GIVES THEM LICENSES!**

AT 24:45 CUSTOMERS STILL BUYING DRINKS AND HOT TEAS FROM CHAI GHAR CAFE WHICH IS STILL TRADING, THEY HAVE DIMMED THE INTERIOR LIGHT BUT THEY HAVEN'T EVEN BOTHERED TO HALF CLOSE THE SHUTTER BECAUSE THEY KNOW THEY CAN GET AWAY WITH IT BECAUSE **THEY KNOW THE COUNCIL ALWAYS DOES NOTHING AND STILL GIVES THEM LICENSES!**

Yours sincerely,

Ben Langlands

Ben Langlands & Nikki Bell



## Mohshin Ali

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**From:** Simmi Yesmin  
**Sent:** 01 July 2024 13:10  
**To:** Mohshin Ali  
**Subject:** FW: Opposition to Application for Extended Operating Hours - Vine Court Green Leaf Cafe

Hi Mosh

Please see email below.

Kind regards

Simmi Yesmin  
Democratic Services Officer (Committees)

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**From:** Nikki Bell <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 28, 2024 7:35 PM  
**To:** Simmi Yesmin <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Ayesha's world <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Opposition to Application for Extended Operating Hours - Vine Court Green Leaf Cafe

Dear Simmi Yesmin,

We are forwarding to you below the copy of an email we have just received that was addressed to you, but you may not have received it, because the email address lacked the final .uk due to an error of ours.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

Ben & Nikki

Ben Langlands & Nikki Bell



Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Ayesha's world [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Opposition to Application for Extended Operating Hours - Vine Court Green Leaf Cafe  
**Date:** 28 June 2024 at 18:58:58 BST  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]

Dear Mr/Mrs,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the application submitted by Green Leaf Cafe for extending their operating hours. As a resident of the local community, I have several concerns that I believe warrant your attention and consideration.

**Impact on Quality of Life:**

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Thank you for considering my views on this matter. I am happy to discuss this further if needed and provide any additional information or support for the opposition.

Sincerely,

Ayesha Akter

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[Redacted address line 2]

## Mohshin Ali

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**From:** Licensing  
**Sent:** 02 July 2024 21:27  
**To:** Mohshin Ali  
**Subject:** FW: Bismillah, Unit2, Room 8, 5-6 Vine Court E1 1JH

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**From:** Nikki Bell <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 2, 2024 8:07 PM  
**To:** Licensing <Licensing@towerhamlets.gov.uk>; Edward Banford [REDACTED]  
Andrew Adebonojo <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Dalip Boora Singh <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Bismillah, Unit2, Room 8, 5-6 Vine Court E1 1JH

Dear Moshin Ali, Dear Edward Banford, Dear Andrew Aebonojo,

Today I have received another copy of an email (here below) addressed to Simmi Yesmin, and with an incorrect subject line, but intended as a representation to the forthcoming Licensing Sub-Committee meeting that will be hearing the application for longer trading hours by the Green Leaf Cafe in Vine Court.

I am receiving numerous emails from distressed residents and businesses in an around Vine Court who have heard about the application by the Green Leaf Cafe for longer hours. None of these people appear to have received the original statutory letter of notification. They are only hearing about this application from neighbours now when it is apparently too late to formally object. Consequently I find myself obliged to forward these communications to you when I already have many other pressing commitments to attend to myself.

All of these people are horrified that the idea of later trading hours is even being considered by the Council. The reality is that these late night-cafe- takeaways and their noisy, street loitering, littering, patrons are ruining the lives and businesses of everyone around them. The cafes are already trading much too late, but the level of public nuisance and disturbance they engender means they must be closed and re-located, to another more suitable location- if one exists.

The only cafe / restaurant in Vine Court that is properly run and observes proper hygiene and proper trading hours (closing at 7pm) is Pandhan Kitchen, 3-4 Vine Court. Pandhan Kitchen never causes any trouble.

Please use your common sense and finally accept the obvious reality that these cafe-takeaways are an overwhelming insanitary public nuisance and health hazard. They think they can ignore the regulations, make up their own rules and profit thereby, while they foster a huge amount of crime and anti social behaviour, and create misery for all the residents and working people nearby.

PLEASE CLOSE THEM DOWN OR MOVE THEM.

It is absolutely scandalous that the Council allows this level of squalor and disturbance within a few hundred yards of the brand new Town Hall, and adjoining a brand new international hotel that is about to open!

