

## Licensing Sub-Committee

Tuesday 19 August 2025  
10.00 am  
Online/Virtual

### Membership

Councillor Renata Hamvas (Chair)  
Councillor Suzanne Abachor  
Councillor Sunil Chopra

### Reserves

Councillor Barrie Hargrove

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Members of the committee are summoned to attend this meeting

**Althea Loderick**

Chief Executive

Date: 11 August 2025



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### Order of Business

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#### **PART A - OPEN BUSINESS**

##### **1. APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

##### **2. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS**

A representative of each political group will confirm the voting members of the committee.

##### **3. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT**

In special circumstances, an item of business may be added to an agenda within five clear days of the meeting.

##### **4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

Members to declare any interests and dispensation in respect of any item of business to be considered at this meeting.

##### **5. LICENSING ACT 2003: LONDIS EAST DULWICH, UNITS 1 AND 2, 4 MELBOURNE GROVE, LONDON SE22 8QZ**

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## **PART B - CLOSED BUSINESS**

### **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The following motion should be moved, seconded and approved if the sub-committee wishes to exclude the press and public to deal with reports revealing exempt information:

“That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1-7, Access to Information Procedure rules of the Constitution.”

### **ANY OTHER CLOSED BUSINESS AS NOTIFIED AT THE START OF THE MEETING AND ACCEPTED BY THE CHAIR AS URGENT.**

Date: 11 August 2025

<b>Meeting Name:</b>	Licensing Sub-Committee
<b>Date:</b>	19 August 2025
<b>Report title:</b>	Licensing Act 2003: Londis East Dulwich, Units 1 and 2, 4 Melbourne Grove, London SE22 8QZ
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>	Goose Green
<b>Classification:</b>	Open
<b>Reason for lateness (if applicable):</b>	Not applicable
<b>From:</b>	Strategic Director, Environment, Sustainability and Leisure

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That the licensing sub-committee considers an application made by Sithamparanathan Linganathan for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of the premises known as Londis East Dulwich, Units 1 and 2, 4 Melbourne Grove, London SE22 8QZ.
2. Notes:
  - a) This application forms a new application for a premises licence, submitted under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003. The application was subject to representations from the police and trading standards as responsible authorities who have now conciliated and withdrawn their representations, and representations from 85 other persons and is therefore referred to the sub-committee for determination.
  - b) Paragraphs 8 to 11 of this report provide a summary of the application under consideration by the sub-committee. A copy of the full application is attached as Appendix A.
  - c) Paragraphs 12 to 22 of this report deal with the representations submitted in respect of the application. Copies of the representations submitted are attached in Appendix B and C of this report. A map showing the location of the premises is attached to this report as Appendix D.
  - d) A copy of the council's approved procedure for hearings of the sub-committee in relation to an application made under the Licensing Act 2003, along with a copy of the hearing procedure, has been circulated to all parties to the meeting.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### The Licensing Act 2003

3. The Licensing Act 2003 provides a licensing regime for:
  - The sale of and supply of alcohol
  - The provision of regulated entertainment
  - The provision of late night refreshment.
4. Within Southwark, the licensing responsibility is wholly administered by this council.
5. The Act requires the licensing authority to carry out its functions under the Act with a view to promoting the four stated licensing objectives. These are:
  - The prevention of crime and disorder
  - The promotion of public safety
  - The prevention of nuisance
  - The protection of children from harm.
6. In carrying out its licensing functions, a licensing authority must also have regard to:
  - The Act itself
  - The guidance to the act issued under Section 182 of the Act
  - Secondary regulations issued under the Act
  - The licensing authority's own statement of licensing policy
  - The application, including the operating schedule submitted as part of the application
  - Relevant representations.
7. The premises licence application process involves the provision of all relevant information required under the Act to the licensing authority with copies provided by the applicant to the relevant responsible bodies under the Act. The application must also be advertised at the premises and in the local press. The responsible authorities and other persons within the local community may make representations on any part of the application where relevant to the four licensing objectives.

## KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

### The premises licence application

8. On 24 June 2025, Sithamparanathan Linganathan applied for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of the premises to be known as Londis East Dulwich, Units 1 and 2, 4 Melbourne Grove, London SE22 8QZ. The premises and purpose is described within the application as:

‘This premises is an established commercial premises with commercial activities. It has been separated into 2 units. It will now be a single unit. Applicant lives local, has been operating another store close by. He has taken this premises as a new venture with joining Londis Retail Group.

