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Date: 11th August 2015

**Re:- Mama Leah, 660 Old Kent Road, London SE15 1FJ**

Dear Sir/Madam

Police are in possession of an application from the above to vary the premise licence. The applicant has applied for a variation to a restaurant licence with a terminal hour Sunday to Thursday 23.00hrs and Friday & Saturday 00.00hrs. The premises are situated in a mixed use area comprising of residential and commercial use premises. They have applied to vary the terminal hour on Thursday to Saturday to 03.30hrs and late night refreshments, Live and recorded Music to 03.0hrs.

A number of similar restaurant type premises are situated on the Old Kent Road and has a similar terminal hours to that requested. These premises have been subject to a number of complaints from local residence with customers casing anti social behaviour and violent incidents.

We would recommend that the hours in the current application are not suitable for the area or that of a restaurant and would like to see a reduction in hours prior to granting of the licence. The applicant has failed to offer any further conditions on the application and believe that any extension to the hours would cause an increase in Public Nuisance and crime and disorder.

We would like to see the following hours on the licence.

Thursday - All licensable activities stopping at 23.00hrs and close 23.30hrs

Friday and Saturday - All licensable activities stopping at 00.30hrs and close 01.00hrs

The Police also object to the granting of Live and recorded music for a restaurant as this would change the dynamic of the premises towards that of a bar/Nightclub and under the recent legislation for deregulation of entertainment the premises can play music till 23.00hrs which I would consider reasonable for the premises of this type, but any later would be likely to cause public nuisance.

Police would also recommend the following condition placed on the licence.

A personal licence holder will be on the premises at all times after 20:00 and intoxicating liquor is being offered for sale on a Friday and Saturday.

That all staff are trained in their responsibilities under the licensing act 2003 and training records to be kept and updated every 6 months and shall, upon request, be made immediately available to Officers of the Police and the Council.

That no spirits (alcohol containing more than 20% ABV) shall be sold by the bottle or half bottle.

That all spirits (alcohol containing more than 20% ABV) shall be sold by the measure of 25ml or 35ml at a maximum of two measures per container/glass

If the committee grant the hours as applied for on the application police would like to see the additional conditions.

At least two SIA registered Door Supervisor shall be employed at **all** times after 21.00hrs when the terminal hour is after 01.00 hrs and the premises are in use under this licence. They should remain at the premises until all customers have left and the premises is closed and be responsible for the controlling customers as they leave to minimise disturbance to local residence.

The Following is submitted for your consideration, Police would welcome the opportunity to conciliate should the need arise.

Yours Sincerely

**PC Graham White 288MD**  
Southwark Police Licensing Unit  
Tel: 0207 232 6756

## Franklin, David

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**From:** Turay, Michael  
**Sent:** 12 August 2015 18:35  
**To:** 'info@mlcatering.co.uk'  
**Cc:** Regen, Licensing  
**Subject:** Variation of Premises Licence-Mama Leah's, 660 Old Kent Road, London, SE15 1JF

Dear all

The EPT has reviewed the application to vary the premises licence and visited site, the premises are within the busy Old Kent Road area and there are residential flats above the premises. The application to extend the hours for Live & Recorded music, the supply of alcohol and late night refreshment to 03:00 hours on Thursday, Friday and Saturday will have the likely effect of increasing public nuisance in the area. Furthermore, the applicant has not addressed the implications of the additional hours sought or provide evidence that the activities will comply with the Prevention of Public Nuisance Objective, therefore, the EPT object the variation application on Public Nuisance grounds

