

Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 8:36 PM
To: Regen, Licensing
Subject: Contact form for: Licensing Team

Senders Email Address: [REDACTED]

Message:

Dear Sir/Madam

I am a resident and owner at [REDACTED] Grange Road. I am very concerned as the BAC bar across the road is currently building a new terrace outside my window. I contacted their manager, George Garnier who responded to my email but has not really addressed my concerns. I have looked into it and one of the conditions of their license (No. 341 "No drinks to be permitted outside at any time") will be broken if drinks are allowed on this terrace.

I'm afraid I cannot sanction large number of people drinking alcohol outside my house on said terrace as this would greatly affect the noise level and cause antisocial behaviour.

I would like to make a formal complaint about the BAC terrace which is already a work in progress.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 10:40 PM
To: Regen, Licensing
Subject: Objection to licencing application 872924

Dear Southwark Council,

I am writing to object to the licencing application which has the following details:
Licence application: 872924

Trading name and address: Bermondsey Arts Club, 102a Tower Bridge Road, SE1 4TP
Ward: London Bridge and West Bermondsey

In accordance with the guidance for making an objection under the Licencing Act 2003, I would like to object to the licencing application on the basis that the Bermondsey Arts Club (BAC) is located in an urban area surrounded by many residential premises and the licencing application would increase the level of noise late into the night, and create a public nuisance to those living nearby.

I live directly opposite the BAC, with my bedroom facing towards the BAC, and have found that during the time that BAC has been open, there has been some occasional disturbance and noise when patrons have left the premises during the early hours of the morning (usually around 1-2am). Due to the late time, I have usually just put up with it, as it would take some effort to get out of bed and complain about the noise.

My concern is that with this new licence and the proposed hours of operation from Monday to Sunday of 9:00am to 3.30am for an outdoors drinking venue, I feel would create a greater **public nuisance** with increased noise levels (in what is already a noisier area) coming from an outdoor and open drinking establishment which will run throughout the evening until the very early hours of the morning for 7 days a week. The BAC is located within what is a densely populated residential area/setting. There would also be greater concerns of public safety with the departure of inebriated patrons, and greater increased occurrence of crime and disorder caused by disruptive patrons.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 2:03 PM
To: Regen, Licensing
Subject: Application Reference 872924 | Bermondsey Arts Club, 102a Tower Bridge Road, SE1 4TP

21st July 2020

Application Reference 872924 | Bermondsey Arts Club, 102a Tower Bridge Road, SE1 4TP

Dear Sir or Madam,

I have received notification of an Application to remove condition '341' from the licence currently granted to Bermondsey Arts Club.

I live directly opposite the bar and am concerned about the very likely increase of public nuisance and noise levels if outside drinking is permitted especially given the very late opening hours of the establishment.

As I received notification of the proposed application by being in a database I joined for another reason some time ago and not directly from the council as a resident living nearby, may I ask if any formal notification has been sent out to all residents that will be negatively affected by this licence change? And if not, is this something you intend to do before the objection timeframe expires? I do believe this to be very necessary.

Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

Very best regards,

Teresa

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Grange Rd
London
SE1 3BE

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 10:14 AM
To: Regen, Licensing
Subject: Licence number 872924 in respect of Bermondsey Arts Club.

Dear Sir/Madam

My address is [REDACTED] Grange Road SE1 3BE. I am writing to lodge a complaint in respect of an application made on 20th July for a variance in licensing terms for the Bermondsey Arts Club otherwise known as BAC.

My objection to this variance under the Licensing Act 2003 is to prevent public nuisance.

Three years ago I had cause to write the following email to the BAC. I never received a response.

"I am emailing you because I live opposite the Bermondsey Arts Club and during the early hours of this morning the music it played was at an unacceptable level. I tried calling your bar but there was no answer and so I got out of bed at 1.15 and came over at which point I was informed that a private party was ongoing.

My complaint is two fold: not just the fact that the music was too loud at that hour (or indeed any hour) but the fact that your door man did not seem remotely interested and instead tried to fob me off with the following patronising comments - "It's Friday night/we've got a licence until 2am/it's finishing in half an hour". I understand you have a licence (as a resident here for the last seven years we were more than happy for your bar to open). However I'm pretty sure that that licence would not allow the level of music I had to endure last night. Incidentally my bedroom is on the top floor of my house with double glazed windows and I am never usually bothered by the music from BAC.