The store will be renovated/refitted newly. The store will also have a coffee machine / hot snacks for customers, as part of retail store'.

9. The hours applied for are summarised as follows:
  - Late night refreshment (indoors)
    - Monday to Sunday from 23:00 to 01:00
  - The sale by retail of alcohol (off the premises):
    - Monday to Sunday from 06:00 to 01:00
  - Opening hours:
    - Monday to Sunday from 06:00 to 01:00.
10. The premises licence application form provides the applicant's operating schedule. Parts I, J, K, L, and M of the operating schedule set out the proposed licensable activities, operating hours and operating control measures in full, with reference to the four licensing objectives as stated in the Licensing Act 2003. Should a premises licence be issued in respect of the application the information provided in part M of the operating schedule will form the basis of conditions that will be attached to any licence granted subsequent to the application. A copy of the application is attached to this report in Appendix A.

### **Designated premises supervisor**

11. The proposed designated premises supervisor (DPS) is Sithamparanathan Linganathan who holds a personal licence issued by the London Borough of Harrow Council.

### **Representations from responsible authorities**

12. Representations were received from two responsible authorities, namely the Metropolitan Police Service and trading standards.
13. The representation from the police was submitted with regard to the prevention of crime and disorder licensing objective.
14. The police suggest conditions to address the prevent of crime and disorder within their representation and a reduction in hours applied for.
15. The applicant agreed to amend their operating schedule to add the conditions/amended hours suggested by the police and as such the police have now withdrawn their representation.
16. The representation from trading standards was concerned with the protection of children from harm licensing objective.
17. Trading standards requested conditions be added to the operating schedule in order to promote the protection of children from harm licensing objective.

18. The applicant agreed to amend their operating schedule to add the conditions recommended by trading standards and as such trading standards withdrew their representation.
19. The representations and withdrawal statements from the police and trading standards are attached to this report as Appendix B.

### **Representations from other persons**

20. There are 85 representations received from other persons. 61 of those are opposed to the application and 24 support the application.
21. The representations from the other persons are concerned with the prevention of crime and disorder, the protection of children from harm and public nuisance and public safety licensing objectives.
22. Copies of the representations from the other persons are attached to this report as Appendix C

### **Note:**

23. The sale of food in the daytime (between 05:00 and 23:00); tobacco or vapes are not considered licensable activities under the licensing act 2003. These activities are covered by other existing legislation which should not duplicate a statutory position.

### **Conciliation**

24. The applicant has addressed the representations submitted by the police and trading standards.
25. During conciliation with the police and trading standards, the applicant agreed to amend their operating schedule to amend hours and add the conditions/control measures suggested within the representations to promote the licensing objectives, and as such the police and trading standards have now withdrawn their representations
26. A copy of the agreements and withdrawal statements is attached to this report as Appendix B
27. For clarity the conciliated amended hours and conditions agreed with the responsible authorities are attached to this report as Appendix B1.
28. The 85 representations from the other persons remain outstanding.
29. At the hearing to determine this application the licensing sub-committee will be appraised as to any further conciliation that may have taken place

### **Map**

30. A map showing the location of the premises and a list of licensed premises shown on the map is attached to this report as Appendix D.

**Southwark Council statement of licensing policy**

31. Council assembly approved Southwark's statement of licensing policy 2021-2026 on 25 November 2020 and it came into effect on 1 January 2021.
32. Sections of the statement that are considered to be of particular relevance to the sub-committee's consideration are:
  - Section 3 - Purpose and scope of the policy. This reinforces the four licensing objectives and the fundamental principles upon which this authority relies in determining licence applications.
  - Section 5 – Determining applications for premises licenses and club premises certificates. This explains how the policy works and considers issues such as location; high standards of management; and the principles behind condition setting.
  - Section 6 – Local cumulative impact policies. This sets out this authority's approach to cumulative impact and defines the boundaries of the current special policy areas and the classifications of premises to which they apply. To be read in conjunction with Appendix B to the policy.
  - Section 7 – Hours of operation. This provides a guide to the hours of licensed operation that this Authority might consider appropriate by type of premises and (planning) area classification.
  - Section 8 – The prevention of crime and disorder. This provides general guidance on the promotion of the first licensing objective.
  - Section 9 – Public safety. This provides general guidance on the promotion of the second licensing objective.
  - Section 10 – The prevention of nuisance. This provides general guidance on the promotion of the third licensing objective.
  - Section 11 – The protection of children from harm. This provides general guidance on the promotion of the fourth licensing objective.
33. The purpose of Southwark's statement of licensing policy is to make clear to applicants what considerations will be taken into account when determining applications and should act as a guide to the sub-committee when considering the applications. However, the sub-committee must always consider each application on its own merits and allow exceptions to the normal policy where these are justified by the circumstances of the application.
34. Members should take into consideration both the Southwark statement of licensing policy and the Section 182 Guidance when making decisions. The links for these are below:

Southwark policy:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/business/licences/business-premises-licensing/licensing-and-gambling-act-policy>

Section 182 Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/explanatory-memorandum-revised-guidance-issued-under-s-182-of-licensing-act-2003>

### **Cumulative impact area (CIA)**

35. The premises does not fall within a cumulative impact area.
36. The premises are situated in a residential area.
37. Under the Southwark's statement of licensing policy 2021 - 2026 the following closing times are recommended as appropriate within a residential area:
  - Off-licences and alcohol sales in grocers and supermarkets:
    - 23:00 daily
  - Restaurants and cafes:
    - 23:00 daily
  - Public houses, wine bars or other drinking establishments
    - 23:00 daily
  - Takeaways
    - are not considered appropriate for this area.

### **Climate change implications**

38. Following council assembly on 14 July 2021, the council is committed to considering the climate change implications of any decisions.
39. Climate change is not a legal factor in the consideration of a grant of a premises license under the current licensing objectives, however members can make enquiries and request an agreement from applicants to promote the reduction of the impact of climate change that may be caused by the operation of the premises.
40. Examples of such an agreement may be:
  - Not to use single use plastics, such as disposable plastic glasses, when selling alcohol at the premises.
  - Encourage patrons not to drive to venues by providing details of public transport on their webpages/tickets.

41. The council's climate change strategy is available at:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/assets/attach/48607/Climate-Change-Strategy-July-2021-.pdf>

## **Community, equalities (including socio-economic) and health impacts**

### **Community impact statement**

42. Each application is required by law to be considered upon its own individual merits with all relevant matters taken into account.

### **Equalities (including socio-economic) impact statement**

43. This report does not result in a policy decision and each application is required to be considered upon its own individual merits with all relevant matters taken into account. In considering the recommendations of this report, due regard must be given to the public sector equality duty set out in section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. This requires the council to consider all individuals when carrying out its functions.

44. Importantly, the council must have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, or other prohibited conduct; advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people who have protected characteristics and those who do not. The relevant protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. The public sector equality duty also applies to marriage and civil partnership, but only in relation to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, or other prohibited conduct.

45. The equalities impact statement for licensing decisions is contained within the Southwark statement of licensing policy 2021 – 2026 at:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/business/licences/business-premises-licensing/licensing-and-gambling-act-policy>.

46. The equalities impact assessment is available at:

<https://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/s92016/Appendix%20F%20-%20Equalities%20Impact%20Assessment.pdf>

### **Health impact statement**

47. Health impacts cannot be considered by law when making decisions under the Licensing Act 2003.

### **Resource implications**

48. A fee of £190.00 has been paid by the applicant in respect of this application being the statutory fee payable for premises within non-domestic rateable value B.

## **Consultation**

49. Consultation has been carried out on this application in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003. A public notice was published in a local newspaper and a similar notice was exhibited outside of the premises for a period of 28 consecutive days.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS**

### **Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and Assurance**

50. The sub-committee is asked to determine the application for a premises licence under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.

51. The principles which sub-committee members must apply are set out below.

### **Principles for making the determination**

52. The sub-committee is asked to determine the application for a premises licence under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.

53. The principles which sub-committee members must apply are set out below.

54. The general principle is that applications for premises licence applications must be granted unless relevant representations are received. This is subject to the proviso that the applicant has complied with regulations in advertising and submitting the application.

55. Relevant representations are those which:

- Are about the likely effect of the granting of the application on the promotion of the licensing objectives
- Are made by an interested party or responsible authority
- Have not been withdrawn
- Are not, in the opinion of the relevant licensing authority, frivolous or vexatious.

