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Application for a premises licence application for Convenience Store, 83 Redchurch Street, London E2

7DJ

Ward affected: Weavers

#### 1.0 **Summary**

Applicant: Mr Mizanur Rahman

Name and Convenience Store
Address of Premises: 83 Redchurch Street

London E2 7DJ

Licence sought: Premises Licence - Licensing Act 2003

Sale of alcohol

Representations: Environmental Protection

Local residents

#### 2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That the Licensing Committee considers the application and objections then adjudicate accordingly.

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#### 3.0 Background

- 3.1 This is an application for a new premises licence for Convenience Store, 83 Redchurch Street, London E2 7DJ.
- 3.2 A copy of the application is enclosed as **Appendix 1**.

The hours that have been applied for are as follows:-

#### Sale of Alcohol (off sales)

Monday to Sunday, from 11:00 hours to midnight

#### Hours premises are open to the public:

- Monday to Sunday, from 07:00 hours to midnight
- 3.3 A map showing the situation of premises in the local area is included as **Appendix 2.**

#### 4.0 Licensing Policy and Government Advice

- 4.1 The Council has adopted a licensing policy and this is available from the Licensing Section, and at the hearing. The policy was adopted by the Full Council on the 8 December 2004.
- 4.2 Relevant Sections of the policy are brought to the attention of Members within the Licensing Officers report.
- 4.3 The Government Minister, the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport has issued Guidance under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003. This is available on the Government's website, www.culture.gov.uk. It was substantially revised on the 28 June 2007.
- 4.4 Relevant Sections of this advice are brought to Members attention within the Licensing Officers report. Members should note however, than in some areas Tower Hamlets, after a proper consideration of local circumstances, has not followed the Government's advice, or has developed it further.

#### 5.0 Representations

- 5.1 All representations have to meet basic legal and administrative requirements. If they fail to do so they cannot be accepted. When rejected the person sending in the representation must be written to, and an explanation for rejection given in writing.
- 5.2 Interested party as defined in Section 13 (3) of the Licensing Act 2003 is limited to persons living in the vicinity of the premises, their representatives and local businesses in the vicinity of the premises and their representatives. Essentially, the interested party making the representation should show by what they say that they, or those they represent are sufficiently close to be personally affected by the application.
- 5.3 Only a responsible authority or an interested party can make a representation. Both of these terms are defined by statute, in Section 13 of the Licensing Act 2003.
- 5.4 There are two tests for an interested party and only one for a responsible authority. The two tests are contained in Section 18 of the Act.
- 5.5 All representations must be "about the likely effect of the grant of the premises licence on the promotion of the licensing objectives." Likely means something that will probably happen, i.e. on balance more likely than not.
- 5.6 Representations by responsible authorities do not have to meet the second test of not being vexatious and frivolous. Interested parties and their representatives have to meet this test.
- 5.7 The Secretary of State recommends that in borderline cases, the benefit of the doubt should be given to the interested party making the representation.
- 5.8 Section 182 Advice by the DCMS concerning relevant, vexatious and frivolous representations is attached as **Appendix 3**.
- 5.9 The representation in this report has been considered by the relevant officer (Team Leader Licensing) and determined to have met the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003

- 5.10 All of the responsible authorities have been consulted about this application. They are as follows:
  - The Metropolitan Police
  - The LFEPA (the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority).
  - Planning
  - Health and Safety
  - Environmental Protection
  - Trading Standards
  - Child Protection
- 5.11 This hearing is required by the Licensing Act 2003, because relevant representations have been made by Environmental Protection and local residents.
- 5.12 Please see **Appendix 4** for the representation of Environmental Protection.
- 5.13 Please see **Appendix 5** for the representations of Marta Gonzalez and Sancho Cole.
- 5.14 Please see Appendix 6 for the representation of Marcus Taylor.
- 5.15 Please see Appendix 7 for the representation of Rupert Cole.
- 5.16 Please see Appendix 8 for the representation of Daniel Jackson.
- 5.17 Please see **Appendix 9** for the representations of Ruth and Ken Campbell.
- 5.18 For Members' information, the applicant has agreed conditions with the Metropolitan Police. Please see **Appendix 10**.
- 5.19 The application was required to be advertised in a local newspaper and by a blue poster. Due to failure of advertising the application correctly, the consultation period was extended to 29<sup>th</sup> July 2008.
- 5.20 Only objections that relate to the following licensing objectives are relevant:
  - the prevention of crime and disorder
  - public safety
  - the prevention of public nuisance
  - the protection of children from harm
- 5.21 Essentially, Environmental Protection and the residents oppose the application because the applicant has not explained how within the context of the application they will meet the licensing objectives, particularly:
  - the prevention of crime and disorder
  - the prevention of public nuisance

5.22 There are strict time limits to any representations. The time limits are contained in The Licensing Act 2003 (Premises licences and club premises certificates) Regulations 2005.

#### 6.0 Licensing Officer Comments

6.1 The Licensing Section is not a responsible authority and therefore has no ability to make any relevant representations. The following therefore is intended simply to advise Members of the relevant aspects of the Boroughs Licensing Policy, guidance from the Secretary of State, legislation and good practice. Members may depart from the Council's Licensing Policy and/or Government advice, provide they consider it appropriate to do so, and have clear reasons for their decision.

### 6.2 Guidance issued under section 182 of the licensing Act 2003

- ❖ As stated in the guidance it is "provided for licensing authorities carrying out this their functions." It is a key mechanism for promoting best practice, ensuring consistent application and promoting fairness (1.6).
  - Also "so long as the guidance has been properly and carefully understood and considered, licensing authorities may depart from it if they have reason to do so." When doing so licensing authorities will need to give full reasons for their actions (1.7).
- Also Members should note "A Licensing Authority may depart from its own policy if the individual circumstances of any case merit such a decision in the interests of the promotion of the licensing objectives." (1.10)
- Conditions may not be imposed for the purpose other than the licensing objectives.
- Necessary conditions should emerge from a risk assessment by the applicant, which should then be reflected in the operating schedule (10.7).
- The Licensing Authority may only impose such conditions as are necessary for meeting the licensing objectives.
- ❖ It is Government policy that facilities for people and performers with disabilities should be provided at places of entertainment. (S. 10.24).

- ❖ The Government has stated "there is no general presumption in favour of lengthening licensing hours and the four licensing objectives should be paramount at all times. Where there are objections to an application and the committee believes that changing the licensing hours would undermine the licensing objectives, they may reject the application or grant it with appropriate conditions and/or different hours from those requested." (10.20)
- 6.3 The Licensing Act 2003 permits children of any age to be on the premises providing they are accompanied by an adult. It is not necessary to make this a condition.
- 6.4 In all cases the Members should make their decision on the civil burden of proof, that is "the balance of probability."
- 6.5 In all cases Members should consider whether or not primary legislation is the appropriate method of regulation and should only consider licence conditions when the circumstances in their view are not already adequately covered elsewhere.
- 6.6 The Government has advised that "In the context of preventing public nuisance it is again essential that conditions are focused on measures within the direct control of the licence holder. Conditions relating to public nuisance caused by anti-social behaviour of customers once they are beyond the control of the licence holder or premises management cannot be justified and will not serve the licensing objectives." (2.38)
- 6.7 The Council's licensing Policy generally expects applicants to address the licensing objectives and discuss how to do this with the relevant responsible authorities.
- 6.8 Members will find advice on the issues relating to conduct on the premises and access/egress as follows:
  - Appendix 11 Licensing Officer comments on noise while the premise is in use
  - Appendix 12 Licensing Officer comments on access/egress problems
  - Appendix 13 Licensing Officer comments on crime and disorder on the premises
  - Appendix 14 Licensing Officer comments on crime and disorder from patrons leaving the premises
  - Appendix 15 Planning
  - Appendix 16 Licensing Policy relating to hours of trading

