

Party 1**From:****Sent:** Thursday, December 24, 2020 8:28 AM**To:** Regen, Licensing**Subject:** Objection to licence 873900

The application to extend the licencing hours means that the antisocial behaviour from already intoxicated members of the public would only escalate the situation that the residents living directly within the shop area have to put up with. As the shop owner has already displayed a disregard for local residents and caused anti social and nuisance behaviours while setting up his store working through the night till 1am and paying no attention to the levels of noise he makes when passing directly outside my home, it would be difficult to believe that the owner would not cause further disturbances to residents with the extended hours and selling alcohol within those times. Members of the public are already using the area in front of my home to congregate and consume alcohol. The new owner and previous 2 owners [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] never made any attempts to ensure that the consumption of alcohol after sale and nuisance outside the store which is residential, did not take place. I have had to ask intoxicated persons to move away from outside my home before the sale of alcohol took place and after, customers from the shop frequently sitting on the grass verge corner and steps directly outside my home are a daily nuisance. Alcoholic containers and bottles are discarded into my raised beds, outside my front door, on the grass verge and pathway outside my home every day. I have had to clean and wash down the area directly under my kitchen window because intoxicated members of the public vomit and men have used the area in front of my kitchen window and the intercom door leading to the flats [REDACTED] to urinate. Known alcoholic abusing members of the public have been able to purchase alcohol while already intoxicated from the 2 previous owners, this breached the conditions set out in their licence and because of this I would not believe this application or any conditions attached to it to be any different.

All of these behaviours will continue to be a nuisance. I would ask that consideration be given to the fact that this store is not on a high street, it is situated in a very residential neighbourhood, my home is [REDACTED]. Children, the elderly, and vulnerable adults from the 2 residential care home within 2 minutes walking distance and the elderly supported living accomodation 30 secomds walking distance frequent the store, the public nuisance from the sale of alcohol would and does pose a risk to all, so putting their safety at risk from drunk and disorderly behaviours as well as the potential criminal activities. If the licence to extend the store hours is granted, as a result of any extended opening times all it will achieve is longer period of the daily nuisances that have been ongoing for over 23 years. Some if not the majority are instances involving alcoholic abusers who would be the only persons choosing to drink at such early and late hours. Examples of these are residents (4) of the Setchell Estate who are known alcohol abuser are regularly heard shouting and arguing while already drunk at 6am waiting for the store to open so as to purchase alcohol, they choose to sit directly outside my home in front of my kitchen window. Despite their obvious intoxicated state all the owners to

date continue to sell alcohol to them, they return up to 6 times a day to purchase more alcohol through until closing time.

There are 2 alcohol recovery hostels very close to my home, 1 is less than 5 minutes walk away in Crimscott St, SE1 3TE and the other is less than 30 seconds walk from my home and the store itself, in Setchell Rd SE1 5ST, the closest of the 2 hostels have never factored by the licencing authority when granting previous applications to extend the sale of alcohol, or the impact these decisions have on residents living so close to them. Those who reside at the hostel have caused numerous issues and all have been as a direct result of their ability to purchase alcohol from as early as 6am and throughout the day from the store at 12 Dunton Road SE1 5TJ. Police attended on one incident 01/07/2015 for example because an alcohol abuser of Setchell Road hostel already intoxicated purchased vodka bottles and cans of strong cider walked to the back of the estate and continued to consume alcohol for a further 6 hours directly at the rear of my house and garden gate. Within that time it took 4 hours before the police could move her on, while the whole matter took place no staff from St Mungos Hostel attended to help despite being so close by (10 seconds walking distance) and despite the chaos caused by the woman the store owner at the time chose to ignore the issue, the sale of alcohol continued. Another incident saw sale of alcohol to an already inhibited man who sat on the grass verge verbally and inappropriately abusing 2 girls of approximately 6 years old, who were going to the store. Despite the fact that the man could be heard quite clearly the owner at the time made no attempt to move the man on. Instead I intervened by alerting police to the mans behaviour and his attempt to drive his vehicle away while over the drink drive limit. The man was prosecuted by the CPS. Another incident more recently saw an inhibited female from the Longfield Estate purchase alcohol from the store, choosing to sit on the steps directly outside my home the female became more and more inhibited, she then began pouring liquid from her beer cans all over the steps, leaving the numerous cans and walking away. My husband asked the owner at the time to see what it meant for us as residents having to deal with the behaviour, but it clearly made no difference to the then owner who continued to sell alcohol to the recognised residents who are alcohol abusers of the estate later that day. Another incident saw a man expose himself in 6 inches in front of my kitchen window to urinate.