56. If relevant representations are received then the sub-committee must have regard to them, in determining whether it is necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives to:

- To grant the licence subject to:
  - The conditions mentioned in section 18 (2)(a) modified to such extent as the licensing authority considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives
  - Any condition which must under section 19, 20 or 21 be included in the licence.
- To exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates.

- To refuse to specify a person in the licence as the premises supervisor.
- To reject the application.

## Conditions

57. The sub-committee's discretion is thus limited. It can only modify the conditions put forward by the applicant, or refuse the application, if it is necessary to do so. Conditions must be necessary and proportionate for the promotion of one of the four licensing objectives, and not for any other reason. Conditions must also be within the control of the licensee and should be worded in a way which is clear, certain, consistent and enforceable.

58. The four licensing objectives are:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The prevention of nuisance
- The protection of children from harm.

59. Members should note that each objective is of equal importance. There are no other licensing objectives, and the four objectives are paramount considerations at all times.

60. Conditions will not be necessary if they duplicate a statutory position. Conditions relating to night café and take away aspect of the license must relate to the night time operation of the premises and must not be used to impose conditions which could not be imposed on day time operators.

61. Members are also referred to the Home Office Revised Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 on conditions, specifically section 10.

## Reasons

62. If the sub-committee determines that it is necessary to modify the conditions, or to refuse the application for a premises licence application, it must give reasons for its decision.

## Hearing procedures

63. Subject to the licensing hearing regulations, the licensing committee may determine its own procedures. Key elements of the regulations are that:

- The hearing shall take the form of a discussion led by the authority. Cross examination shall not be permitted unless the authority considered that it is required for it to consider the representations.
- Members of the authority are free to ask any question of any party or other person appearing at the hearing.

- The committee must allow the parties an equal maximum period of time in which to exercise their rights to:
  - Address the authority
  - If given permission by the committee, question any other party.
  - In response to a point which the authority has given notice it will require clarification, give further information in support of their application.
- The committee shall disregard any information given by a party which is not relevant to the particular application before the committee and the licensing objectives.
- The hearing shall be in public, although the committee may exclude the public from all or part of a hearing where it considers that the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in the hearing, or that part of the hearing, taking place in private.
- In considering any representations or notice made by a party the authority may take into account documentary or other information produced by a party in support of their application, representations or notice (as applicable) either before the hearing or, with the consent of all the other parties, at the hearing.

64. This matter relates to the determination of an application for a premises licence under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003. Regulation 26(1) (a) requires the sub-committee to make its determination at the conclusion of the hearing.

### **Council's multiple roles and the role of the licensing sub-committee**

- 65. Sub-committee members will note that, in relation to this application, the council has multiple roles. Council officers from various departments have been asked to consider the application from the perspective of the council as authority responsible respectively for environmental health, trading standards, health and safety and as the planning authority.
- 66. Members should note that the licensing sub-committee is meeting on this occasion solely to perform the role of licensing authority. The sub-committee sits in quasi-judicial capacity, and must act impartially. It must offer a fair and unbiased hearing of the application. In this case, members should disregard the council's broader policy objectives and role as statutory authority in other contexts. Members must direct themselves to making a determination solely based upon the licensing law, guidance and the council's statement of licensing policy.
- 67. As a quasi-judicial body the licensing sub-committee is required to consider the application on its merits. The sub-committee must take into account only relevant factors, and ignore irrelevant factors. The decision must be based on evidence, that is to say material, which tends logically to show the existence or non-existence of relevant facts, or the likelihood or unlikelihood of the occurrence of some future event, the occurrence of which would be relevant. The licensing sub-committee must give fair consideration to the contentions of all persons entitled to make representations to them.

68. The licensing sub-committee is entitled to consider events outside of the premises if they are relevant, i.e. are properly attributable to the premises being open. The proprietors do not have to be personally responsible for the incidents for the same to be relevant. However, if such events are not properly attributable to the premises being open, then the evidence is not relevant and should be excluded. Guidance is that the licensing authority will primarily focus on the direct impact of the activities taking place at the licensed premises on members of the public, living, working or engaged in normal activity in the area concerned.
69. Members will be aware of the council's code of conduct which requires them to declare personal and prejudicial interests. The code applies to members when considering licensing applications. In addition, as a quasi-judicial body, members are required to avoid both actual bias, and the appearance of bias.
70. The sub-committee can only consider matters within the application that have been raised through representations from other persons and responsible authorities. Interested parties must live in the vicinity of the premises. This will be decided on a case to case basis.
71. Under the Human Rights Act 1998, the sub-committee needs to consider the balance between the rights of the applicant and those making representations to the application when making their decision. The sub-committee has a duty under section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 when making its decision to do all it can to prevent crime and disorder in the borough.
72. Other persons, responsible authorities and the applicant have the right to appeal the decision of the sub-committee to the magistrates' court within a period of 21 days beginning with the day on which the applicant was notified by the licensing authority of the decision to be appealed against.