#### 7.0 Exemptions

- 7.1 There are a number of statutory exemptions from the operation of the Licensing Act 2003, and Members need to bear these in mind.
- 7.2 Acts of religious worship, wherever performed are not licensable.
- 7.3 Section 177, (1) and (2) of the Act provides that where a premises (or club) is licensed for alcohol consumption on the premises and is primarily thus used, and the permitted capacity does not exceed 200, additional conditions relating to the music should only relate to public safety or the prevention of crime (or both). That is they should not relate to any "noise nuisance."
- 7.4 Section 177 (4) provides that where a premises licence (or club) has a capacity of not more than 200 and the only music is unamplified live music between 08:00 hrs and midnight, no additional conditions should be set relating to the music.
- 7.5 Section 177 can be disapplied on a licence review if it is proportionate to do so.
- 8.0 Legal Comments
- 8.1 The Council's legal officer will give advice at the hearing.
- 9.0 Finance Comments
- 9.1 There are no financial implications in this report.

#### 10.0 Appendices

Appendix 1	A copy of the premises licence application
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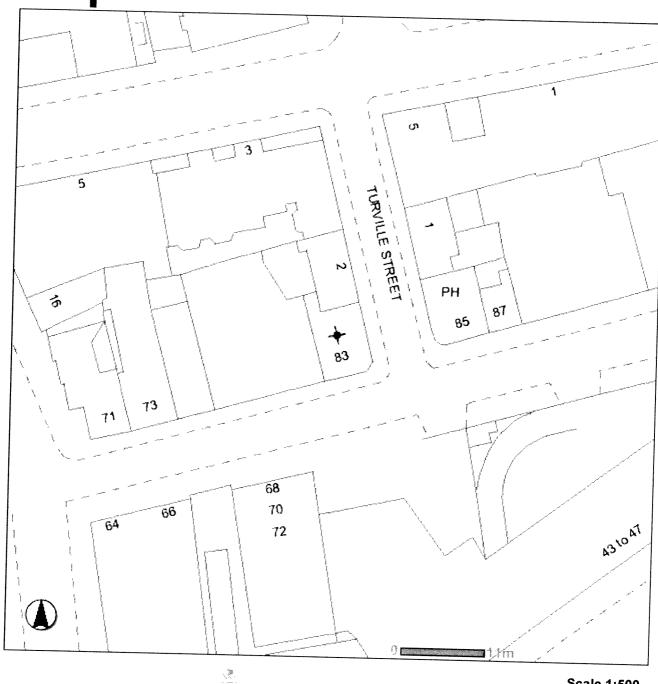
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# **Appendix 2**

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## 83 Redchurch Street

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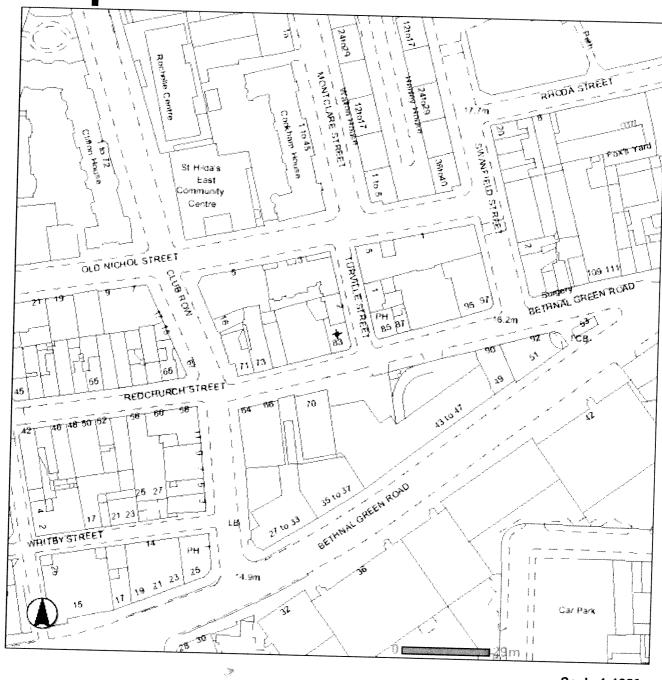
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## **Appendix 3**

#### Section 182 Advice by the DCMS

#### RELEVANT, VEXATIOUS AND FRIVOLOUS REPRESENTATIONS

- 9.8 A representation would only be "relevant" if it relates to the likely effect of the grant of the licence on the promotion of at least one of the licensing objectives. For example, a representation from a local businessman which argued that his business would be commercially damaged by a new licensed premises would not be relevant. On the other hand, a representation that nuisance caused by the new premises would deter customers from entering the local area and the steps proposed by the applicant to control that nuisance were inadequate would be relevant. There is no requirement for an interested party or responsible authority to produce a recorded history of problems at a premises to support their representations, and in fact this would not be possible for new premises. Further information for interested parties about the process for making representations is available in "Guidance for interested parties: Making representations" which can be found on the DCMS website.
- 9.9 The "cumulative impact" on the licensing objectives of a concentration of multiple licensed premises may also give rise to a relevant representation when an application for the grant or variation of a premises licence is being considered, but not in relation to an application for review which must relate to an individual premises.
- 9.10 It is for the licensing authority to determine whether any representation by an interested party is frivolous or vexatious on the basis of what might ordinarily be considered to be vexatious or frivolous. Vexation may arise because of disputes between rival businesses and local knowledge will therefore be invaluable in considering such matters. Frivolous representations would be essentially categorised by a lack of seriousness. An interested party who is aggrieved by a rejection of their representations on these grounds may challenge the authority's decision by way of judicial review.

- 9.11 Licensing authorities should not take decisions on whether representations are relevant on the basis of any political judgement. This may be difficult for ward councillors receiving complaints from residents within their own wards. If consideration is not to be delegated, contrary to the recommendation in this Guidance, an assessment should be prepared by officials for consideration by the subcommittee before any decision is taken that necessitates a hearing. Any ward councillor who considers that their own interests are such that they are unable to consider the matter independently should disqualify themselves.
- 9.12 The Secretary of State recommends that in borderline cases, the benefit of the doubt should be given to the interested party making the representation. The subsequent hearing would then provide an opportunity for the person or body making the representation to amplify and clarify it. If it then emerged, for example, that the representation should not be supported, the licensing authority could decide not to take any action in respect of the application.
- 9.13 Licensing authorities should consider providing advice on their websites about how any interested party can make representations to them.

# Appendix 4

Directorate of Environment & Culture

To Licensing

Environmental Health, Environmental

Protection

From

EH/EP North Team

Council Offices

Anchorage House, PO BOX 55739

Reference

FLARE 26661

83 Redchurch Street, London E2 7DJ

Extension

6783

Date

29 June 2008

Tel: 020 7364 5007

Fax: 020 7364 6831E-mail:

Regarding

Convenience Store,

Email:

83 Redchruch Street, London, E2 7DJ

envhealth.envprotection@towerhamlets.gov.uk

This section objects to this application for a premises licence for Convenience Store, 83 Redchurch Street, London, E2 7DJ, unless full details of the conditions below are addressed:

#### Public Nuisance

The applicant has not taken into account in the operation schedule the potential impact of public nuisance with regards to the provision of supply of alcohol and sale of cigarettes by retail.