Regards

Michael Turay

Principal Environmental Protection Officer

Environmental Protection Team

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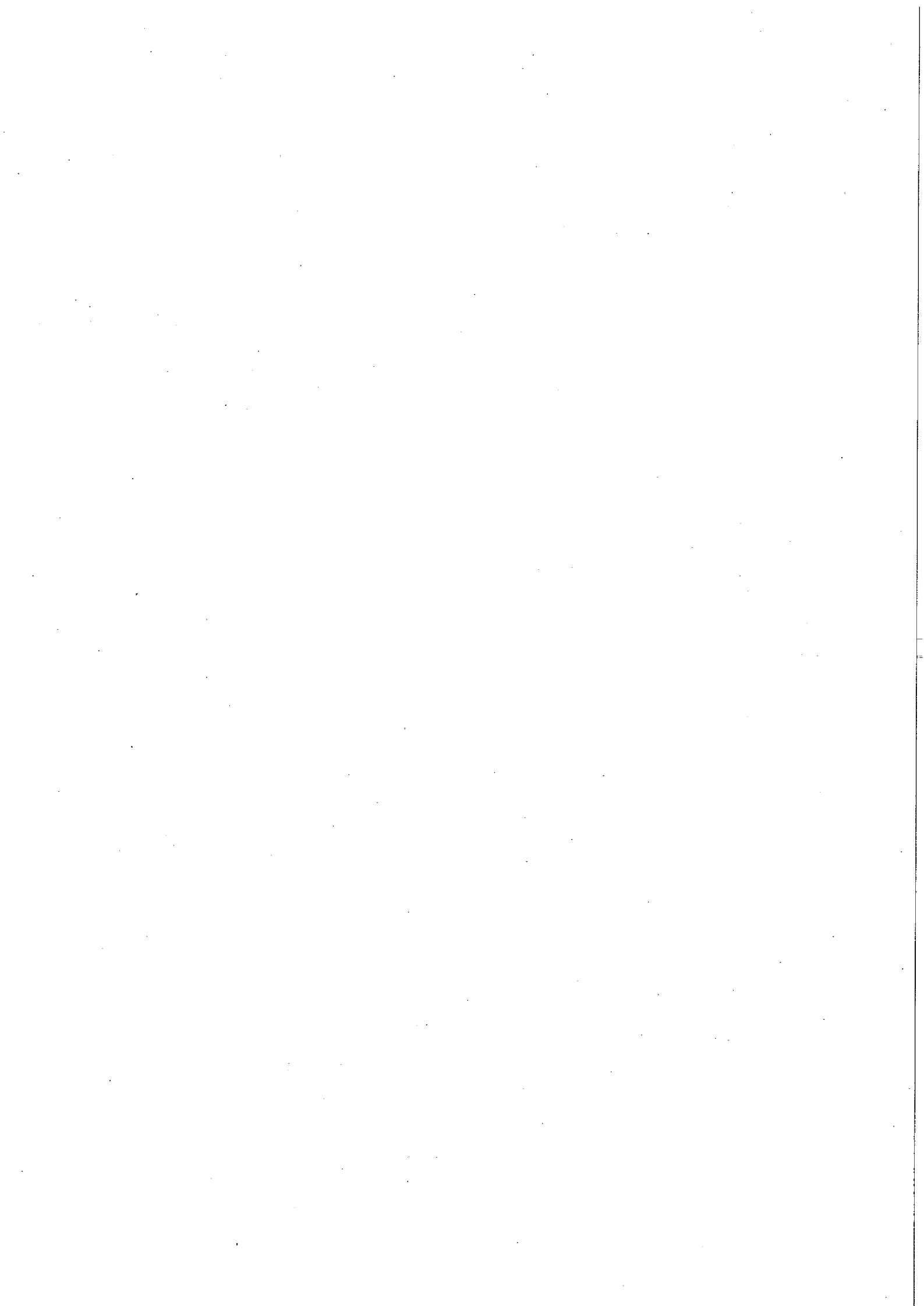
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**From:** Gui Chipchase <Gui.Chipchase@cpltraining.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 24 August 2015 14:04  
**To:** SouthwarkLicensing@met.pnn.police.uk  
**Subject:** RE: Mama Leah 660 Old Kent Road - Draft Proposed Conditions

Hi Graham,

Thank you for your e-mail,

I can confirm that we are in agreement with the conditions proposed set out below in your e-mail. In addition I can confirm that the variation is only for Friday and Saturday hours until 01:30, Sunday – Thursday will remain as per the current licence.