### **Guidance**

73. Members are required to have regard to the Home Office guidance in carrying out the functions of licensing authority. However, guidance does not cover every possible situation, so long as the guidance has been properly and carefully understood, members may depart from it if they have reason to do so. Full reasons must be given if this is the case.

### **Strategic Director of Resources**

74. The head of regulatory services has confirmed that the costs of this process over and above the application fee are borne by the service.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Licensing Act 2003	Southwark Licensing, C/O Community Safety and Enforcement, 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH	Mrs Kirty Read Tel: 020 7525 5748
Home Office Revised Guidance to the Act		
Secondary Regulations		
Southwark statement of licensing policy		
Case file		

## APPENDICES

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Appendix A	Application for the premises licence
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Appendix B1	Clarified conciliated hours and conditions agreed with responsible authorities
Appendix C	Representations from other persons
Appendix D	Map of the locality and list of licensed premises shown on map

## AUDIT TRAIL

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<b>Report Author</b>	Jayne Tear, Principal Licensing Officer	
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<b>CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER</b>		
<b>Officer Title</b>	<b>Comments sought</b>	<b>Comments included</b>
Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and Assurance	Yes	Yes
Strategic Director of Resources	Yes	Yes
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	No	No
<b>Date final report sent to Constitutional Team</b>		7 August 2025

24/06/2025

Business - Application for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003  
Ref No. 2424148

## Name of Applicant

Please enter the name(s) who is applying for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 and am making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003

SITHAMPARANATHAN LINGANATHAN
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## Notes for Guidance

1. Describe the premises, for example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off-supplies, you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.
2. In terms of specific regulated entertainments please note that:
  - Plays: no licence is required for performances between 08:00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
  - Films: no licence is required for 'not-for-profit' film exhibition held in community premises between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day provided that the audience does not exceed 500 and the organiser (a) gets consent to the screening from a person who is responsible for the premises; and (b) ensures that each such screening abides by age classification ratings.
  - Indoor sporting events: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000.
  - Boxing or Wrestling Entertainment: no licence is required for a contest, exhibition or display of Greco-Roman wrestling, or freestyle wrestling between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000. Combined fighting sports – defined as a contest, exhibition or display which combines boxing or wrestling with one or more martial arts – are licensable as a boxing or wrestling entertainment rather than an indoor sporting event.
  - Live music: no licence permission is required for:
    - o a performance of unamplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, on any premises.
    - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
    - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a workplace that is not licensed to sell alcohol on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
    - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
    - o a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
  - Recorded Music: no licence permission is required for:
    - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
    - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
    - o any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school proprietor or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
  - Dance: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500. However, a performance which amounts to adult entertainment remains licensable.
  - Cross activity exemptions: no licence is required between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, with no limit on audience size for:
    - o any entertainment taking place on the premises of the local authority where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the local authority;
    - o any entertainment taking place on the hospital premises of the health care provider where the

entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the health care provider;

any entertainment taking place on the premises of the school where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the school proprietor; and

any entertainment (excluding films and a boxing or wrestling entertainment) taking place at a travelling circus, provided that (a) it takes place within a moveable structure that accommodates the audience, and (b) that the travelling circus has not been located on the same site for more than 28 consecutive days.

3. Where taking place in a building or other structure please tick as appropriate (indoors may include a tent).

4. For example the type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.

5. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.

6. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.

7. Please give timings in 24 hour clock (e.g. 16.00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

8. If you wish people to be able to consume alcohol on the premises, please tick 'on the premises'. If you wish people to be able to purchase alcohol to consume away from the premises, please tick 'off the premises'. If you wish people to be able to do both, please tick 'both'.

9. Please give information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children, regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups or the presence of gaming machines.

10. Please list here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.

11. The application form must be signed.

12. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.

13. Where there is more than one applicant, each of the applicants or their respective agent must sign the application form.

14. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

15. Entitlement to work/immigration status for individual applicants and applications

from partnerships which are not limited liability partnerships:

A licence may not be held by an individual or an individual in a partnership who is resident in the UK who:

- does not have the right to live and work in the UK; or
- is subject to a condition preventing him or her from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

Any premises licence issued in respect of an application made on or after 6 April 2017 will become invalid if the holder ceases to be entitled to work in the UK.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have an entitlement to work in the UK and are not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity. They do this in one of two ways: 1) by providing with this application copies or scanned copies of the documents listed below (which do not need to be certified), or 2) by providing their 'share code' to enable the licensing authority to carry out a check using the Home Office online right to work checking service (see below).

#### Documents which demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK

- An expired or current passport showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a British citizen or a citizen of the UK and Colonies having the right of abode in the UK [please see note below about which sections of the passport to copy].
- An expired or current passport or national identity card showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Registration Certificate or document certifying permanent residence issued by the Home Office to a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Permanent Residence Card issued by the Home Office to the family member of a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A current Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder indicating that the person named is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A current passport endorsed to show that the holder is exempt from immigration control, is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, has the right of abode in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.

- A current Immigration Status Document issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK or has no time limit on their stay in the UK, when produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the UK, when produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Ireland when produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A certificate of registration or naturalisation as a British citizen, when produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A current passport endorsed to show that the holder is allowed to stay in the UK and is currently allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A current Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder which indicates that the named person can currently stay in the UK and is allowed to work relation to the carrying on of a licensable activity.
- A current Residence Card issued by the Home Office to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights or residence.
- A current Immigration Status Document containing a photograph issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person may stay in the UK, and is allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity when produced in combination with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A Certificate of Application, less than 6 months old, issued by the Home Office under regulation 18(3) or 20(2) of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2016, to a person who is not a national of a

European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence.

- Reasonable evidence that the person has an outstanding application to vary their permission to be in the UK with the Home Office such as the Home Office acknowledgement letter or proof of postage evidence, or reasonable evidence that the person has an appeal or administrative review pending on an immigration decision, such as an appeal or administrative review reference number.
- Reasonable evidence that a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence in exercising treaty rights in the UK including:
  - o evidence of the applicant's own identity – such as a passport,
  - o evidence of their relationship with the European Economic Area family member – e.g. a marriage certificate, civil partnership certificate or birth certificate, and
  - o evidence that the European Economic Area national has a right of permanent residence in the UK or is one of the following if they have been in the UK for more than 3 months:
    - (i) working e.g. employment contract, wage slips, letter from the employer,
    - (ii) self-employed e.g. contracts, invoices, or audited accounts with a bank,
    - (iii) studying e.g. letter from the school, college or university and evidence of sufficient funds; or
    - (iv) self-sufficient e.g. bank statements.

Family members of European Economic Area nationals who are studying or financially independent must also provide evidence that the European Economic Area national and any family members hold comprehensive sickness insurance in the UK. This can include a private medical insurance policy, an EHIC card or an S1, S2 or S3 form.

Original documents must not be sent to licensing authorities. If the document copied is a passport, a copy of the following pages should be provided:

- (i) any page containing the holder's personal details including nationality;
- (ii) any page containing the holder's photograph;
- (iii) any page containing the holder's signature;

- (iv) any page containing the date of expiry; and
- (v) any page containing information indicating the holder has permission to enter or remain in the UK and is permitted to work.

If the document is not a passport, a copy of the whole document should be provided.

Your right to work will be checked as part of your licensing application and this could involve us checking your immigration status with the Home Office. We may otherwise share information with the Home Office. Your licence application will not be determined until you have complied with this guidance.

#### Home Office online right to work checking service

As an alternative to providing a copy of the documents listed above, applicants may demonstrate their right to work by allowing the licensing authority to carry out a check with the Home Office online right to work checking service.

To demonstrate their right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service, applicants should include in this application their 9-digit share code (provided to them upon accessing the service at <https://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work>) which, along with the applicant's date of birth (provided within this application), will allow the licensing authority to carry out the check.

In order to establish the applicant's right to work, the check will need to indicate that the applicant is allowed to work in the United Kingdom and is not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

An online check will not be possible in all circumstances because not all applicants will have an immigration status that can be checked online. The Home Office online right to work checking service sets out what information and/or documentation applicants will need in order to access the service. Applicants who are unable to obtain a share code from the service should submit copy documents as set out above.