The operating schedule does mention some aspects of the impact of public nuisance but has not adequately outlined measures to prevent public nuisance. Control of noise and vibration from equipment which could be used within the premises has not been explained. Structure borne noise generated from within the premises or outside it due to the use of machinery is an area of concern. Noise generated from cooling units, e.g. freezers/fridges, chilling units or other machinery could cause disturbance to people in the vicinity especially when such equipment is improperly installed or installed at inappropriate locations; or failure to maintain such machinery in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

The applicant has to fully comply with this statement of management measures to be taken to prevent and control noise, covering matters such as:

#### **Planned Management Measures for Control of Noise**

- a) Acquire and properly install suitable plant and/or equipment which is not capable of causing noise and/or vibration nuisance to nearby residents before, during and after operating hours.
- b) Take measures to limit noise from patrons and staff entering and leaving the premises and vehicles arriving, departing in the vicinity to prevent avoidable noise disturbance to noise sensitive properties.

- c) Restrict the generation of noise within the premises and from activities associated with the premises in the vicinity;
- d) Limit the escape of noise from the premises;
- e) Restrict noise emissions to below levels that could affect people in the vicinity going about their business, at work and when at home, both while relaxing and while sleeping;
- f) Minimise and control noise from customers arriving at the premises or outside it and departing from it;
- g) Minimise and control noise from staff, contractors and suppliers and their activities;
- h) Minimise and control noise from vehicles associated with and providing services to the premises and their customers.
- i) Guidance to drivers to limit noise during deliveries and deliveries should be conducted between the hours of 08:00 and 18:00, from Mon Fri, Saturdays from 09:00 and 17:00, no deliveries on Sundays and Bank Holidays.
- j) Communications with suppliers and service providers;
- k) Providing quiet means for storage and movement of waste and recycling materials.

Full details of concerns raised above need to be supplied to Environmental Health for our perusal. This would enable us to make comments as to whether the proposed operations are capable of causing noise nuisance/public nuisance or not.

Mr Lamin Tamba

Environmental Health Enforcement Officer

# **Appendix 5**

### Mohshin Ali

From:

gonzalez marta [marta1001@yahoo.com]

Sent:

25 July 2008 23:50

To: Cc: Mohshin Ali John Cruse

Subject:

RE: Licensing Act 2003 and Convenience Store,83 Redchurch Street,london E2 7DJ

Dear John Cruse

RE: license application for 83 Redchurch Street London E2.

I live next door to the with my family and young children, I object inevitable increased noise levels due to the coming and going of people at late hours at this busy corner property which is adjacent to residential houses and flats especially on Turville Street. The area is saturated with the sale of alcohol and there is no need for further off licenses, there are already at least eight off licenses within very short walking distance, this will not offer greater choice for the customer as they all sell virtually the same products.

There is a proven link with anti social behavior and those involved with the sale and consumption of alcohol, and there is no evidence or measures taken to prove the contrary for this application. This premises will be not be immune from the antisocial behavior especially as this specific corner location is regularly busy with people drinking outside it in the street. This location has a history of anti social behavior specific to this corner and this building, of violence, disorder, noise, drugs, alcohol abuse, (check police and council records) and see recent photos. The increased availability of alcohol this off license will supply on this very corner will only further contribute the stress to an area already over saturated with bars and off licenses.

Marta gonzalez Sancho Cole

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#### Mohshin Ali

From:

gonzalez marta [marta1001@yahoo.com]

Sent:

25 July 2008 23:36

To: Cc:

Mohshin Ali John Cruse

Subject:

RE: Licensing Act 2003 and Convenience Store,83 Redchurch Street,london E2 7DJ

RE: Licensing Act 2003 and Convenience Store,83 Redchurch Street,Iondon E2 7DJ RE:Licensing Act 2003 119a Bethnal Green

My objection is that already the new bars in the area has increased the levels of noise and criminal activities, therefore these twonew licenses will increase even more the levels of noise and the stress upon residents due to new customers leaving the premises, antisocial behaviour associated with the selling of alcohol. The has been a marked increase in late night activity and noise when any new bar or alcohol outlet is opened in this area, exacerbated by the smoking ban which now means that people stand on the street talking loudly and drinking (whether or not they have permission to do so). My house is in near vicinity to the above premises. My family and I would be awakened in the night due to the increased foot and car traffic generated in this local area by these applications. I would consider this a Public Nuisance and that this area has reached or exceeded saturation point of noise and stress caused by late night drinking and selling of alcohol.

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Sincerely,
 marta gonzaleaz
 --- On Fri, 25/7/08, Mohshin Ali < Mohshin. Ali@towerhamlets.gov.uk> wrote:
> From: Mohshin Ali < Mohshin.Ali@towerhamlets.gov.uk>
> Subject: RE: Licensing Act 2003 and Convenience Store,83 Redchurch
> Street, london E2 7DJ
> To: marta1001@yahoo.com
> Cc: "John Cruse" < John.Cruse@towerhamlets.gov.uk>
The Date: Friday, 25 July, 2008, 4:56 PM
> Re: 83 Redchurch Street, London E2 7DJ
> Please note that the consultation end date for the above application
> is 29th July 2008.
> Regards
Mohshin Ali - Licensing Officer
> London Borough of Tower Hamlets | Licensing Section | Mulberry Place
> (AH) | PO BOX 55739 | 5 Clove Crescent | London E14 1BY
> Tel': 020 7364 5498 | Fax 2: 020 7364 0863 | E-mail
> ::
> mohshin.ali@towerhamlets.gov.uk
> ----Original Message----
From: John Cruse
> Sent: 25 July 2008 15:10
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> To: 'marta1001@yahoo.com'
  Cc: Mohshin Ali
  > Subject: RE: Licensing Act 2003 and Convenience Store,83 Redchurch
  Street, london E2 7DJ
 > You are still not saying anything specific about these applications.
 > Rupert Cole has, in relation to 83 redchurch explained how customers
 > will disturb him. You have until midnight tonight re 119a.
 > Thanks
 > John Cruse
 > Licensing Team Leader
 > Tower Hamlets Council
 > Mulbery Place (AH)
 > PO Box 55739
 > 5 Clove Crescent
 > London E14 1BY
   TEL: 020 7364 5024
 > -----Original Message-----
 > From: gonzalez marta [mailto:marta1001@yahoo.com]
 > Sent: 15 July 2008 11:54
 > To: John Cruse
> Subject: RE:Licensing Act 2003 and Convenience Store,83 Redchurch
> Street, london E2 7DJ
                                Marta Gonzalez
                                85 Redchurch Street
                                London
E2 7DJ
> Marta1001@yahoo.com
> John Cruse
> The Licensing section
> London Borough of Tower Hamlets
> Mulberry Place (AH)
> PO box 55739
> 5 Clove Crescent
> London
> E14 1BY
>
> Dear MR Cruse,
> RE:Licensing Act 2003 and Convenience Store,83 Redchurch Street,london
> E2 7DJ Quoting the point 13th from Daniel Thwaites Plc and Wirral
> Borough Magistrates' Court, The Saughall Massie Conservation Society
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Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council.
 > 13. The Licensing Act 2003 was intended to provide a
 ≥ "more
 > efficient" "more responsive" and
 > "flexible" system of licensing which
 > did not interfere unnecessarily. It aimed to give business greater
 > freedom and flexibility to meet the expectations of customers and to
 > provide greater choice for consumers whilst protecting local residents
 > from disturbance and anti-social behaviour.
 > I object to the application from above for the followings reasons.
 > As a costumer it is not going to provide me with a greater choice
 > because there already lots of places selling alcohol around my house.
 > There is no need of more, we are already saturated.
 >
> As a local resident I haven't been protected from disturbances and
 > anti-social behavior triggered from licensing concessions in my area.
> On the contrary Redchurch street has turn into noisy night street,
> criminal activities and antisocial behavior all due to alcohol
> Licensing. You can check this with the police records and noise
) control.
> I want to turn my street safer and cleaner again. My son is already
> unnecessarily witnessing antisocial behavior from drunken people. We
> have enough I object for these 2 reasons:
> No need of filling a business gap or a product gap.
> These licessing don't' come with any kind of protection for local
> residents.
>
> Sincerelly,
≥ Marta
>
> --- On Fri, 11/7/08, John Cruse
  <John.Cruse@towerhamlets.gov.uk> wrote:
>> From: John Cruse
> <John.Cruse@towerhamlets.gov.uk>
>> Subject: RE: objection to alcohol licences at 119a
> bethnal green rd
>> To: rupert.cole@virgin.net
>> Cc: marta1001@yahoo.com, "Catrina Marshall"
>> < Catrina. Marshall@towerhamlets.gov.uk>,
> "Jacqueline Randall"
>> < jacqueline.randall@towerhamlets.gov.uk>,
"John Cruse"
>> < John.Cruse(a) towerhamlets.gov.uk>, "Kathy
> Butler"
> > < Kathy.Butler@towerhamlets.gov.uk>, "Linnie
≥ Gunn"
>> < Linnie.Gunn@towerhamlets.gov.uk>, "Marie
> Harding"
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>> < Marie. Harding(a) towerhamlets.gov.uk>,