Ros Stark House is a 54 bedroom temporary accomodation unit that has numerous children within the building of primary and nursery school ages that are going to be put at risk from the continued sale of alcohol considering that St Mungos Alcohol Rehabilitaoun hostel is 20 yards across the street from Ros Stark House. Responsibility of the sale of alcohol does not only fall with the store owners but the council licencing authority who grants the applications without taking the whole situation, whole area of impact and those who will be affected by it into full consideration. I would ask that Southwark Council give great consideration to limiting any sales of alcohol from the store to a considerable minimum. The proposed times of 7am-23.00pm Monday to Saturday and 8am-22.00pm on Sunday be refused as to this would only cause further disturbances to residents, invite alcohol abusers to longer periods of alcohol consumption off the premises, it will invite further anti social behaviour by members of the public and the residents who already have long standing alcoholic issues and bring an element of criminal behaviour that impacts greatly on residents in the area as well as my home. I would further ask that the store

opening times are reduced to reasonable hours such as 8am-19.00pm Monday-Saturday and 8am-14.00pm on a Sunday to ensure that all residents are able to live free from nuisance, public disorder and criminal nuisance.

Please see attached image of St Mungos alcoholic abuser in drunken stooper at the rear of my home.

There are numerous other supporting documents and images available to show the breaches of the licences held by all at 12 Dunton Road SE1 5TJ

Yours Sincerely

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Party 1



Party 2

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 28, 2020 11:13 AM
To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to licence application 873900

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to put forward an objection to the licence application for 12 Dunton Road SE1 5TJ. I am a vulnerable adult who has been affected greatly by a number of issues which relate to unmonitored behaviour spilling out in front of my home [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

My representative and legal appointee is putting this forward for me because I need help with this.

I deal with being woken by school children as early as 7am, the noise from kids means that I have experienced ridicule from kids who stare at me when I am at the window. I do not understand things so when there is noise I look out of the window and this creates issues of discrimination by members of the public.

My supporting day centre have had to intervene to try to help the school children understand that the discrimination shown to me because of my disability is not acceptable but despite their attempt to help it made no difference to the school children. The anti social behaviour unit also tried to help but the issues of Harris Academy Bermondsey girls school gathering outside my window, recently all requests from my carer to the school have not been answered so the issues of school girls outside every morning and afternoon is continuing.

There is a residential assisted unit at 71 Dunton Road SE1 that helps people with learning disabilities and other mental health issues just like me, and they have also been affected by ridicule from the girls when they go in and out of the shop. There is also a residential unit at 70 Southwark Park Rd many of the residents are at the busstop opposite my house and have to deal with the same issues from the school girls. At no time did the previous owners or the present owner intervene, because no regard is given to "any" behaviour after the point of sale.

There are many people who go to the shop to buy alcohol. If the sale of alcohol is extended and continues to be permitted the issues of risk to myself and all those residing at the residential units and other members of public, by public nuisance will continue.

Noise from drunks arguing and shouting at each other is a nuisance but moreover it is frightening to me. I find these sorts of instances very difficult to process or understand, when I am anxious or frightened I self harm. It causes me distress to hear the noise from adults outside my home. There is a specific family who have drink issues and mental health problems, they sit on the grass verge under my bedroom window very early in the morning (6am) with their dogs and 1 of their drunk friends and wait for the

shop to open to buy alcohol. They return daily numerous times to continue purchasing alcohol. It is especially frightening to hear their large dogs barking and fighting.

The noise that will be an issue from late night shoppers will also cause a nuisance when loitering around the front of the shop continues as it is already a problem. This means my sleep pattern changes and I cannot go back to sleep so that means my carer has to wake up to ensure my safety and well being because when I am awake my carer has to be awake too.