#### Premises Details

##### Application for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003

Non-domestic rateable value of premises in order to see your rateable value [click here](#) (opens in new window)

£	██████████
	Band D and E only applies to premises which uses exclusively or primarily for the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises
	No

#### Premises trading name

	LONDIS EAST DULWICH
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Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description

Do you have a Southwark postcode?	Yes
Address Line 1	UNIT 1
Address Line 2	4 MELBOURNE GROVE
Town	LONDON
Post code	SE22 8QZ
Ordnance survey map reference	
Description of the location	UNIT 1 & 2 COMBINED
Telephone number	[REDACTED]

## Applicant Details

Please select whether you are applying for a premises licence as

	An individual or individuals
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If you are applying as an individual or non-individual please select one of the following:-

	I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the  premises for licensable activities
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## Details of Individual Applicant

## Personal Details

Title	Mr
If other, please specify	
Surname	LINGANATHAN
Forenames	SITHAMPARANATHAN
Date of birth	[REDACTED]
I am 18 years old or over	[REDACTED]
Nationality	[REDACTED]

## Current Address

Street number or Building name	[REDACTED]
Street Description	[REDACTED]
Town	[REDACTED]

County	[REDACTED]
Post code	[REDACTED]

## Contact Details

Daytime contact telephone number	[REDACTED]
Email Address	[REDACTED]

Where applicable (if demonstrating a right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service), the 9-digit 'share code' provided to the applicant by that service (please see guidance below)

Please enter	[REDACTED]
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**Note 15: Entitlement to work/immigration status for individual applicants and applications from partnerships which are not limited liability partnerships:**

A licence may not be issued to an individual or an individual in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership who is resident in the UK who: does not have the right to live and work in the UK; or is subject to a condition preventing him or her from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity. Any licence issued in respect of an application made on or after 6 April 2017 will become invalid if the holder ceases to be entitled to work in the UK.

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They do this in one of two ways:by providing with this application, copies or scanned copies of the documents which an applicant has provided, to demonstrate their entitlement to work in the UK (which do not need to be certified) as per information published on gov.uk and in guidance.by providing their 'share code' to enable the licensing authority to carry out a check using the Home Office online right to work checking service (see below). Home Office online right to work checking service.

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To demonstrate their right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service, applicants should include in this application their share code (provided to them upon accessing the service at <https://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work>) which, along with the applicant's date of birth, will allow the licensing authority to carry out the check.

In order to establish the applicant's right to work, the check will need to indicate that the applicant is allowed to work in the United Kingdom and is not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

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Your right to work will be checked as part of your licensing application and this could involve us checking your immigration status with the Home Office. We may otherwise share information with the Home Office. Your licence application will not be determined until you have complied with this guidance.

Do you wish to add a second individual applicant?

[REDACTED]	No
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## Operating Schedule

When do you want the premises licence to start?

	01/08/2025
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If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end?

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General description of premises ( see guidance note 1 )

THIS PREMISES IS AN ESTABLISHED COMMERCIAL PREMISES WITH COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES. IT HAS BEEN SEPARATED INTO 2 UNITS. IT WILL NOW BE A SINGLE UNIT. APPLICANT LIVES LOCAL, HAS BEEN OPERATING AN OTHER STORE CLOSEBY. HE HAS TAKEN THIS OREMISES AS A NEW VENTURE WITH JOINING LONDIS RETAIL GROUP. THE STORE WILL BE RENOVATED/ REFITTED NEWLY. THE STORE WILL ALSO HAVE A COFFEE MACHINE / HOT SNACKS FOR CUSTOMERS, AS PART OF RETAIL STORE

If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time please use the drop down below to select the number.

	Less than 5000
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## Note 1

Describe the premises. For example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place of consumption of these off-supplies of alcohol, you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.

## Operating Schedule part 2

What licensable activities do you intend to carry on from the premises?

(Please see sections 1 and 14 of the Licensing Act 2003 and schedule 1 and 2 of the Licensing Act 2003)

#### Provision of regulated entertainment (Please read guidance note 2)

Provision of late night refreshment

	i) Late night refreshment
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Supply of alcohol

	j) Supply of alcohol
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In all cases please complete boxes K, L and M.