≥ "Mohshin Ali"

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>> < Mohshin.Ali@towerhamlets.gov.uk>, "Sonia
> Joseph"
> > <Sonia.Joseph@towerhamlets.gov.uk>
>> Date: Friday, 11 July, 2008, 12:36 PM Further to our recent
> > conversations and emails I think
> you may find
> > the following useful:
>> 1) I will get the Council's licensing policy
> emailed to you. It covers
>> the issue of a "saturation" policy, but once
> you have read it please
>> come back for further advice.
>> 2) The Secretary of State has issued statutory
> guidance under Section
>> 182 of the Licensing Act 2003. This is a substantial
> work, but you may
>> find the sections on representations and saturation of
> interest. it is
> > accessible from their web. If you have any difficulty
> finding it let
>> me know and I will take you to it.
>>3) In view of your questions I have enclosed a recent
> appeal case
>> Daniel Thwaites Plc v Wirral Borough magistrates
> Court. It is a
> > substantial read, but you have asked me why I have
> given the advice
>> that I have and the analysis of Mrs. Justice Black
> explains my
> position. It also demonstrates that I am not taking a personal or
>> mayerick position. I draw your attention to part of
> para 63:
>> "However, in my view their approach to what was
> "necessary" was
> > coloured by a failure to take proper account of the
> changed approach
>> to licensing introduced by the Act. Had they had
> proper regard to the
>> Act and the Guidance, they would have approached the
> matter with a
>> greater reluctance to impose regulation and would have
> looked for real
> > evidence that it was required in the circumstances of
> the case."
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> > It follows that any representation needs to show how

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- the objector will
 > > be personally adversely affected by the specific
 > application, as
 > > otherwise it will not be successful.
 >>4) It has been suggested that it inappropriate to
 > screen objections,
 >> or arguments put forward by local residents. This is
 > not the case. The
 > > licensing authority is obliged, by law to consider
 > every potential
 >> representation that is made, and it is my burden to
 > carry out that
 >> exercise. You can get access to the Licensing Act 2003
 > via the DCMs
 >> website, but I will quote the relevant part.
 > Incidentally, don't
> bother wasting time trying to find any reference to
> "saturation" as it
>> isn't mentioned at all, but is entirely a creation
> of government
> > advice, not statute. Anyway, it is as follows, from
> Section 17
>>:
>> "6) For the purposes of this section,
"relevant representations" means
>> representations which-
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> > (a) are about the likely effect of the grant of the
> premises licence
> > on the promotion of the licensing objectives,
> > (b) meet the requirements of subsection (7),
>> (c) if they relate to the identity of the person named
≥ in the
> > application as the proposed premises supervisor, meet
> the requirements
\geq of subsection (9), and
> > (d) are not excluded representations by virtue of
> section
> > 32
>> (restriction on making representations following issue
> of provisional
> > statement).
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>> (7) The requirements of this subsection are-
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> (a) that the representations were made by an

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> interested party or
  >> responsible authority within the period prescribed
  > under section
  > 17(5)(c),
  > > (b) that they have not been withdrawn, and
  >>(c) in the case of representations made by an
  > interested party (who is
  > > not also a responsible authority), that they are not,
  > in the opinion
 >> of the relevant licensing authority, frivolous or
 > vexatious.
 >> (8) Where the authority determines for the purposes of
 > subsection
 >>(7)(c) that any representations are frivolous or
 > vexatious, it must
> notify the person who made them of the reasons for its
 > determination.
 >>
 >> It follows that general statements about alcohol, or
 > the area in
 >> general without relating it to the specific
 > application are not about
 >> the grant of the premises licence on the promotion of
 > the licensing
>> objectives, and are not valid.
>> It is also clear that the licensing authority has to
> consider all
>> representations and come to a view about their
> acceptability. Failure
>> to do this would, in fact be a breach of a clear
statutory duty.
>> 5) just so that we are clear, if I receive a petition
> which states, in
> > effect, "we petitioners are opposed to licence
> application X" I will
>> not accept it as a valid representation. I will
> communicate this to
>> the petitioners, but my experience is that by the time
> this is done
>> the consultation period is finished and it is too late
> to make a valid
>> representation.
>> Finally, if I can be of any further help please let me
≥ know.
>>
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> > Licensing Team Leader
 >> Fower Hamlets Council
 > > Mulbery Place (AH)
 >> PO Box 55739
 >> 5 Clove Crescent
 >> London E14 1BY
 >> TEL: 020 7364 5024
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>> resend this to foi@towerhamlets.gov.uk
> > ***********
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> > John Cruse

Marta Gonzalez 85 Redchurch Street London E2 7DJ Marta1001@yahoo.com

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#### John Cruse

The Licensing section
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Mulberry Place (AH)□
PO box 55739
5 Clove Crescent□
London□E14 1BY□

Dear John,

RE:Licensing Act 2003 and Convenience Store, 83 Redchurch Street, london E2 7DJ

I object to the application from above for the followings reasons. This premises is opposite my house, and the people coming and going will further contribute to already noisy alcohol fuelled behavior area.

I believe the area is already stress zone, and cannot cope with any more establishment selling alcohol.

I believe that my general concerns of my previous emails, should be considered as specific to these applications because they are specifically about the sale and consumption of alcohol. I don't think my comments should be withheld from the committee.

Signed

Marta gonzalez

### Mohshin Ali

From:

John Cruse

Sent:

10 July 2008 13:49

To:

Mohshin Ali

Subject:

FW: Licensing Act 2003 and Convenience Store,83 Redchurch Street,london E2 7DJ

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Sent: 10 July 2008 12:50

To: John Cruse

Subject: RE:Licensing Act 2003 and Convenience Store,83 Redchurch Street,london E2 7DJ

Marta Gonzalez 85 Redchurch Street London E2 7DJ Marta1001@yahoo.com

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I believe that my general concerns of my previous emails, should be considered as specific to these

applications because they are specifically about the sale and consumption of alcohol. I don't think my comments should be withheld from the committee.

