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From:

Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 1:10 PM

To: Regen, Licensing

Subject: Reg-objection of change in premise license 872753

Dear Sir/ madam,

I'm from , Se154jr

Like to bring your attention on changes the applicant made under (licence number 872753 for-the off sale of alcohol from Funkidory 42 Peckham Rye Se154jr according to licensing act 2003

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Moreover on a personal note we all are struggling with the current COVID-19 financial difficulties and this is adding more pressure on us

So I kindly request you to take necessary steps to avoid granting permission for the off sale of alcohol from the license number 872753 as an interest off public and personal point.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Hi,

I wanted to get in touch personally in response to your representation dated Monday 6th July in connection with our licence variation request. I appreciate your reservations and hope by addressing the points you've raised below that you will have a better understanding of us as a business and your concerns will be eased. If you did want to discuss anything further following this I will also leave my contact details with you and please feel free to get in touch anytime.

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Our business caters and appeals to more of a mature clientele who are usually looking to enjoy before and after dinner drinks with a partner or catch up with a couple of friends. We provide table service only and promote drinking responsibly and always serve water at the table and top up regularly - not only to ensure good hydration but to ensure we are overseeing and monitoring guests during their stay. We will and have refused service to anyone that appeared to have over indulged previously to arriving with us!

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I may have this wrong but perhaps you are another business with an off licence on the road? We wouldn't want to contribute to adding financial pressure or be in direct competition with any of our neighbours and especially in the current climate, we want to support our fellow small business owners in any way we can.

We are a young family now (we had a baby in lockdown!), our industry has unfortunately been greatly impacted during the pandemic and we are having to adapt and do what we can to survive.

In the interest of safety going forward and bearing in mind that our previous format doesn't work during a pandemic, if we reopen, we have decided to transform most of our unit into a retail shop focussing on natural wines (we won't be stocking any conventional wine), bottled cocktails and vinyl records. We will keep four tables inside where customers can sit in and try some of our products. With this new format our planned opening times will likely be from midday to 9pm but we wanted our licenced hours to allow flexibility with the current climate being ever changing should we need to continue to adapt.

There isn't another business nearby offering the type of niche products we will be selling so there shouldn't be a conflict.

Hopefully this is helpful but we are more than happy to discuss further if you would like. I'm on [REDACTED] or my email is [REDACTED] And you know where you can find us!

Very best,

[REDACTED]

London SE15 4JR

11th July 2020

RE: LICENSING APPLICATION 872753

I'm sending this letter as an objection to the licensing application by Funkidory to extend their hours of opening and selling alcohol 42 Peckham Rye

I live very close to the premises and I object to the licensing application for the following reasons.

- It is proposed that the bar will remain open until 12 or 1 am on a daily basis. The area is primarily residential with professionals and families living in the near vicinity. Having noise seven days a week would be unacceptable. This will cause excessive noise pollution during and after the bar has closed. The consumption of alcohol can also cause anti-social behaviour.
- The bar puts barrels acting as table outside the property, the sound of often loud, drunken voices on the street late at night is anti-social and prohibits sleeps. This continuing to 1 am would impact on residents' wellbeing.
- The anti-social behaviour already experienced by residents are drunken, loud behaviour, litter and urinating. This would most likely get worse and continue later into the night. It is also intimidating for residents.
- Drunken and loud people gather at the bus stop and the taxi ranks. This disturbs the neighbourhood and is upsetting. This continuing until past 1am on a daily basis would be unbearable.
- People accumulate outside the bar to smoke. This is unpleasant, the smell travels and cigarette butts are left. This would continue late into the night.

To summarise objection fits all four of Southwark Councils criteria;

1. The prevention of crime and disorder
2. Public safety
3. The prevention of nuisance
4. The protection of children from harm

Regards

Hi,

I wanted to get in touch personally in response to your representation dated 11th July 2020 made in connection to our licence variation request. I appreciate your reservations and in addressing the points you've raised below, I hope it will go some way towards easing your concerns. If you did want to discuss anything further I will also leave my contact details with you and please feel free to get in touch anytime. Sergio and I live close by and although we're not currently open, we are often in at the bar if you wanted to pop your head in and say hi!