Furthermore, when your patrons left at 2am they were a lot noisier than usual. I sincerely hope that any future private parties will not inconvenience local residents like myself".

Please acknowledge receipt of my objection to Licence number 872924.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 9:45 PM
To: Regen, Licensing
Subject: Objection to the variation in License Number: 872924

Dear Southwark Licensing Team,

I would like to make a formal objection to the variation on the license of the Bermondsey Arts Club (License Number: 872924). Namely the amendment of condition 341: to allow drinkers outside on a newly built terrace until 23:00pm.

Full Name: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Grange Road, SE1 3BE
Email: [REDACTED]
Date: 23rd July 2020
[REDACTED]

My residence is less than 30ft away from the cocktail bar and so this variance will have a significant impact on daily life for the following reasons:

- The BAC is a late night cocktail bar. Therefore, instead of a gentle slowing down of trade approaching 11pm, it will likely be at its busiest and loudest.
- The terrace allows for no sound-proofing, so we will hear every bit of the loud, noisy drinkers until 11pm.
- The BAC serves no food so the drinkers on the terrace will get louder and more disorderly as the night goes on.

For these three reasons the proposed variation will pose a significant threat to the licensing objective: Prevention of public nuisance

I would also like to add that I have little faith in this venue to be able to keep noise levels down as we have had anti-social behaviour occur on our doorstep — when patrons have left far too inebriated and we have been woken up almost every evening at around 2/3am for years when they dispose of glass. (Which I have now discovered is breaking a condition in their current license).

I understand the pressures that Covid-19 has posed on this business but as this is a permanent change to their license (for a short-term problem) I have to object.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 3:11 PM
To: Regen, Licensing
Subject: Objection to application: 872924

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing with regard to the application to vary the license of the Bermondsey Arts Club (no: 872924), as I would like to formally object on the grounds of 'Prevention of public nuisance'.

I notice that the amendment to the license would allow drinkers outside on the new terrace until 23.00hrs, which I find wholly unacceptable. I live opposite the venue, literally the width of Grange Road away, so the impact of suddenly going from nothing to a sizeable terrace of drinkers until late at night will impact on me greatly.

- 1) The venue is by its very nature a late night cocktail bar. I've lived opposite for over three years: it gets going later at night. Allowing drinkers to be outside until so late, directly outside the windows of approximately 40-50 properties including mine, when it is at its busiest, will generate great levels of noise and consequently disrupt our lives. It is bad enough feeling the thumping bass of the music from one's bed, and then listening to the decanting of patrons in the early hours.
- 2) I am very concerned that the doubling of capacity of this venue, with no increase in the two cubicle toilets on offer, will lead to more public urination in the area.
- 3) There is no effective sound-proofing for a terrace, and being in the middle of a triangle of multi-storey residences as the terrace is, every bit of noise pollution will amplify in this space and negatively impact on my days and evenings.
- 4) My experience with this venue in the time I have lived here has not been a positive one. Every night they disposed of their glass after closing - anytime between midnight and 4am - which was an incredible racket and would wake me and my partner from our sleep every single time. It took me a while to work out who was doing this and then, after some research, that this was a breach of their license and illegal. I contacted the management and received hollow promises twice, before I finally reported it to Southwark Council, which quickly put a stop to it... until it happened again. The excuse this time, when I approached the staff member in question in the early hours in my socks, was that it was a private party and he was on his own and it was the only moment he could do it and he was really sorry.

I therefore have no faith that, if this variation is granted, the management would be remotely willing or capable of keeping noise to acceptable levels, and respecting the fact that around 50 properties-worth of residents are their neighbours and potentially being impacted on negatively. Pre-Covid, they certainly weren't on top of making patrons leave quietly and respectfully, and keeping music to an acceptable level. I understand that most business are in choppy waters with Covid, but a permanent lease variation involving a brand new outside space - effectively a new venue on my doorstep - operating until 23.00hrs is, in my opinion, unacceptable and hugely unfair on myself and my many neighbours.

Thank you very much for your time. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Grange Road

London

SE1 3BE

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2020 6:06 PM
To: Regen, Licensing
Subject: 872924 - Objection

Hi

I'm writing to formally submit my objection in relation to case 872924. Reason for objection being Prevention of Public Nuisance.