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Signed
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Marta gonzalez

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--- On Wed, 9/7/08, John Cruse < John. Cruse @towerhamlets.gov.uk > wrote:
> From: John Cruse < John. Cruse (a) towerhamlets.gov.uk>
> Subject: 119a Bethnal Green Road and 83 Redchurch Street
> To: marta1001@yahoo.com
> Cc: "Mohshin Ali" < Mohshin. Ali@towerhamlets.gov.uk>
> Date: Wednesday, 9 July, 2008, 3:16 PM Dear Ms. Gonzalez
> You have sent in potential objections to the above premises in
relation to the Licensing Act 2003. As far as I can see you have made
> the same general comments in relation to both applications.
> however, in neither case have you explained how the specific
> application will have an adverse effect upon you. You need to explain
> how where you live will be personally affected in relation to any
> issues relating to public nuisance or crime and disorder.
> If I can be of any further help please do not hesitate to contact me.
> Yours sincerely
> John Cruse
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### Mohshin Ali

From:

John Cruse

Sent:

09 July 2008 11:52

To:

Mohshin Ali

Subject:

FW: Licensing Act 2003 119a Bethnal Green Road, London E2

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----Original Message----

From: gonzalez marta [mailto:marta1001@yahoo.com]

Sent: 09 July 2008 11:35

To: John Cruse

Subject: RE:Licensing Act 2003 119a Bethnal Green Road, London E2

Marta Gonzalez 85 Redchurch Street London E2 7DJ Marta1001@yahoo.com

John Cruse
The Licensing section
London Borough of Tower Hamlets
Mulberry Place (AH)

PO box 55739 5 Clove Crescent

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Dear John,

RE:Licensing Act 2003 119a Bethnal Green Road, London E2

I object to the application from above for the followings reasons.

There are already too many places selling alcohol in the area, turning Redchurch street into a

- perfect arena for dangerous criminal activities out of hand for the police and the NHS services.
- pissing street- toilet.

- -drunken harrassement of women scenario (that I had personally witnessed)
- unbereable noisy nights.
- antisocial, dirty and antifamily street.

When you turn an area into leisure, please think about healthy leisure, it will bring more money and safety to the area, and more important something to be proud of, rather than destroy our sense of community.

How about planting some trees, creating activities for the youth. The alcohol will increase the frightening number of alcoholics among the young people, drug addicts and gun users. The alcohol, will promote the segregation, especially in this area, where there is a big Bangladeshi community with the mosque already surrounded by alcohol.

I object because

I don't think that it is a good idea to promote alcoholism, and its terrible political and social consequences.



Marta gonzalez

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Dear John,

RE:Licensing Act 2003 and Convenience Store,83 Redchurch Street,london E2 7DJ

I object to the application from above for the followings reasons. There are already too many places selling alcohol in the area, turning Redchurch street into a

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### Mohshin Ali

From: Marcus Taylor [marcus@dircon.co.uk]

Sent: 21 July 2008 14:25 To: John Cruse Cc: Mohshin Ali

Letter Re: Licensing act 2003 and 83 Redchurch Street and 119a Bethnal Green Road Subject:

Dear John Cruse,

Thank-you for you recent letter.

I recently signed a petition objecting to the 2 licensing applications in the subject of this email and you wrote to me asking for a fuller explanation.

My objection is that there will be an increase in the levels of noise and stress upon residents in this area due to customers leaving the premises to hail taxis, going to cars and the raucous behaviour associated with the relling of alcohol late at night. The has been a marked increase in late night activity and noise when any new bar or alcohol outlet is opened in this area, exacerbated by the smoking ban which now means that people stand on the street talking loudly and drinking( whether or not they have permission to do so). My house is in near vicinity to the above premises. My family and I would be awakened in the night due to the increased foot and car traffic generated in this local area by these applications. I would consider this a Public Nuisance and that this area has reached or exceeded saturation point of noise and stress caused by late night drinking and selling of alcohol.

Thank-you

Marcus Taylor marcus@dircon.co.uk

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### Dear John Cruse

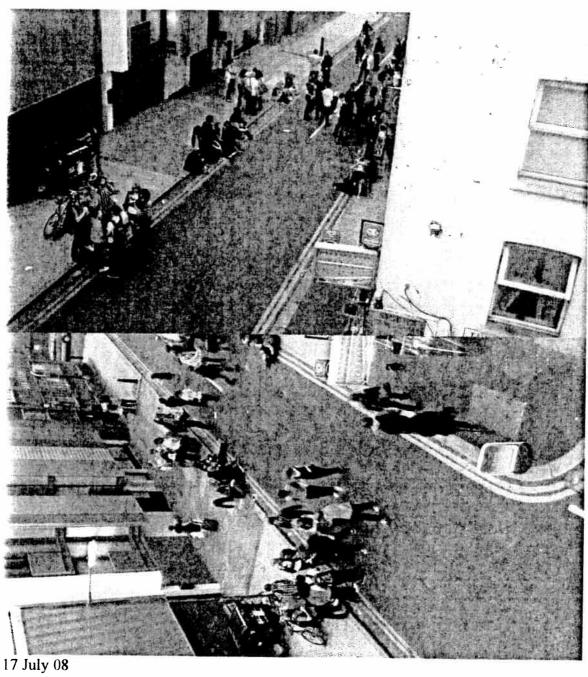
RE: license application for 83 Redchurch Street London E2.

I live next door to the with my family and young children, I object inevitable increased noise levels due to the coming and going of people at late hours at this busy corner property which is adjacent to residential houses and flats especially on Turville Street. The area is saturated with the sale of alcohol and there is no need for further off licenses, there are already at least eight off licenses within very short walking distance, this will not offer greater choice for the customer as they all sell virtually the same products.

There is a proven link with anti social behavior and those involved with the sale and consumption of alcohol, and there is no evidence or measures taken to prove the contrary for this application. This premises will be not be immune from the antisocial behavior especially as this specific corner location is regularly busy with people drinking outside it in the street. This location has a history of anti social behavior specific to this corner and this building, of violence, disorder, noise, drugs, alcohol abuse, (check police and council records) and see recent photos. The increased availability of alcohol this off license will supply on this very corner will only further contribute the stress to an area already over saturated with bars and off licenses.

### Rupert Cole

85 REDCHURCH STREET LONDON 62 705



### Mohshin Ali

From: John Cruse

Sent: 29 July 2008 10:44

To: Mohshin Ali

**Subject:** FW: ALCOHOL LICENCE APPLICATIONS

From: Daniel Jackson [mailto:daniel@avco.com]

**Sent:** 25 July 2008 17:18

To: John Cruse

Subject: Re: ALCOHOL LICENCE APPLICATIONS

Dear John Cruse

Many Thanks for your prompt reply regarding alcohol licence applications for both 119a Bethnal Green Rd. and 83 Redchurch St.

Both of these premises will have a direct impact on the quality of life for myself and my partner, living at 13, Gibraltar Walk.

Both these premises would add to the nuissance and disturbance already experienced by ourselves and all residents in the area. The specific effects are:

- 1. Increase in noise late at night, myself and my partner are frequently woken by people shouting and screaming on their way home. Gibraltar Walk is a main walking route for pedestrians walking North from the Brick Lane area.
- 2. Urination in our street. This not only happens at night but during the day it is extremely offensive and poses a health hazard. Often the doors and steps of our houses are urinated on.
- 3. Increase in drug dealing and all the associated petty crime problems.
- 4. Vomit in the streets
- 5. Defecation
- 6. Increase in the number of cars parking around the area, in resident spaces and on single yellow lines. It is becoming increasingly difficult to find spaces and this trend will only continue.
- 7. Because Gibraltar and Padbury Court are darker side streets not covered by CCTV, with many access routes, they are often used by frequenters of the local bars for post-closing-time nocturnal activities, including continued drinking, drug taking and drug dealing. Any increase in the number of bars in the immediate vicinity will only lead to an increase in these activities which start anytime from 10pm and frequently continue until the early hours, often not finishing until 4 or 5am.