I will just point out that it sounds as though you have mistaken us for another business called Batch that is a little further up the road (we don't have barrels used as tables or drinkers that gather outside). Your concerns are very much valid and completely understandable however in relation to any establishments that serves alcohol so I hope a better understanding about us will help.

42 Peckham Rye is a small 30 square meter premises that we turned into a cocktail bar and opened the doors to back in October 2018. We are a local couple and manage the front of house ourselves. We provide table service only, there's no standing so not a place for large groups to gather. Funkidory is a neighbourhood cocktail bar that serves thoughtfully prepared recipes using local products and we play vinyl records. We have many regulars from the area that we have got to know well and take great pleasure in serving the little community that we have built. We have a really good relationship with each of the occupants that live in the three flats directly above us and they visit us often. They have also said they like that we have CCTV outside because it makes them feel safe.

There was an objection made against our original licence application from another local resident who I reached out to and as a result she got in touch with us directly and has since also become a regular! I'm telling you this as I hope it demonstrates that we are not about being a nuisance but instead that it is of great importance to us to be considerate to our neighbours and maintain positive and friendly relationships with them.

I have responded to your points below.

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We have amended our closing times during our variation application process to fall in line with our current licence so we will not be opening any later than what we have already been granted.

However, our plan is to actually close much earlier and the main reason for our request is so that we can be open earlier during the daytimes. We have managed so far to keep our business afloat through lockdown but we need to get open and unfortunately our previous set up isn't practical while there's a pandemic so in the interest of safety going forward we have decided to transform most of our unit into a retail shop focussing on natural wines, bottled cocktails and vinyl records. We will keep four tables inside where customers can sit in and try some of our products. With this new format our opening times will likely be from midday to 9pm but we wanted our licenced hours to allow flexibility with the current climate being ever changing should we need to continue to adapt. We also had our first baby during lockdown.. so it works for us as a family now to not to be working late into the evenings anymore!

- *The bar puts barrels acting as table outside the property, the sound of often loud, drunken voices on the street late at night is anti-social and prohibits sleeps. This continuing to 1 am would impact on residents' wellbeing.*

As mentioned, this sounds like you've confused us with Batch – sorry. The pavement outside our unit is extremely narrow and wouldn't allow for this even if we permitted it, which we don't.

- *The anti-social behaviour already experienced by residents are drunken, loud behaviour, litter and urinating. This would most likely get worse and continue later into the night. It is also intimidating for residents.*

We are with you on this and are completely against this type of behaviour and it isn't something we like to associate ourselves with. Our business caters and appeal to more of a mature clientele who are usually looking to enjoy before and after dinner drinks with a partner or catch up with a couple of friends. We promote drinking responsibly and always serve water at the table and top up regularly - not only to ensure good hydration but to ensure we are overseeing and monitoring guests during their stay. We will and have refused service to anyone that appeared to have over indulged previously to arriving with us!

Sergio and I are environmentally conscious and go to lengths to ensure we are doing the best we can in this respect. We produce minimal waste, recycle and upcycle as much as we can and only work with suppliers and producers that share our values. Funkidory also recently (before lockdown) received an award from Plastic Free Peckham!

- *Drunken and loud people gather at the bus stop and the taxi ranks. This disturbs the neighbourhood and is upsetting. This continuing until past 1am on a daily basis would be unbearable.*

I'm sorry this is a nuisance. I doubt very much it is anyone that has come from us.

- *People accumulate outside the bar to smoke. This is unpleasant, the smell travels and cigarette butts are left. This would continue late into the night.*

As mentioned, I'm not sure this applies to our place. However, we do have the occasional smoker outside (it's our policy that only 4 people are allowed to smoke outside at one time but this is rarely ever met), we have an ashtray attached to the wall and we regularly sweep up litter that finds its way outside.

Hopefully this is helpful but we are more than happy to discuss further if you would like. I'm on [REDACTED] or my email is [REDACTED] And you know where you can find us!

Very best,

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