I live directly across the street and work from home a lot due to current circumstances and likely to continue to do so in the future. I need to wake up early as my client works in an earlier time zone and therefore I need to sleep by 10pm. As my flat faces Tower Bridge Road I already cannot open my windows due to noise. Add to the bar being open till 11pm 7 days a week will cause even more noise and nuisance to my life. It is somewhat understandable to have late nights once or twice a week for a bar but not seven nights a week. This will cause additional rubbish and the sound of rubbish being disposed (like glass) and drunk people making a nuisance of themselves late into the night in the area.

My details:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

3 Aug 2020

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2020 6:00 PM
To: Regen, Licensing
Subject: Case 872924

Dear Sir/Madam

My name is [REDACTED] I live in [REDACTED] Tower road.

I am writing this application to oppose the case 872924.

The reasons I am rejecting this new Bar with terrace in front of my flat are:

- prevention of crime and disorder
- public safety
- prevention of public nuisance
- protection of children from harm

I am a full time worker and it will disrupt my sleep having a bar open until late every week days.

It will be great if something can be done regarding this new outside terrace created in Bermondsey Arts. Club bar.

I had issues with noise and people misbehaving in the past coming from that bar.

Let me know if you require anything else from my side.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2020 6:05 PM
To: Regen, Licensing
Subject: ref:872924

I write to object to the above project, namely the Arts club bar on Tower Bridge Rd, which will allow people to drink outside on their new terrace till 23:00 every night.

I believe this will have a huge affect on my household as we look directly out onto it. The noise of them emptying bins is already distressing, so to now have people shouting and screaming each night really is to much to bear. Equally, Im sure the local area, will be left with drunk peoples sick and urine, as the bar only has two toilets. This does not feel like this will benifit our local community.

Yours

[REDACTED]
■ Bermondsey Sq
London
SE1 3UN

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2020 10:47 AM
To: Regen, Licensing
Subject: Bermondsey Arts

Licence application 872924.

Dear Sir/Madam

I write to object about the proposed Outdoor drinking hours of Bermondsey Arts which will be a scant 30 yards from my lounge window.

I have put up with the late night noise from this establishment since its opening as it was only at the weekends and only after the bar had closed or one or two people came up to smoke outside. Now they have built the outside seating area intended for drinking the hub Bub of conversation will be quite disturbing as the lights are now. Was permission sort from the Building department for what has been built.

Screaming ladies - bad language - shouting can be tolerated once or twice but on a daily basis not good. Last night it was gone 2am when the voices went away.

They often empty the bottles into the outside bins after this.

Another of my concerns is the social distancing in these pandemic times. The other evening there were more than 12 people in this area and none were observing safety measures.

At the moment no one polices the egress of the patrons so sometimes they chat for ages outside.

I do not look forward to this licence being granted as it will surely impact on my evenings and sleep.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Grange Road London SE1 3AA. [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2020 3:05 AM
To: Regen, Licensing

Subject: Licensing objective

To Southwark Council,

I am emailing about Bermondsey Arts Club on Tower Bridge Road, which is currently applying for a license for outside drinking on their new terrace. The application number is 872924.

This bar is directly opposite my flat, at [REDACTED] Bermondsey Street. Granting the bar a license for outside drinking seven days a week till 11pm will be very disruptive to my work and life. Thus I am emailing to make an objection to this license on the case of public nuisance. I believe that the bar could be allowed a license for outside drinking on the weekends (Friday and Saturday night) but not week days, as this would be very disruptive to those working and with children. I hope the license is reconsidered in order to respect the neighbours of this area.

Regards,

[REDACTED]
5th August 2020

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 08, 2020 12:15 PM
To: Regen, Licensing
Subject: Application: 872 924

Hi,

I am hoping that what I find outside my flat is not a permanent, or approved feature.

I refer to the Bermondsey Arts Club which has seemingly lit up the junction with an outside bar. What kind of person would want to sit amongst a set of traffic lights I do not know and guess need not worry, but, the lights are eye-wateringly bright, stick out hugely when not in use - strung across some scaffold poles, and hardly compliment the area.

There is something to be admired in the re-invention of dis-used toilets, I quite like that, but we do not need the noise of drinkers in to the early hours, we do not need yelling and shouting (it happens with outdoor drinking spots right?) and we do not need the associated cigarette butts, noise, rubbish.