Whilst I understand that you may be able to interpret this representation as not having specific effects on myself, my partner and the other residents and businesses on Gibraltar Walk and the surrounding streets, I do consider that any more granting of licencees will cumulatively add to the VERY SPECIFIC problems and stresses that are increasing in this area.

The points above occur on a daily basis and will only increase with further licences being given in

the area.

Surely there should be a limit to the number of bars in any area, there are plenty here already? How can the council just award a licence to every single premise that applies for one? There are many so called restaurant cafes/bars that are operating primarily as bars, with the food taking a very secondary role. I understand that the Kandy bar would be applying for a food and drink licence, from the experience of the other premises near the top of Brick Lane the food has largely disappeared as the culture of the area has determined that it is not such a pleasant place in which to eat as the top of Brick Lane has become one giant bar.

Any increase to the size of this giant indoor/outdoor drinking bar zone that sprawls onto the streets late at night is going to have an extremely negative impact on this area.

I would suggest that it would be wise to moderate this increase in the number of bars in the area, to create a more pleasant environment for the residents of the immediate vicinity and visitors to the area. There are many residents with families in the area - we should be striving for a better healthier environment in which to live. There are many muslim families in the area who do not drink, I feel that Tower Hamlets has a responibility to the culture of the area to be sensitive to its residents.

So any increase in the number of licenced premises will have very specific negative impacts on our community and specifically granting licences to the above mentioned premises will worsen these trends.

Obviously it is not the responsibilty of the licencees to control the behaviour of their customers outside their premises, but it is as a direct result of their profit from the sale of alcohol that we are increasingly experiencing these problems.

I find it hard to understand why my representations are not dealing with the specific effects these two potential drinking venues will have on my life and the lives of everyone else around here. And I am not even considering here the detrimental effect these new licences could have on local businesses. Potentially we could see the loss of all retail trade at the end of Brick Lane - who wants to go into a clothes shop surrounded my drunken bar clients and sticky beer covering the streets?

Many Thanks for your attention Daniel Jackson 13, Gibraltar Walk, E2 7LH

---- Original Message ----

From: John Cruse
To: Daniel Jackson
Cc: Mohshin Ali

Sent: Friday, July 25, 2008 3:01 PM

Subject: RE: ALCOHOL LICENCE APPLICATIONS

Please see attached letter.

John Cruse Licensing Team Leader Tower Hamlets Council Mulbery Place (AH) PO Box 55739 5 Clove Crescent London E14 1BY TEL: 020 7364 5024

From: Daniel Jackson [mailto:daniel@avco.com]

Sent: 25 July 2008 12:56

To: John Cruse

Subject: ALCOHOL LICENCE APPLICATIONS

To John Cruse

I am a resident living near the end of Brick Lane. I would like to register my strong objection to **any** new alcohol licences in the area surrounding the junction of Brick Lane, Bethnal Green Road and Redchurch Street.

In connection with two license application being currently considered at

- (1) Austin Art Kandy Gallery and Coffee shop: 119a Bethnal Green Road, and
- (2) 83 Redchurch Street E2

I consider that further new licences will transform the entire end of Brick Lane into one massive bar come pub serving the crowds of drinkers that descend on the area.

This would have an extremely detrimental impact on the area as other types of business would become non-viable. It would mean that the drinking culture that is emerging in the area would become the dominant character of the area and would make it unattractive for other types of business.

Many of the premises that are applying for liceneces are inappropriately constructed, most not having adequate toilet facilities. They tend to be dark and dingy, poorly ventilated, the streets become blocked with drinkers and smokers.

It seems that every man and their dog wants to open a bar at the end of Brick Lane as an easy way to make money - this has lead to extremely poorly thought out spaces that are not appropriate to the activities conducted in them.

It has lead to a street culture where begging, drug dealing, abusive drunken behaviour has become prevalent. There is a constant problem of bar customers defacting and urinating in the surrounding quieter streets and green spaces before loudly making their way home.

For every new bar there will be more drug dealing, I have witnessed this on numerous occasions in many of the local establishments. The more drug dealing there is the more this will attract an increasingly hedonistic clientele with all the surrounding social problems.

It may seem like a good short term strategy to grant licences and raise money from rates and services, but in the long term it will mean that this area will become a sleazy, dirty, noisy cess pit of drunken idiocy - not really that attractive.

It would be extremely short sighted of Tower Hamlets not to recognise the impact these new bars have already had and how this would only get worse with new licence applications.

The vibrancy and culture of Brick Lane is threatened by the establisment of these bars, if liceneces are easily granted then I believe that every other non-alcohol business on Brick Lane will be taking the easy option and turning themselves into a bar.

Does Tower Hamlets really want to let one of its jewels become tarred with what has become a national shame - the all too predicatable crowds of drunken youth wobbling, snorting, shrieking, vomitting, pissing, shitting, crawling in the gutter?

I think that other types of business should be encouraged, it would seem that clothing shops, restaurants, crafts stores, grocers, delicatessens, galleries, architectural practices, design agencies etc... would be far more appropriate to the character of the area and would also create a better business environment with

more employment opportunities. You only have to look at the examples that work, the surf shop on the corner of Brick Lane and Bethnal Green Road, the 2 branches of cafe@, the various designer T-shrit shops, the vintage stores, the Bagel Shop, the Brick Lane gallery, Maida's, the turkish restaurants, the Carpenters arms pub, the numerous crafts shops on Cheshire street, the Bangladeshi restaurants.

I certainly enjoy a drink or two, or three..., but I do not often go to these new bars, they are not for the locals, they smell, the floors are sticky with beer etc... etc... Why do we have to have this culture imposed on our area? Many of the prospective licencees have hawkishly identified this area as an alcohol based money making opportunity. Why should we let this happen to what is effectively our community, where we live!!!!

Other areas of London have made these mistakes, you only have to look at how the area around Hoxton Square has been totally ruined by the bar culture there, there are some alley ways where on a Friday night the stench of urea is overwhelming, there are pools of vomit at regular intervals, I could go on and on.

I would recommend a change in policy, and that would be to start revoking the licences of those businesses that do not adhere to the rules.

Many Thanks for Your Attention

**Daniel Jackson** 

13, Gibraltar Walk, London E2 7LH 020 7613 0089

Regarding Drink Licenses in the Redchurch Street / Brick Lane area of E2 within the Weavers ward district of Tower Hamlets Council.

I personally object to the license permissions being given by Tower Hamlets council to the variety of new businesses in our local area.

We have late night bars, art galleries and café venues **purporting to be offering** recreational and social spaces to meet; instead we the residents are witnessing a take-over of our area, which has become a late night drinking parade of alcohol supermarkets.

The north end of Brick Lane is littered with 'drinking venues' starting at the Truman's Brewery, towards Exit Bar, Hookah Lounge and continues up to the Verge and Casa Blue Bar; all are situated within 200 yards of the Beigal shop on Brick Lane. This small area has become over-run with drinkers, visitors to area aim here for a place to drink! No longer are our streets social destinations for people to come and enjoy a meal or take in the historic nature of the area.