Many Thanks

**Gui Chipchase MLoL**  
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**From:** Graham.S.White@met.pnn.police.uk [mailto:Graham.S.White@met.pnn.police.uk] **On Behalf Of**  
SouthwarkLicensing@met.pnn.police.uk

**Sent:** 24 August 2015 13:52

**To:** Gui Chipchase <Gui.Chipchase@cpltraining.co.uk>

**Subject:** RE: Mama Leah 660 Old Kent Road - Draft Proposed Conditions

Mr Chipchase,

Could you confirm your acceptance of the conditions set out in my original representation my alteration in red as replacement to point 10 of your conditions below.

Also that the application is a variation to hours for Friday and Saturday only and Sunday to Thursday stay the same as on the licence.

A personal licence holder will be on the premises at all times after 20:00 and intoxicating liquor is being offered for sale on a Friday and Saturday.

That all staff are trained in their responsibilities under the licensing act 2003 and training records to be kept and updated every 6 months and shall, upon request, be made immediately available to Officers of the Police and the Council.

That no spirits (alcohol containing more than 20% ABV) shall be sold by the bottle or half bottle.

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A minimum of 1 SIA registered door supervisor will be engaged when the premises are in operation and the terminal hour is greater than 01:00. They will be employed at all times after 23:00 until the end of business and all patrons have vacated the premises they will be engaged to monitor smokers, admission and re-admissions to the premises, security, protection, screening and dealing with conflict and the timely dispersal of customers after close.

Many thanks

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**From:** Gui Chipchase [<mailto:Gui.Chipchase@cpltraining.co.uk>]

**Sent:** 24 August 2015 13:28

**To:** [michael.turay@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:michael.turay@southwark.gov.uk)

**Cc:** MD Mailbox - Southwark Licensing

**Subject:** Mama Leah 660 Old Kent Road - Draft Proposed Conditions

Hi Michael and Graham

Michael - I have been in discussion with PC Graham White from Southwark Police Licensing team regarding this application and so I have copied him into this also.

As promised please find below a list of proposed conditions for Mama Leah, 660 Old Kent Road in relation to public nuisance.

1. Loud speakers shall not be pointed toward any external wall in order to reduce vibration through the structure
2. That management will ensure that any legitimate complaint from a resident concerning noise levels will be addressed with the minimum of delay.
3. All windows and doors shall be kept closed after 22:00hrs except for the immediate access and egress of persons at times when regulated entertainment takes place
4. There shall be no admittance of new patrons to the premises after 00:30
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10. A minimum of 1 SIA registered door supervisors will be present from 11pm until close on a Friday and Saturday .

As mentioned we are also prepared to reduce the hours of operation from those applied for to close the premises at 01:30, with all licensable activities ceasing at 01:00hrs

I would appreciate it if you could let me know whether you are or are not satisfied that the proposed measures will curtail public nuisance.

I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Many Thanks

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## Franklin, David

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**From:** Gui Chipchase <Gui.Chipchase@cpltraining.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 01 September 2015 14:17  
**To:** Turay, Michael  
**Cc:** southwarklicensing@met.police.uk; Swaby, David  
**Subject:** RE: Mama Leah 660 Old Kent Road - Draft Proposed Conditions

**Importance:** High

Hi Michael,

I hope you had a good bank holiday?

I have managed to speak with my client in relation to your e-mail

Please take this e-mail as acknowledgement that we are in agreement with the conditions that you have proposed and the re-wording of the condition proposed by ourselves.

We hope that you now see fit to withdraw your representation to the variation application to the premises and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Many Thanks

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**From:** Turay, Michael [mailto:Michael.Turay@southwark.gov.uk]

**Sent:** 28 August 2015 11:39

**To:** Gui Chipchase <Gui.Chipchase@cpltraining.co.uk>

**Cc:** southwarklicensing@met.police.uk; Swaby, David <David.Swaby@SOUTHWARK.GOV.UK>

**Subject:** Mama Leah 660 Old Kent Road - Draft Proposed Conditions

Dear Gui,

I acknowledge receipt of your email below with the proposed noise/public nuisance conditions and thank you.