I urge you to respectfully decline any applications to allow late night, outdoor drinking, and protect the wider community from an eyesore of both visual and mental nature.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Grange Road, SE1 3BE

Dated 8th August 2020

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 07, 2020 5:43 PM
To: Regen, Licensing
Subject: Objection regarding application 872924

Dear licensing team,

I am writing this e-mail with regards to the application 872924 made by Bermondsey Arts Club bar.

Please see my details below.

Full name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Grange Road, SE1 3BE, London

E-mail: [y \[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])

Data of e-mail: 07/08/2020

Application I am opposing to (case ID): 872924

Reasons why I am opposing to the referred application are:

I strongly believe that changes to the existing premises license will highly likely to cause public nuisance in the local area. As a person who lives in a flat on a ground floor I already have a "pleasure" to experience bar customers REGULARLY urinating by my windows (while doubling bar capacity for visitors, I do not believe that bar is providing any additional toilets for its customers). It is my understanding that bar does not serve any food and all visitors will only be consuming alcohol. It will get rowdy and loud and the open-air terrace but its own nature has no sound-proofing. As bar visitors are already loud and shouting late in the streets with having disposing glass and demonstrating anti-social behavior I do not trust bat management to run new terrace with respect to us neighbors and to keep noise level down to an acceptable level.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 3:32 PM
To: Regen, Licensing
Subject: Objection to planning application 872924

Objection to planning application **872924**, Bermondsey Arts Club bar on Tower Bridge Road

Submitted by: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Grange Road, London SE1 3AA

Date: 13th August 2020

Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing to submit my objection to the above-mentioned planning application. I am a property-owner and resident living very close to the Bermondsey Arts Club bar and I am opposed to the application that this business has made to allow their customers to drink outside on a new terrace they have installed up until 23.00hrs. My objection is based on the licencing objective of **prevention of public nuisance**.

My reasons for this are:

1. There is a strong likelihood that the customers to this bar will make a lot of noise, including beyond the 23.00 hrs closing time. This already happens on various nights of the week, because the people leaving the bar congregate around the entrance to the bar and continue to have lively conversations which are very disturbing for nearby residents trying to sleep. This will be even worse if the bar uses an outside terrace which has no soundproofing.
2. The increased seating that the outside terrace provides will double the capacity and massively increase the number of customers to the bar, which will increase the number of people who may be making noise and disturbance.
3. Currently, the bar is sometimes hired for private parties which extend beyond 23.00hrs and do not have security staff included. If this practice continues, people attending the private parties are highly likely to use the outside terrace, thereby making noise and disturbance into the night as there would be no security staff to control them.
4. There is a high risk of public urination, particularly as the bar is not increasing its toilet capacity. Already there have been incidents of people urinating against the wall of the carpark adjacent to my house.
5. There is an increased risk of glasses and bottles being left on pavements and other locations near the bar. This already happens, and with increased customers it is likely that the incidence of this will also increase.
6. This business is a late-night bar which will inevitably continue to be serving people who are drinking alcohol to the extent that their behaviour becomes loud and potentially rowdy. This will disturb all residents in the area.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 5:00 PM
To: Regen, Licensing
Subject: Objection to License Application 872924

London, 15th August, 2020

Dear all,

I would hereby like to object to the application made by Bermondsey Arts Club to Southwark Council to allow customers to drink outside on their recently-built terrace until 11pm, under the license number 872924.

I am opposed to the application based on the objective of prevention of public nuisance.

Bermondsey Arts Club is a late night bar and having customers drinking outside my apartment, which is right across the street from Bermondsey Arts Club, will have a grave impact on my daily life. It will bring up the noise levels enormously and given it is an all open-air space, no sound proofing can be enabled. Further, given the bar does not serve food, and people will only be drinking, this will significantly increase the risk of rowdiness and public urination around the area. Already in the current state, a lot of customers stay outside the bar after it closes, it is very noisy, and given the outside area will roughly double the capacity of the bar, this can be expected to get worse.

Given this is not simply a temporary license to help Bermondsey Arts Club to recover from the Covid situation, it will permanently affect my situation and noise levels will affect my ability to work (especially given I currently work from home and often until late at night in the room facing the bar), my daily life and my sleep.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

Best,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Grange Road, [REDACTED]
SE1 3BE London

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 9:48 AM
To: Regen, Licensing
Subject: Opposition to Bermondsey Arts Club Terrace - 872924

To whom it may concern,

Our names are [REDACTED] residents at Flat [REDACTED] Grange Road, London, SE1 3BE. We are writing on the 17th Aug 2020 to express our objection to case 872924 - the permanent terrace at Bermondsey Arts Club (BAC).