Yours sincerely,

Ben Langlands

Ben Langlands Nikki Bell



Begin forwarded message:

**From:** D Boora [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Bismillah, Unit2, Room 8, 5-6 Vine Court E1 1JH  
**Date:** 2 Jul 2024 at 18:20:52 BST  
**To:** [REDACTED] Ben Langlands  
<[REDACTED]>

Dear Sir/Madam,

Your ref: 160772

We have been copied in by Nikki and Ben Langlands about an application for late opening of a Cafe in Vine Court. Unfortunately I am currently away and will be unable to represent our business and our occupiers at the meeting to strongly object to this application.

Our Company staff staff are constantly cleaning up the waste cups and litter thrown from the users of the Cafes' in Vine Court. No Cafe owner has contributed to the clean up operation that we conduct every weekday. There is no help from the council as no sweeper comes into Vine court to clean up the mess everyday left by the clients of the Cafe owners. Cigarette butts, coffee cups, waste wrappers are strewn on the road every evening. Inconsiderate spitting of paan/beetle nut has scarred red this part of Whitechapel. The council needs to be discouraging the use of paan and other substances consumed from these premises as the resulting oral cancer causes misery to the consumer and puts undue stress on an already overstretched health system!

We find it incredibly difficult to get occupiers for Vine Court as ladies hesitate to walk down amongst so many men smoking and loitering on the road. The cafe premises that are applying for these licences are of inadequate size to keep their clients inside and their customers spill out onto the street and sit around on the kerbs. They don't have any facilities for their clients resulting in the pavement being used as a toilet.

The greatest affect this application has is on the residential units of Vine Court. I can't imagine how this application can be justified!

Yours faithfully

Dalip Boora  
Capital Estates Limited



## Mohshin Ali

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**From:** Licensing  
**Sent:** 03 July 2024 17:01  
**To:** Mohshin Ali  
**Subject:** FW: Hours Licensing RE Green Leaf, Unit 2 Vine Court, London E1 1JE

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**From:** Nikki Bell <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 3, 2024 12:22 PM  
**To:** Licensing <Licensing@towerhamlets.gov.uk>; Edward Banford <[REDACTED]>;  
Andrew Adebonojo <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Simmi Yesmin <[REDACTED]>; Aftab Singh <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Hours Licensing RE Green Leaf, Unit 2 Vine Court, London E1 1JE

Dear Mohshin Ali,

This morning I received a copy of the below email (sent to Simmi Yesmin) from Mr Aftab Singh who is objecting to The Green Leaf Cafe.

As you can see Mr Singh is totally fed up with the squalor, filth, and abuse inflicted on all of us in and around Vine Court, both residents and businesses by the activities of the Green Leaf Cafe and the other shanty-town style late-trading cafe/takeaways in Vine Court. For your information this gentleman's landlord who he refers to in his email is Dalip Boora of Capital Estates who's email I forwarded to you a couple of days ago as he has also registered an objection, but is currently away in India.

None of these people writing, who's communications I have forwarded to you, received the statutory letter of notification from your department so none have been able to reply to you within the terms of the formal guidelines for registering objections. They are only now learning of this application by the Green Leaf, but everyone is united in disgust and despair at the way the Council allows these anti-social insanitary business to continue trading and ruining the lives and businesses of everyone else nearby and they are united in opposing any extension to the Green Leaf's trading hours. In fact they like us they want to see these cafes closed and re-located because everyone knows they are incapable of operating in a decent and acceptable manner.

The Council must act and close these businesses down or relocate them. It is intolerable that they continue with their activities in their current location. Everyone who comes to Vine Court whether to go to their home, for business, to visit family and friends, or whatever other purpose, has to pass through the noisy melee of men obstructing the roadway with their vehicles, littering, smoking, spitting pan, urinating, and worse. There is no other way for people to to enter Vine Court. The Council MUST now do something.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Langlands

Ben Langlands    Nikki Bell





**From:** Aftab Singh <another >

**Date:** 3 July 2024 at 09:52:26 BST

**To:** [Simmi.Yesmin](#) [REDACTED]

**Cc:** Ben Langlands [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Hours Licensing RE Green Leaf, Unit 2 Vine Court, London E1 1JE

Dear Ms Yesmin,

Please take this email as my objection to the Green Leaf Café's application for extended opening hours. Unfortunately I won't be able to attend the meeting on the 9th because I'm abroad for 2 weeks. If I had been there I certainly would have attended as this matter affects me greatly!

The loitering on Vine Court is out of control already and is largely centred around this café. The people who stand around this cafe all day and night produce endless noise, endless litter (and therefore vermin) and have awful habits that make Vine Court barely functional as a place for an office.

