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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 16, 2017 3:08 PM
To: Regen, Licensing
Subject: Coronet Cinema Review of Licence - 31/7/17

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing with regard to the Metropolitan Police Application to review the Premise Licence of the Coronet Cinema (nightclub).

I am a local resident and have lived in the Elephant & Castle for three and a half years and in Se1 itself for twenty five years. I live [REDACTED] from the Coronet. I am fully in support of the Coronet having a licence review with the hope its Licence will be revoked or amended; this is for a range of reasons. As follows:

(i) Anti social behaviour of the worst kind by patrons of the Coronet on most Friday and Saturday evenings. Behaviour includes playing excessively loud 'Gangsta Rap' music from parked cars down Meadow Row and Rockingham Street often with accompanying drug-taking, consuming alcohol and dancing outside cars - a party in essence in a small residential street as is Meadow Row. The said actions take place between 11.00 pm to around 3.00 am, prior to entering the Coronet and again between 5.00 am and 6.30 am when patrons depart the venue.

I and other residents have watched individuals walk in the direction of the Coronet and there is no doubt whatsoever that it is the Coronet venue they are attending.

(ii) Racist and homophobic abuse and general verbal abuse directed at residents in Meadow Row and Rockingham Street on occasions when they have requested the music from cars to be turned down. I personally received racist and verbal abuse from a woman who had parked on the pavement under my window at around 1.00 am playing loud music. I asked if she could turn the music down and was told " If you don't like music you shouldn't be living in Southwark, you white bi*ch." My neighbour was subjected to homophobic abuse.

(iii) Double yellow line parking down Meadow Row and Rockingham Street. Double yellow line parking happens all the time on the Coronet Evenings (see photos). When there isn't any double yellow parking available then the individuals park on the pavement (see photo). It was extremely upsetting a few weeks ago when young men were taking selfies of themselves with double yellow line parked cars and laughing and retorting " Nobody gives a sh*t."

Additional double yellow lines were inserted down Meadow Row but this is of no use at 2 am on a Saturday if there is nobody to enforce the no parking.

(iv) Rubbish including drug paraphernalia and whisky bottles etc is strewn everywhere including in the flower beds of my block of flats. On one occasion posters advertising future gigs were pasted on my block of flats. The perpetrators would have had to enter on to the premises to do this. I had to ask Southwark Council to remove this.

(v) Urinating and defecating in residential gardens along Rockingham street.

(vi) The Coronet often allows late entry into the venue (even though the website says it will not) and this means that all of the above takes place for an extended time period between 11.30 am until after 3.00 am. Residents then have a repeat performance of all of the above between 5.00 am and 6.30 am. (see photo).

Myself and other residents had prepared a review of the Coronet Licence earlier in 2017 but unfortunately due to an administrative error we were unable to submit the application in time.

I would like to say that it is only certain evenings at the Coronet which are weekend evenings and it appears to be when the venue is hosting 'music of black origin' evenings. Most of the time I and other residents are not even aware what is going on most evenings at the Coronet as the evenings pass by uneventfully.

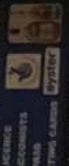
I and other residents have attended numerous meeting between the local police station in Newington Causeway, Council Licence officers, Council Parking Enforcement officers, Councillors and in the early days a representative from the Coronet. Dozens and dozens of complaints have been made by myself and other residents to the police and the Council but all to no avail. The lives of residents of the Rockingham Estate and Meadow Row is been made hell most weekends. I have resorted at times to going away for the weekend rather than endure another weekend of hell. I find myself checking the Coronet's website for details of events in order that I can "prepare' myself or make alternative arrangements for the weekend. I hope you will agree this is no way to live.

Thank you for allowing me to make this submission and I hope to be attendance at the meeting on 31/7/17 and am more than happy to add oral submissions in addition to this submission.

Kind regards

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