I have had to deal with staring adults, noise from kids and all sorts of issues as a direct result of living next door to the shop. I have been called a peodophile simply because I was at my window. I have been made fun of, giggled at and had groups of adults and kids laughing at me just because they are able to access and congregate outside the shop with no supervision or responsible adult presence.

I would ask that the council think about what it means to extended licening and the already trading hours at 12 Dunton Road SE1 5TJ because I have had 3 episodes of anxiety and distress in less than 2 months because I could not leave my home in the usual way to go to my carers car because there has been groups of men going to and fro from the shop blocking my access from the back of my house with numerous cars. These cars and vans belong to the shop owner and his visiting family and friends. I thought at first that this was because the new owner was having work done and assumed it would stop once the shop works were completed but it is not the case as numerous cars are still blocking access. My carer had to walk me back inside on many mornings when I tried to leave my house to go to my day centre. I had to go back inside and walk the long way round to the back of the house through the front of the house. I cannot tell you how much this distresses me and makes me unable to cope with my day. Please find attached image of the inconsiderate and illegal parking which causes me to have to change my routine. When I change my routine it makes things very complicated for me to cope.

Please consider the residents on the surrounding area, especially those like me who need to be able to go to and fro freely without having to deal with members of the public, drunks, inconsiderate people and unreasonable behaviours from others that are also discriminatory towards the disabled. There are many factors that cause issues for the elderly, disabled and at risk group categories but to date no consideration has been given to them when granting the application requests from all previous licencees of 12 Dunton Road SE1 5TJ

Opening the store earlier and staying open till very late will have an impact on my ability to live free from discrimination and undue stress because those who would access the shop at those unsociable hours are those who already cause nuisance to the most vulnerable.

Yours Sincerely

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Party 3

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: 28/12/2020 22:08 (GMT+00:00)
To: licensing@southwark.gov.uk
Subject: Objection to licence 873900

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to put forward an objection to the application to extend opening times for 12 Dunton Road SE1 5TJ no:873900. It would have a very significant and negative impact on my ability to live free from nuisance in my home that is situated [REDACTED].

The shop attracts the congregation of youths inside and outside. There is a secondary girls school Harris Academy Bermondsey which is located across the road causes many issues with nuisance noises on an elevated level. From 7.00am the girls are outside the shop, they then spill in large groups outside my home. This same behaviour then continues from 3pm-7pm which has been so excessive that Southwark Anti Social behaviour unit had to intervene when the school were failing to address the issue which included unacceptable discrimination towards my profoundly learning disabled adult son.

Opening from 7am - 11pm means that the noise will continue throughout the day all day as will the waste left by customers as well as the owner and his staff. To date the new owner has remained open as late as midnight. I have attached video footage of the owner leaving his store the evening of 22/12/2020 at 11.49pm, it is not the first time. He shows no regard to the fact that he is not adhering to licencing laws and causing further unnecessary nuisances.

He arrives and leaves his store by walking along the public pathway directly outside my house. He can then be heard at the back of the house, as he starts his van engine before he drives away.

Granting the application and extending the hours is only going to create more noise which affects my family, such as loitering youths, which has impacted the area with criminality congregating outside the store, graffiti, waste and noise, the owner/s previous and present never intervene when youths (customers and non customers) stand outside his store gathering in large and small numbers. Drunkenness by customers is an everyday occurrence. Youths loitering, using drugs and intimidating dogs to fight each other have been recent issues. Please refer to MPS for recent crime reports regarding this. Theft from the store over the 23 years I have resided at my property sees multiple instances which are often very aggressive. The selling of alcohol has caused numerous instances of drunks using the steps outside my home to congregate on, we have had to move them on because the store owners of the last 23 years have not and do not show any responsibility before or after the sale of alcohol. On the 23/12/2020 after being sold cans of alcohol a customer spent 2 hours

shouting while inebriated outside the store, before purchasing more alcohol and leaving.

On the 25/12/2020 the owner permitted the sale of alcohol to a known alcohol abuser and resident of the estate already intoxicated at 10am. Later the same day she purchased further alcohol along with her friend.