My Landlord and neighbours are the ones who clean up after this establishment. Unfortunately much of the litter is thrown in places that it's impossible to clean (over fences along the road). This is clearly a case of an entity (Green leaf) throwing off massive negative externalities on everyone around them. Please do not enable them further with this new extending hours license.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the above.

Warm Regards,

Aftab

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Aftab Singh  
Founder of Transport Media Technologies  
Transport Media Technologies Ltd.  
[REDACTED]



Better Tube line statuses  
[truetubestatus.com](http://truetubestatus.com)

## Mohshin Ali

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**From:** Licensing  
**Sent:** 05 July 2024 13:07  
**To:** Mohshin Ali  
**Subject:** FW: Vine Court Cafes trading hot teas at 23:30  
**Attachments:** Green Leaf 23.30 - 04 07 24.mp4; Green Leaf 23.40 - 04 07 24.mp4

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**From:** Nikki Bell <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 4, 2024 11:56 PM  
**To:** Licensing <Licensing@towerhamlets.gov.uk>; Edward Banford <[REDACTED]>;  
Andrew Adebajo <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Simmi Yesmin <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Vine Court Cafes trading hot teas at 23:30

Dear Mohshin Ali, dear Edward Banford, dear Andrew Adebajo

It is 23:40 hours and the cafe/takeaways in Vine Court - The Green Leaf Cafe, The Chai Ghar Cafe and the Bismillah Centre Cafe are all openly trading.  
They are selling hot teas to customers at 23:30 and 23:40.

These cafes do not care about your regulations for 1 minute. They have complete confidence they will get away with whatever they want.

They just carry on doing their business and ruining the lives of the residents and the legitimate businesses.

We want to sleep. We are totally fed up with the noise, the disruption and the litter.

Please see attached videos of the Green Leaf.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Langlands Nikki Bell

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## Mohshin Ali

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**From:** Nikki Bell <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 03 July 2024 22:40  
**To:** Licensing; Simmi Yesmin; Edward Banford; Andrew Adebonojo  
**Subject:** Noise, Obstruction, Squalor, Anti Social Behaviour, Vine Court, 03 07 24  
**Attachments:** IMG\_4260.heic; IMG\_4265.heic

Dear all,

We hope you are all well.

Unfortunately we are not well - because it is 10:39 at night and we are suffering Noise, Obstruction, Squalor and Anti Social Behaviour in Vine Court.

The same Noise, Obstruction, Squalor and Anti Social Behaviour we suffer in Vine Court every night of the week and every week of the year!

We cannot rest, we cannot sleep. we cannot have family or visitors. We are isolated by the Councils negligence.

These people are blocking Vine Court and others are hiding around the corner outside our house. there are people squatting of the floor and bikes blocking everywhere.

Anyone who enters Vine Court has to pass through this crowd. Visitors, women and children are too fearful to enter Vine Court.

We are humiliated, hostages, in our own homes.

There is no respite. It is ruining our lives.

Mr Ali, you told me today on the phone that you are 'acting behind the scenes'.

What are you doing behind the scenes Mr Ali, we want to know because we have seen no evidence of this. We have been here 38 years and the last 11 years have been hell.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Langlands Nikki Bell.







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## Mohshin Ali

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**From:** Nikki Bell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 July 2024 19:39  
**To:** Licensing  
**Cc:** Simmi Yesmin; Andrew Adebonojo; Edward Banford  
**Subject:** Vine Court E1 -Illegal Parking, Obstruction, Littering, Anti Social Behaviour  
**Attachments:** Vine Court E1 - Illegal Parking, Obstruction, Littering, ASB.mp4

Dear Mohshin,

It was good to speak to you for the first time on the telephone today when I returned your call.

Thank you for informing me that the squalor, noise, litter and obstruction that results from the presence of these late-night biker cafe/takeaways and their anti social trading activities in Vine Court is also the responsibility of the Council's Planning Department, especially whenever they are selling food and drink outside the hours they are Licensed by your department to sell hot food and drinks.

My wife and I look forward to hearing, and being 'copied in', when you are able to coordinate action with the Planning Department to resolve the dreadful daily and nightly chaos in Vine Court that has been causing such misery and disruption to the lives of the residents and local businesses for over 10 years

Thank you very much.

Best wishes,

Ben

PS. Please find a video attached showing how obstructed Vine Court already was at 18:44 this evening when we returned home.

This is just the beginning of the evening. The noise, litter, disruption and inconvenience will get worse and worse the later it gets.

Ben Langlands      Nikki Bell



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