In comparison Hackney council, has taken action to revoke licenses, consistently monitor successful applications and visibly reduced the social drinking culture which began to dominate popular areas of their borough. In short, they have noticeably helped to support the local residents.

In contrast Tower Hamlets Council is enforcing a late-night drinking culture onto our streets without any care or consideration for the residents or the negative impact this is having within our neighbourhood.

In connection with another two license application being currently considered at

- (1) Austin Art Kandy Gallery and Coffee shop: 119a Bethnal Green Road, and
- (2) Our local Bangladeshi Corner shop: 83 Redchurch Street E2

I fail to comprehend the necessity to provide licenses to these applicants as they shall not be enhancing the area, or bringing a positive benefit to the neighbourhood.

Local businesses should be encouraged to 'make more effort' to be viable and not rely on alcohol

	sales to boost their revenue.
	I personally object to the above two applications for the sale of alcohol.
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July 25th 2008

Alcohol Licenses in the Redchurch Street / Brick Lane area of E2 within the Weavers ward district of London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

We object to the license permissions being considered by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets to the variety of new businesses in our local area. This letter outlines *general* aspects of our complaint and also *specific* ones in relation to the latest applications.

#### General complaint

In the last three years, late-night bars, galleries and café venues purporting to be offering recreational and social spaces to meet, have sprung up in and around the area. Most have alcohol licences and serve alcohol as part of their commercial remit. Alcohol supermarkets have developed, some within the corner shops and groceries to extend the 'drinking culture' into the streets. As residents, what we observe is a drinking parade, especially at night and in the early hours of the morning, which is impacting very negatively on the quality of life in the area. There is now a neverending stream of sirens from police and emergency vehicles, as emergency crews attempt to cope with the fallout from alcohol and drug-related 'socialising', which turns quickly to violence.

The north end of Brick Lane is replete with 'drinking venues' starting at the Truman's Brewery, towards Exit Bar, Hookah Lounge and continuing to the Verge and Casa Blue Bar. All are situated within 200 yards of the landmark Beigal shop on Brick Lane. This small area has become over-run with drinkers. No longer are our streets social destinations for people to come and enjoy a meal or take in its historic nature.

### Specific Objections

The two new license applications currently being considered at

- (1) Austin Art Kandy Gallery and Coffee shop: 119a Bethnal Green Road, and
- (2) Our local Bangladeshi Corner shop: 83 Redchurch Street E2 will add to the problems in the area. They are both close to the bus-stop (8, 388, eastbound), near to a busy junction. We (two people of pension age) use the bus regularly. If people who have been using alcohol mill around this location, it will severely impede effective alighting on and off the bus. In addition, people congregating in larger numbers at the junction of Brick Lane, Bethnal Green Road and Redchurch Street can only cause further confusion at an already dangerous intersection (which has only recently been subject to traffic light control)

We live about 100 yards from the proposed licenced premises. We have already noted an increase in noise in our home both from emergency vehicles and noise and nuisance (litter, car parking disputes), especially at night time and weekends. The new proposals will increase this along Bethnal Green Road east of Brick Lane, Redchurch Street and into North Brick Lane. All these roads are mixed residential and business use, but so far, with few licensed premises

As residents, we personally object to these recent applications for the sale of alcohol, and would like to see monitoring and management of the establishments in Weavers Ward where alcohol licences have been granted.

Ruth and Ken Campbell,

3 GibraltarWalk, London E2 7LH

### Mohshin Ali

From: Alan.Cruickshank@met.pnn.police.uk

**Sent:** 15 July 2008 09:06

To: Kathy Butler

Subject: Anisha Cash and Carry, 82 Redchurch St, E2

----Original Message-----

From: Cruickshank Alan D - HT

Sent: 14 July 2008 12:16

To: 'uzrof@hotmail.com.uk'

Cc: 'Kathy.butler@towehamlets.go.uk'

Subject: Anisha Cash and Carry , 82 Redchurch St, E2

#### Good afternoon

Further to attending your premises on Friday 11th of July 2008, the Metropolitan Police will not object to your application if you agree to the following conditions being put on your Licence

- 1. A CCTV system shall be installed or the existing system maintained. The system will incorporate a camera covering the entrance door and the payment / till area and be capable of providing an image that is regarded as 'identification standard.'
  - To obtain a clear head and shoulders image of every person entering the premises on the CCTV system.
  - CCTV is to comply with the Data Protection Act 1998 and is to be working and recording correctly when the premises is open to the public.
  - The CCTV system shall incorporate a recording facility and any recordings shall be retained and stored in a suitable and secure manner for a minimum of one calendar month. A system shall be in place to maintain the quality of the recorded image and a complete audit trail maintained. The system will comply with other essential legislation, and all signs as required will be clearly displayed. The system will be maintained and fully operational throughout the hours that the premises are open for any licensable activity.
  - A staff member to be conversant with the operation of the CCTV system and will be on the premises at all times that it is open to the public. This staff member will be able to show police recent data or footage with the absolute minimum of delay when requested. This data or footage reproduction should be almost instantaneous.

If you agree, please send an e-mail to myself and Kathy Butler , stating your agreement to these conditions

Regards

### Alan Cruickshank PC 189HT

PH 0208 217 6699

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### Noise while the premise is in use

### **General Advice**

If they conclude this is a problem Members should consider whether it is possible to carry out suitable and proportionate noise control measures so that noise leakage is prevented. In addition Members may consider that only certain activities are suitable.

The hours of operation also need to be considered (see below).

If Members believe that there is a substantial problem of noise while the premises are in use and it cannot be proportionately address by licensing conditions they should refuse the application.

### **Licensing Policy**

The policy recognises that noise nuisance can be an issue, especially if a premises is open late at night. (See Sections 8.1 of the Licensing Policy).

The policy also recognises that staggered closing can help prevent problems at closure time (See Section 12.1).

However, while all applications will be considered on their merits, consideration will be given to imposing stricter conditions in respect of noise control where premises are situated close to local residents. (See Section 12.4).

The Licensing Authority expects the applicant to have addressed all nuisance issues relating to the premises in their operating schedule and to have sought appropriate advice from the Council's Environmental Health Officers. (See Sections 8.2 of the Licensing Policy).

The Licensing Authority will consider attaching conditions to prevent nuisance and these may include Conditions drawn from the Model Poll of Conditions relating to Crime and Disorder. (See Appendix 2 Annex D of the Licensing Policy). In particular Members may wish to consider (this list is not exhaustive):

- hours of opening (this needs to be balanced against potential disorder caused by artificially early closing times
- Whether certain parts should close earlier than the rest (for example a "beer garden", or restricted in their use
- Whether or not certain activities should have to close at an early hour, for example live music
- Conditions controlling noise or vibration (for example, noise limiters, keeping doors and windows closed).

- Prominent clear and legible notices at all exits requesting the public to respect the needs of local residents and leave the premises and area quietly
- Conditions controlling the use of explosives, pyrotechnics and fireworks
- Conditions controlling the placing of refuse
- Conditions controlling noxious smells
- Conditions controlling lighting (this needs to be balanced against potential crime prevention benefits)

### Police Powers

Part 8 of the Licensing Act 2003 enables a senior police officer to close down a premises for up to 24 hrs. a premises causing a nuisance resulting from noise emanating from the premises.

### Guidance Issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003

The Licensing Policy has adopted the recommended Pool of Conditions as permitted (13.20 and Annex D).

The prevention of public nuisance could include low-level nuisance, perhaps affecting a few people living locally as well as major disturbance affecting the whole community (2.33).