I am expressing this objection on the basis that the outdoor terrace will become a nuisance to the public and nearby residents, of which we live directly opposite the club. Whilst BAC is an underground indoor club, the nature of the terrace, combined with the late hours of operation will cause a lot of noise for locals late at night. Further, as a purely alcohol based club, the increase of drunk and disorderly behaviour is going to increase in the neighbourhood, which together with being loud and rowdy is likely to cause other anti-social behaviours, such as public urination and vandalism. Quite frankly, a crowded terrace of those consuming alcohol is surely not the best COVID-19 friendly response and to me is unsafe from a public health point of view.

I hope you take the above into consideration and remember that this is not just a measure to help the business through COVID-19, but a permanent impact on all the local residents in the area.

Many thanks and kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 3:07 PM
To: Regen, Licensing
Subject: Application 872924

To whom it may concern,

My name is [REDACTED], [REDACTED] my address is [REDACTED]
Grange Road, London, SE1 3BE, United Kingdom.

I am writing to oppose application 872924 by the Bermondsey Arts Club Bar. They are applying for a terrace. Our house is opposite the bar and the noise already makes sleep difficult for many members of my household.

My main concern about the bar having a terrace is safety. The bar is between the bus stop and our house. My housemates and myself are all young women who already feel unsafe walking home alone. Increasing the capacity of the bar would increase the amount of drunk people in viewing distance of our front door and make us feel incredibly unsafe entering our home. We have already experienced harassment from drunk men in the area who have attempted to follow us home. I feel like the application would increase this problem, therefore I am writing to oppose it.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 10:27 PM
To: Regen, Licensing
Subject: case 872924

Hi

My name is [REDACTED], Grange Road, SE1 3BE. I'm writing to oppose case number 872924.

I live directly across the road from this venue, and I can hear all the activities that already goes on there. Especially when people are leaving or hanging out on the street across the road. It's quite loud and disturbing at that hour of the night, I also have two small children living here.

I fear that allowing drinking outside will only increase the noise and potential for trouble.

This isn't a regular "pub" type situation. It's an underground venue. The drinking shouldn't be allowed on the street.

Thank you

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
17/8/20

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:50 PM
To: Regen, Licensing
Subject: Opposing to application 872924

Name- [REDACTED]
Address- [REDACTED] Tower Bridge Road, London, SE13NE
Email- [REDACTED]

Date of email- 18th August 2020

Application opposing to- 872924

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing regarding the application that Bermondsey Arts Club bar have applied for a new terrace outside until 23.00hrs seven days a week.

We are opposed to this application based on prevention of public nuisance (under licensing act (2003)).

The change in having the terrace is very likely going to cause a lot of loud drinkers every night and our flat is opposite the bar. We already get horrendous noise from traffic and honking, so this would just add extra unnecessary noise pollution.

The other point is that our flat entrance has some bushes and worried that customers will want to use this to urinate as we are situated opposite the bar. We already get people dumping rubbish constantly.

We hope the club can continue as it is, but just not having an outside terrace.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

6/8/20


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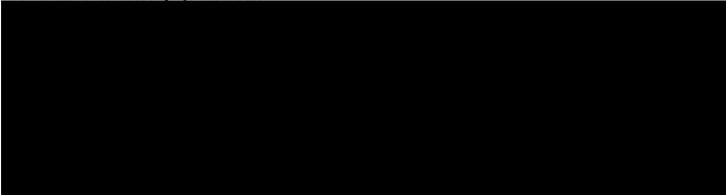
Dear Sir/Madam

Objection to License 872924

My address is  Grange Road SE1 3BE - opposite the Bermondsey Arts Club (BAC). I am writing to lodge a complaint in respect of an application made on 20th July for a variance in licensing terms for the BAC - license number 872924.

My objection to this variance under the Licensing Act 2003 is to prevent public nuisance. Even now, the lights the BAC has put up on the terrace are disturbing me in my living room as they are so bright. Furthermore, I cannot see how in reality people will suddenly stop drinking outside at 11pm. The noise pollution will be terrible and I am also concerned that since the bar only has two toilets people may urinate outside on my property or nearby.

Kind regards


 I ALSO THINK THAT HAVING AN OUTDOOR
PUB ON THAT ISLAND LOWERS THE
 TONE OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.