All owners and managers of the store have permitted the sale of alcohol to intoxicated members of the public since 1998. There is no attempt to adhere to the guidelines as alcohol is freely sold to any persons wishing to purchase it regardless of their already intoxicated state. Opening the shop earlier and remaining open later will only serve to make it easier for alcohol abusers to purchase more alcohol.

Over the years youths frequently try to gain entry to the store from the back of the store. Because the area is residential and the rear of the store is secluded it sees many instances of criminal behaviour including arson, burglary, criminal damage and anti social behaviour, motorbike theft allowing the store to open at such late times means that the anti social behaviour will escalate and continue. The potential for these types of youths to congregate front and back of the store is far greater, bringing risk elements to my own home and the surrounding homes.

I am a key worker who works day and night shifts, being woken up by gathering youths and drunken behaviours has been ongoing for 23 years and no relative consideration has been given when issuing the previous licences, I would ask that on this occasion the impact of the application and what it means for residents living so close is taken seriously.

Large group of youths (50+) were moved on by police at approximately 22.30pm on 1 particular evening who were gathered outside the store when it was closed, the situation saw aggressive and confrontational behaviours, intimidating other members of the public passing by. If the store were open at that time the situation could have been made worse with or without the sale of alcohol.

The new owner currently does not close until much later than 23.00pm, he is seen and heard leaving at just before midnight. He has personal/relative visitors to his store who also show no thought to the fact that the area is residential. I have attached a video clip of the new owner leaving the store at almost midnight which has not been a one off. It is an example of his already unsociable closing hours.

Please take into account that there are schools, elderly residential units, day centres for residential units and multiple homes very close to the shop. Granting the extension to sell alcohol until 23.00pm 6 days a week and 1 day until 22.00 pm will negatively impact those homes and residential units putting all those at risk.

Yours Sincerely

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Party 4

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 28, 2020 11:48 PM
To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection 873900

Dear Sir/Madam

This is an objection to licence application 873900

Since Komalathan Theivendram began taking ownership of the store at 12 Dunton Road SE1 5TJ he has shown no consideration for others accessing their home. My car is often blocked in by the Komalathan Theivendrams van and the many vehicles constantly parking illegally that are visiting his store in a liading and unliading only area at the rear of the shop. The pretence in his attitude to create a situation to force others to leave/move is a nusiance and despite the permitted loading and unloading area it seems that Komalathan Theivendram believes that he has a priority to the area, and that the road user rules do not apply to him.

If the negative attitude and lack of consideration towards residents so far is anything to go by it does not show a positive arrival to the area. He is causing numerous issues.

I ask Southwark to consider the application to extend the licence a nusiance to the area, it poses anti social behaviour and possible criminal escalating issues.

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Party 5

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: 28/12/2020 23:20 (GMT+00:00)
To: licencing@southwark.gov.uk
Subject: objection to licence 873900

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like my objection to the licencing application of number 873900 Mr Komalathan Theivendram to be given consideration because his behaviour to date has not had a positive impact on the area.

The owner has created numerous issues from an enviromental stand point. He did not show consideration to the fact that the homes above and to the sides of his shop are disturbed by his late night opening and closing. He has left his shop as late as 00.30am and in doing so the numerous cars along with his own vehicle causes a disturbance which is not appreciated as I have to wake up at 4am for work. The cars associated with Mr Komalathan Theivendram are coming and going every day. Up to 7 cars all at once have arrived to visit the owner and park illegally. The effect of this includes air quality being overwhelemed by exhaust fumes, so many vehicles daily emitting exhaust into the air affect my asthma, cause nusiance smells and noises.

The fumes from the vehicles not just 12 Dunton Road but also 6 Dunton Road and 10 Dunton Road have a negative impact on the quality of air. This means that I am repeatedly having to close my window.

The owner has shown no regard for keeping the area clean, he and his staff are seen on cctv regularly littering the area at the rear of the shop along with numerous visitors (relatives and workers?) to his shop on a daily basis. Cigarette ends are discarded front and back of store directly in front of the kerb that leads into my home, takeaway food and its waste from visiting staff and relatives are dropped at the rear of the store, unsanitary tissues and other waste are also discarded at the back of the store daily, this area is at the rear of my home which is my access to and from my house. The issues of pest control are very prolific on the estate with customers, the owner and all his visitors adding to it.