Licence conditions should not duplicate other legislation (1.16).

Necessary and appropriate conditions should normally focus on the most sensitive periods (2.36) and may address disturbance as customers enter or leave the premises but it is essential that conditions are focused on measures within the direct control of the licence holder (2.38).

### Other Legislation

The Environmental Protection Act 1990, Part 111 gives Environmental Health Officers the power to deal with statutory nuisances.

The Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003, Sections 40 and 41 give Environmental Health Officers the power of closure up to 24 hours in certain circumstances.

### Access and egress problems

### Such as:

Disturbance from patrons arriving/leaving the premises on foot Disturbance from patrons arriving/leaving the premises by car Lack of adequate car parking facilities
Close proximity to residential properties

### Comment

The above have been grouped together as egress problems. Of course the particular facts will be different for each alleged problem.

### General Advice

In considering concerns relating to disturbance from egress, Members need to be satisfied that the premises under consideration has been identified as the source of the actual or potential disturbance. If they are satisfied that this is a problem, then proportionate conditions should be considered.

The hours of operation also need to be considered.

If Members believe that there is a substantial problem concerning egress and it cannot be proportionately addressed by licensing conditions, they should refuse the application.

### Licensing Policy

The policy recognises that noise nuisance can be an issue, especially if a premises is open late at night. (See Sections 8.1 of the Licensing Policy).

The Licensing Authority expects the applicant to have addressed all nuisance issues relating to the premises in their operating schedule and to have sought appropriate advice from the Council's Environmental Health Officers. (See Sections 8.2 of the Licensing Policy, and also Section 12.5).

The policy also recognises that staggered closing can help prevent problems at closure time (See Section 12.1).

However, while all applications will be considered on their merits, consideration will be given to imposing stricter conditions in respect of noise control where premises are situated close to local residents. (See Section 12.4)

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In certain circumstances conditions relating to noise in the immediate vicinity of the premises may also prove necessary to address any disturbance anticipated as customers enter and leave (2.36).

However, it is essential that conditions are focused on measures within the direct control of the licence holder. Conditions relating to behaviour once they are beyond the control of the licence holder cannot be justified. (2.38)

### Crime and disorder on the premises

### **Licensing Policy**

The Licensing Authority expects the applicant to have addressed all crime and disorder issues relating to the premises in their operating schedule and to have sought appropriate advice. (See Sections 5.2. of the Licensing Policy)

The Licensing Authority will consider attaching conditions to deter crime and disorder and these may include conditions drawn from the Model Pool of Conditions relating to Crime and Disorder. (See Appendix 2 Annex D of the Licensing Policy). In particular Members may wish to consider (this list is not exhaustive):

- Methods of management communication
- Use of registered Door Supervisors
- Bottle Bans
- Plastic containers
- CCTV
- Restrictions on open containers for "off sales"
- Restrictions on drinking areas
- Capacity
- Proof of Age scheme
- Crime prevention notices
- Drinks promotions-aimed at stopping irresponsible promotions
- Signage
- Seating plans
- Capacity

If Members believe that there is a substantial problem of anti-social behaviour and it cannot be proportionately addressed by licensing conditions they should refuse the application.

### **Police Powers**

The Licensing Act 2003, Part 8 gives a senior police officer the power to close a premises for up to 24 hours where the officer believes there is, or is likely to be disorder on or in the vicinity and closure is necessary in the interests of public safety.

Guidance Issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The pool of conditions, adopted by the council is recommended (Annexe D).

The key role of the police is acknowledged (2.2).

Conditions attached to licences cannot seek to manage the behaviour of customers once they are beyond the direct management of the licence holder and their staff or agents, but can directly impact on the behaviour of customers on, or in the immediate vicinity of the premises as they seek entry or leave (2.4).

Conditions are best targeted on deterrence and preventing crime and disorder (S.2.6) communication, CCTV, police liaison, no glasses, capacity limits are all relevant (S.2.7-2.11).

### Guidance Issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003

Conditions can be imposed for large capacity "vertical consumption" premises (10.43).

Guidance Issued by the Office of Fair Trading
This relates to attempts to control minimum prices

### Other Legislation

The Council has a duty under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to do all it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder.

### Crime and disorder from patrons leaving the premises

### General Advice

Members need to bear in mind that once patrons have left a premises they are no longer under direct control. Members will need to be satisfied that there is a link between the way the premises is operating and the behaviour that is complained of. An example of this would be that irresponsible drinking is being encouraged. Before deciding that any particular licensing conditions are proportionate, Members will also need to be satisfied that other legislation is not a more effective route. For example, if the problem is drinking in the street it may be that the Council should designate the area as a place where alcohol cannot be consumed in public.

Members may also wish to consider whether the hours of opening relate to any problems of anti-social behaviour.

If Members believe that there is a substantial problem of anti-social behaviour and it cannot be proportionately addressed by licensing conditions they should refuse the application.

### Licensing Policy

The policy recognises that other legislation or measures may be more appropriate but also states that licensing laws are "a key aspect of such control and will always be part of an overall approach to the management of the evening and night time economy." Other controls need to be bourne in mind. (See Section 4.10 and 4.11 of the Licensing Policy).

 The Licensing Authority will consider attaching conditions to deter crime and disorder and these may include Conditions drawn from the Model Poll of Conditions relating to Crime and Disorder. (See Appendix 2 Annex D of the Licensing Policy.

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Conditions can be imposed for large capacity "vertical consumption" premises (10.43).

There is also guidance issued around the heading of "public nuisance as follows

The pool of conditions, adopted by the council is recommended (Annexe G). Licence conditions should not duplicate other legislation (1.16).

Necessary and appropriate conditions should normally focus on the most sensitive periods and may address disturbance as customers enter or leave the premises (2.36) but it is essential that conditions are focused on measures within the direct control of the licence holder" (2.38). Conditions relating to behaviour once they are beyond the control of the licence holder cannot be justified. (2.38)

### Other Legislation

### Crime and Disorder Act 1998

The Council has a duty under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to do all it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder.

The Act also introduced a wide range of measures designed to address antisocial behaviour committed by adults and young people. These include:

- Anti-Social Behaviour Orders
- Child Curfew Schemes
- Truancy
- Parenting Orders
- Reparation Orders
- Tackling Racism

### **Planning**

An application for a Premises Licence can be made in respect of a premises even where the premises does not have relevant Planning Permission. That application has to be considered and Members can only refuse the application where the application itself does not promote one of more of the Licensing Objectives. Members cannot refuse just because there is no planning permission. Where a Premises Licence is granted and which exceeds what is allowed by the Planning Permission and that Premises then operates in breach of planning then the operator would be liable to enforcement by Planning.

## Licensing Policy relating to hours of trading

All applications have to be considered on their own merits.

The Council has however adopted a set of framework hours as follows Sunday to Thursday 06 00 hrs to 23 30 hrs

Friday and Saturday

06 00 hrs to midnight

(see 12.8 0f the licensing policy)

In considering the applicability of frame work hours to any particular application regard should be had to the following Location

- Proposed hours of regulated activities, and the proposed hours the premises are open to the public
- The adequacy of the applicants proposals to deal with issues of crime and disorder and public nuisance
- Previous history
- Access to public transport
- Proximity to other licensed premises, and their hours

(see 12.8 of the licensing policy)

Subject to any representations to the contrary in individual cases the following premises are not generally considered to contribute to late night anti-social behaviour and will therefore generally have greater freedom Theatres

- Cinemas
- Premises with club premises certificates
- Premises licensed for off sales only