The Environmental Protection Team has reviewed the proposed conditions and consider the conditions acceptable, however, in addition to current premises licence conditions and the licensee's proposed conditions, the team would like to add the sound limiter device conditions below:

- The applicant shall install a sound limiter device, set and maintain to ensure the maximum levels of volume and bass of music, song or speech from licensed entertainment permitted by the amplification system, does not cause a public nuisance in the vicinity of the premises or intrude inside the nearest or most exposed noise sensitive premises.
- There shall be no additional sound generating equipment on the premises without being routed through the sound limiter device.

Furthermore, the Team would like the amend the wording of proposed condition 3 to:

- The applicant shall close all entrance doors and windows when regulated entertainment takes place except for immediate access and egress of persons

Regarding the variation of hours for licensable activities, the team is willing to extend the hours for licensable activities to **01:30 hours on Friday and Saturday only** subject to the proposed condition and the sound limiter device conditions.

Regards

Michael Turay

Principal Environmental Protection Officer

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#### Informative

Please note that the extended hours are only for licensable activities and the applicant should contact the planning section of the department for extension of opening hours

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**From:** Gui Chipchase [<mailto:Gui.Chipchase@cpltraining.co.uk>]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2015 1:28 PM  
**To:** Turay, Michael  
**Cc:** [southwarklicensing@met.police.uk](mailto:southwarklicensing@met.police.uk)  
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As mentioned we are also prepared to reduce the hours of operation from those applied for to close the premises at 01:30, with all licensable activities ceasing at 01:00hrs

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I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Many Thanks

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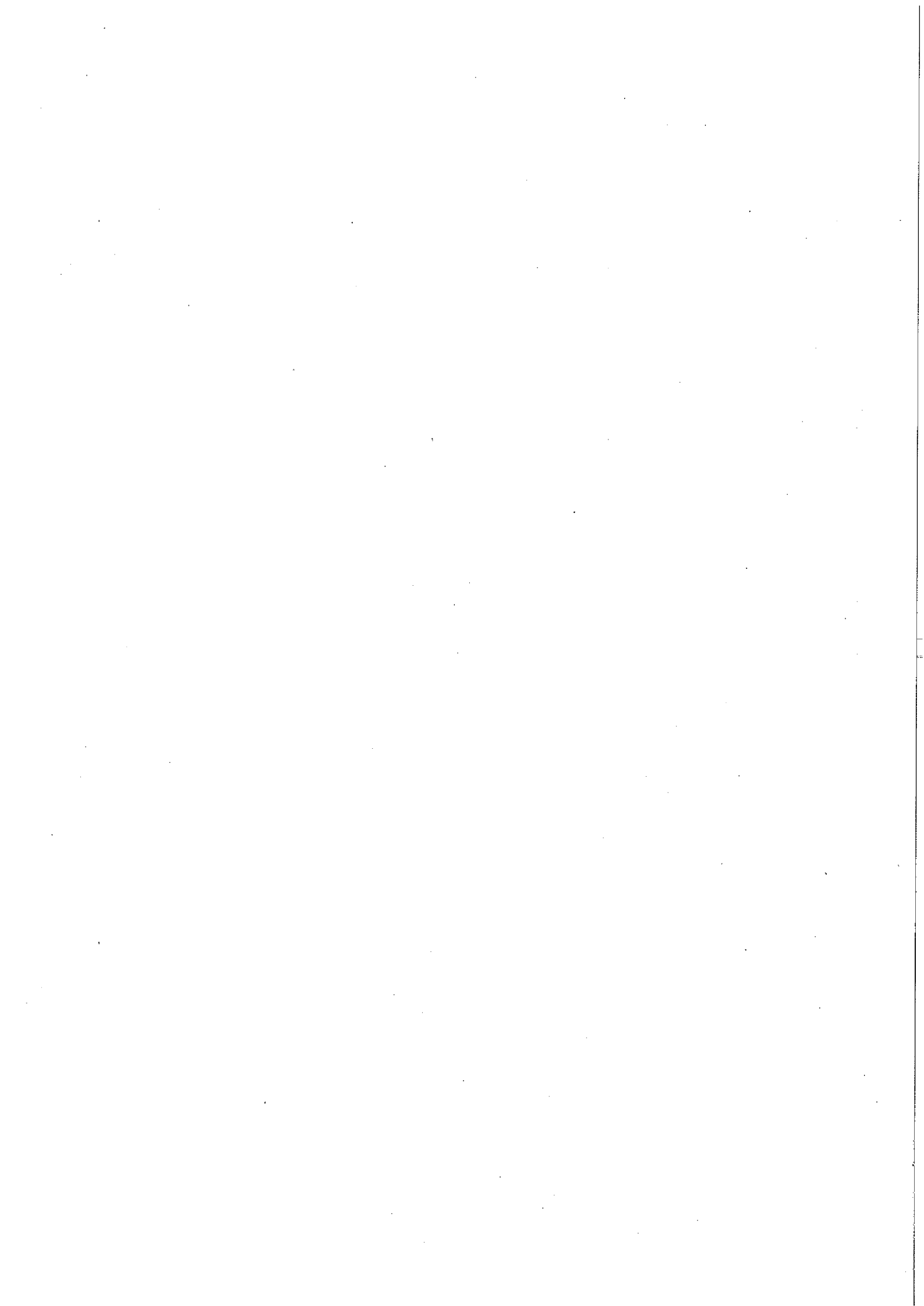
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## Franklin, David