Attached are photos showing the disregard Komalathan Theivendram has shown in relation to the area front and back. From the start of his ownership of the store he and his staff began dumping waste. Which accumulated over a 5 week period, this was only cleared and dealt with through raising a complaint at Southwark Council. Without the complaint the owner would have added to it and continued to ignore the issues that would have been caused by it such as pest control and the serious fire hazard to the properties above and surrounding the shop. The previous 2 owners were also present at the time and showed that these behaviours have been the same for a very long

time and examples the attitude. You can see from the images attached that the dumped waste is excessive, a serious fire risk, it poses the risk of arson and other criminal activity.

I would ask that the application to extend the shop opening times not be granted as to extend it would bring more of the same.

The area is residential but no regard is ever paid to this in that residents are left to deal with things. Please consider the schools and vulnerable factors in the neighbourhood.

Yours sincerely

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From:**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 2021 2:39 AM**To:** McArthur, Wesley <Wesley.McArthur@southwark.gov.uk>**Subject:** Re: Application to vary a premises licence: R&T News, 12 Dunton Road, London, SE1 5TJ (ref: 873900) Loc ID 191739 - South Bermondsey Ward

Hi Wesley McArthur,

Thank you for your email. I looked at all the objections which you had attached in the email.

Note: FYI, the owner who had run the business before the previous owner had an alcohol licensing hour from 8:00am – 23:00pm Mon to Sat and 10:00am – 22:30pm Sun. His premises license number; 6679. Then the previous owner reduced the hour as he closed the shop early. In this occasion I strongly believe that this premises had already been given permission to sell alcohol till 23:00pm previously before the previous owner had decided to close the shop at a much earlier time.

I would like to give a brief explanation for each party's complaint.

Party 1:

Had mentioned too many issues and also talking about how the previous owners were running the business. All I can say is since the day I started trading, there has been no issues with the customers. In fact, the customers are very pleased with the fact that we have more extended hours in comparison to the previous owner. Customers are welcoming us and we would love to continue building a good bond relationship with the residents. If any issue, you are more than welcome to come to me to discuss the matter. I will try my best to resolve the matter as soon as possible.

Party 2:

Since I started trading, I have informed all the school kids to not make noise outside the shop and not to hang around outside the shop if they are not purchasing anything. I am really happy that the school kids are following my request and respecting the public. Also the attachment which you had attached was taken on the 04th December 2020, as that was the date I was unloading new stocks for my new shop. I had a few friends who had come over to help me set up the shop. That's why you probably had seen a few other vehicles which were parked there. I can strongly say that this has not happened after I had started running the shop. I hope you understand the situation. If any issue, you are more than welcome to come to me to discuss the matter. I will try my best to resolve the matter as soon as possible.

Party 3:

This complaint had stated that I leave the shop late. Just wanted to inform you that I hold an opening hours license from 7:00am – 23:00pm Mon-Sat and Sun 8:00am-23:00pm and this was granted by Southwark council. Just want to let you know that I have not breached any law. I always close the shop at 11pm, then stay to clean the shop before leaving. You are taking videos of me leaving the shop which I find very

uncomfortable as you are taking away my privacy. If this continues, I would have to take further legal actions.

Party 4:

I totally disagree with the statement as I always park my van in my own parking space behind my shop. Plus, I do not have any visitors blocking your space. If any issue, you are more than welcome to come to me to discuss the matter. I will try my best to resolve the matter as soon as possible.

Party 5:

The pictures that you have attached were taken whilst the refurbishment work was going on at the shop. The rubbish from the refitting was kept outside my shop, which I don't see how this was bothering you. It is highly unfair that you would raise this as a matter as I was respectful with the public and had stuck a notice outside the shop before the work had started so that the public was aware of what was happening. The rubbish was all cleared once the job was completed. There is no more rubbish left at the back as it is now fully cleared. If any issue, you are more than welcome to come to me to discuss the matter. I will try my best to resolve the matter as soon as possible.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Mr Komalathan Theivendram