

21st June 2018

Southwark Licensing Team
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Dear Sirs

Re. Licence No. 863435, Dee Dees 77 Herne Hill SE24 9NE

OBJECTION TO Application May 25 2018:

Premises Major Variation to extend opening hours Fri to Saturday 07:00-00:30, with attendant late night refreshment & supply of alcohol indoors, recorded music indoors and removal of current conditions 4AK and 846.

It has come to our attention that Mr Brook Anderson, the licensee of the above premises, has recently submitted a fresh application to extend the opening hours of Dee Dees, on the corner of the small row of shops at the top of our road.

My wife and I object to all of Mr Anderson's proposed variations on the grounds of:

Prevention of crime and disorder

and

Prevention of public disorder

Mr Anderson submitted a similar late hours licensing extension back in 2013. According to my own correspondence from that time, Mr Anderson was then proposing extended opening hours and late night refreshment to 00.00 midnight on Thursdays and to 01.00am on Friday and Saturday. The 2013 application was vigorously contested by a number of local residents, supported by our then ward councillor, and was rejected.

The latest proposal is for an extension to 00:30am Friday and Saturday rather than the 2013 application for extension to 01:00. We consider that an extension to 00:30 is still unacceptable in this location at the top of a quiet residential street. The row of seven shops on Herne Hill provides local retail services (A1/A2 use class) to the residential streets at the top of Herne Hill. The adjacent side streets, Elfindale Rd and Frankfurt Rd, are predominantly single-family occupation, with young families and retirees. Due to pressures on parking, these streets are now designated CPZ. This is not a town centre location and is not a suitable location for a late night licensed premises.

Southwark's register of this application lists a series of Licensing Conditions but neither of the conditions 4AK and 846 which Mr Anderson is seeking to have removed are listed there. Why is that? According to my source, Condition 846 constitutes a restriction on any application for a Temporary Event licence and that if the restriction was to be removed the licensee could operate as a club, closing as late as 03:00am. This would constitute a totally unacceptable infringement on the peace and quiet of this neighbourhood.

One further point, the submission refers to "late night refreshment indoors" and "recorded music indoors". Dee Dees has an external seating terrace out front (which I believe was originally constructed without the required planning consent). The frontage of the Dee Dees premises has fold back doors, which are regularly folded open in warm weather. Noise spill to residential properties above and adjacent will be inevitable without proper restrictions.

Yours faithfully

[Redacted signature]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2018 2:28 PM
To: Regen, Licensing
Subject: Objection to late night licence Dee Dee's

18/6/18

Dear Sir/ Madam

I would like to object to the application for a late night licence made by Dee Dee's, licence number 863435.

Objections based on crime and disorder - I have had my car stolen from outside my property since Dee Dee's has opened and more recently theft of belongings in my car. I feel anecdotally Crime has increased on our road. I believe the extended opening hours and temporary events they intend to hold will lead to an increased number of people on my street late at night, likely under the influence of alcohol and an increased likelihood of further incidences of crime and public disorder.

Objection based on protecting children from harm - this is an area with a huge number of families with young children including my own. We have 5 excellent local schools (public and state) which have attracted these families and they are keen to create suitable environments for their children to grow up in. There has been a positive impact on local shops and businesses, an increase in bicycle use, recycling and an improvement in green spaces. The proposed licence changes will lead to large groups of adults hanging around at the top of our road, an increase in noise and alcohol related behaviour which is not ideal for those of us with children. I would not feel safe for my children to be out playing with friends/ waking the neighbours dog or walking to our local shops to buy an ice cream. I also don't believe the behaviour they will see will be a good influence on them. I don't believe deterring families such as mine from this area is in the interest of our local community.

I would appreciate you taking into account my objections.

Kind regards

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