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**From:** Franklin,David  
**Sent:** 10 August 2015 16:18  
**To:** Regen, Licensing  
**Cc:** Swaby, David  
**Subject:** Mama Leah's 660 Old Kent Road SE15 5EN

I write this representation with regards to the application by Tobi Raphael to vary the premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises Mama Leah's 660 Old Kent Road SE15 5EN under the grounds of prevention of public nuisance and prevention of crime and disorder.

The area is a mixed residential and commercial area with residents living in flats above this premises and above the premises on either side. Restaurants have to coexist with residents and as such the operation of the premises should not be able to cause public nuisance to the residents living nearby and therefore there needs to be a balance on the right of the restaurant to conduct their business and the right of the residents to have the peaceful enjoyment of their homes.

The application description in Part 4 of the application is misleading as it states that the application is to amend the hours of operation and sale of alcohol for Thursday to Saturday and that the hours in relation to live and recorded are to reflect the changed brought in by the deregulation of entertainment. This is not the case, in fact the application seeks to add live music on a Thursday to Saturday from 23:00 to 03:00 hours and to add recorded music on Thursdays from 23:00 to 03:00 and on Friday and Saturday from 23:30 to 03:30. The application also adds late night refreshment on Thursday to Saturday from 23:00 to 03:00 hours.

The application seems to be adding the sale of alcohol, live and recorded music and late night refreshment that will increase the operating hours of the premises from closing at 23:30 on Thursday and midnight on a Friday and Saturday to 03:30 hours, 4½ hours later on a Thursday and 3½ hours later on a Friday and Saturday. This would seem to change the nature of the premises from a restaurant to a night club.

The Council have not received complaints of public nuisance in relation to this premises, I believe that this is because the premises has found it's balance of operation with closing relatively early on a night preceding school days or normal working days and slightly later hours at the weekend. Patrons leaving the premises currently do so at reasonable times and noise created as they leave will currently finish before 23:30 on a weekday and before 00:30 at the weekend.

Should the application be granted then patrons will be leaving the premises up to 03:30 hours with the possibility that the noise created from cars and taxis and patrons walking home or to limited public transport will be waking residents.

There is also the possibility of public nuisance from the operation of the premises from live and recorded music transferring through the structure of the building to residential premises structurally connected to the premise and from airborne noise particularly in warm summer months when residents need to open windows for ventilation.

I also have concerns that sale of alcohol for a further 3 to 4 hours on the nights applied for will lead to patrons drinking more and causing, or becoming the victims of, crime and disorder issues at night with an increased possibility of patrons, with their ability to reason sensibly lowered by increased consumption of alcohol, to become engaged in violent incidents.

There may be some ability to extend the hours a little at the weekend, I therefore suggest the following changes of hours to the current licence for consideration.

Live Music

Thursday - No change, deregulated between 08:00 and 23:00 hours

Friday & Saturday 23:00 to 23:30 hours

**Recorded Music**

Thursday - No change, deregulated between 08:00 and 23:00 hours

Friday & Saturday 23:00 to 23:30 hours

**Sale of alcohol**

Thursday 12:00 to 23:00 hours

Friday & Saturday 12:00 to 23:30 hours

**Opening hours**

Thursday 10:30 to 23:30

Friday & Saturday 10:30 to 00:00 hours - No change

David Franklin

Responsible Authority for the Licensing Authority

## Franklin, David

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**From:** Gui Chipchase <Gui.Chipchase@cpltraining.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 02 September 2015 10:24  
**To:** Franklin, David  
**Cc:** Swaby, David  
**Subject:** Mama Leah's 660 Old Kent Road SE15 5EN  
**Attachments:** RE: Mama Leah 660 Old Kent Road - Draft Proposed Conditions; RE: Mama Leah 660 Old Kent Road - Draft Proposed Conditions

**Importance:** High

Dear David,

Thank you for your representation concerning the above named premises, Please accept our apologies for the late reply, I can see that you sent this to David Swaby on August 10<sup>th</sup> but it has only been sent to me as the agent dealing with the application on behalf of the premises owner yesterday September 1<sup>st</sup>.

The application has received representations from both the Police and Environmental protection team in relation to the same issues raised in your own representation.

Since receiving their representations we have been speaking with them and addressed their concerns by way of a reduction in the hours and agreeing conditions to be attached to the licence, I have set out these below:

**Opening Hours:**

Thursday: now to remain as per the current licence (closing at 23:30)

Friday: 10:00 – 01:30

Saturday: 10:00 – 01:30

**Sale of Alcohol:**

Thursday: as per the current licence

Friday: 12:00 – 01:00

Saturday: 12:00 – 01:00

**Entertainment (live and recorded music)**

Thursday: as per the current licence

Friday: 23:00 – 01:00

Saturday: 23:00 – 01:00

**Late night refreshment**

Thursday: now not applicable

Friday: 23:00 – 01:00

Saturday: 23:00 – 01:00

In addition to the reduction in hours the following conditions are currently attached to the licence for the premises which relate to noise nuisance:

**343** – That the maximum number of patrons permitted on the Old Kent Road frontage will not exceed 5 at any one time.

**344** – That licensed entertainment will only take place in the basement

**346** – That the licensee shall make arrangements for the volume of any entertainment music, speech or song to be under their control at all times. They shall install a master volume control for licensed entertainment in a location inaccessible to patrons or performers

**347** – That management shall ensure there is no excessive noise coming from the premises, designated and trained staff shall monitor the volume of noise from the premises at both the front and rear of the premises a minimum of once every 30 minutes during licensed entertainment.

**349** – That there shall be no licensed entertainment until all conditions pertinent to controlling internal noise at the premises are met.

**431** – That all doors and windows will be kept closed during licensed entertainment (except for access and egress)

**The below conditions are agreed with the Environmental protection team and Southwark Police Licensing unit through mediation during the statutory 28 day period and I have attached their response to this e-mail for your reference.**

1. Loud speakers shall not be pointed toward any external wall in order to reduce vibration through the structure
2. That management will ensure that any legitimate complaint from a resident concerning noise levels will be addressed with the minimum of delay.
3. All windows and doors shall be kept closed when regulated entertainment takes place except for immediate access and egress of persons
4. There shall be no admittance of new patrons to the premises after 00:30
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16. There shall be no additional sound generating equipment on the premises without being routed through the sound limiter device.

It is felt that with the reduction in hours and the further conditions attached that a better balance is struck between the operation needs of the business and the Rights of the residents to enjoy their homes.

In light of this information we ask that you withdraw your representation, however if you feel that you would like to discuss this further then please do not hesitate to contact me directly on any of the details in my e-mail signature.



Many Thanks

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