I - Late Night Refreshment

Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both? ( Please read guidance note 3 )

	Indoors
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Please give further details here ( Please read guidance note 4 )

	TAKEAWAY COFFEE/ HOT SNACKS
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Standard days & timings for Late night refreshment (Late night start time is from 23.00, see guidance notes 7)

Day	Start	Finish
Mon	23:00	01:00
Tues	23:00	01:00
Wed	23:00	01:00
Thur	23:00	01:00
Fri	23:00	01:00
Sat	23:00	01:00
Sun	23:00	01:00

State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment ( Please read guidance note 5 )

	NONE
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Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of late night refreshment at different times, to those listed. Please list, ( Please read guidance note 6 )

	NONE
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3. Where taking place in a building or other structure please tick as appropriate (indoors may include a tent).

4. For example the type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.
5. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.
6. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.
7. Please give timings in 24 hour clock (e.g. 23:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity. Start time begins from 23:00

#### J - Supply of Alcohol

Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption ( Please read guidance note 8 )

	Off the premises
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Standard days and timings for Supply of alcohol ( Please read guidance note 7 )

Day	Start	Finish
Mon	06:00	01:00
Tues	06:00	01:00
Wed	06:00	01:00
Thur	06:00	01:00
Fri	06:00	01:00
Sat	06:00	01:00
Sun	06:00	01:00

State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol ( Please read guidance 5 )

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Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times to those listed. Please list, ( Please read guidance note 6 )

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Please download and then upload the consent form completed by the designated proposed premises supervisor

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5. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.
6. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.
7. Please give timings in 24 hour clock (e.g. 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

8. If you wish people to be able to consume alcohol on the premises, please tick 'on the premises'. If you wish people to be able to purchase alcohol to consume away from the premises, please tick 'off the premises'. If you wish people to be able to do both, please tick 'both'.

Premises Supervisor

State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as the designated premises supervisor (Please see declaration about the entitlement to work in the check list at the end of the form)

Full name of proposed designated premises supervisor

First names	SITHAMPARANATHAN
Surname	LINGANATHAN

DOB

Date Of Birth	[REDACTED]
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Address of proposed designated premises supervisor

Street number or Building name	[REDACTED]
Street Description	[REDACTED]
Town	[REDACTED]
County	[REDACTED]
Post code	[REDACTED]

Personal licence number of proposed designated premises supervisor, if any,

Personal licence number ( if known )	[REDACTED]
Issuing authority ( if known )	[REDACTED]

K

Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children ( Please read guidance note 9)

	NONE
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9. Please give information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children, regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups or the presence of gaming machines.

## L - Hours premises are open to public

5. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.
6. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.
7. Please give timings in 24 hour clock (e.g. 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

Hours premises are open to the public ( standard timings Please read guidance note 7 )

Day	Start	Finish
Mon	06:00	01:00
Tues	06:00	01:00
Wed	06:00	01:00
Thur	06:00	01:00
Fri	06:00	01:00
Sat	06:00	01:00
Sun	06:00	01:00

State any seasonal variations ( Please read guidance note 5 )

	NONE
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Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises to be open to the public at different times from those listed. Please list, ( Please read guidance note 6 )

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## M - Steps to promote four licencing objectives

a) General - all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e) ( Please read guidance note 10 )

	<p>1. That a digital CCTV system shall be installed at the premises, shall be maintained in full working order and shall be continually recording at all times that the premises are in use. The CCTV system must be capable of capturing a clear facial image of every person who enters the premises. The CCTV system shall be correctly time and date stamped at all times. The CCTV system shall cover all interior and exterior areas of the premises, including the frontage of the premises, and shall collect clearly defined / focused footage in all lighting conditions.</p> <p>2. That all CCTV footage shall be kept for a period of thirty one (31) days and shall be made immediately available to responsible authority officers on request.</p> <p>3. That a member of staff shall be on duty at all times that the premises are in use, who is trained in the use of the CCTV system and who is able to view, and download to a removable storage device, CCTV footage at the immediate request of responsible authority officers</p> <p>4. That clearly legible signage shall be prominently displayed where it can easily be seen and read by customers advising to the effect that CCTV is in operation at the premises. The signage shall be kept free from obstructions at all times.</p> <p>5. That all relevant staff shall be trained in their responsibilities under the Licensing Act 2003, the promotion of the licensing objectives and the terms and</p>
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	<p>conditions of this licence. Records pertaining to such training ('the staff training logs') shall be kept at the premises, shall be updated every 6 months and shall be made immediately available to responsible authority officers on request. The training logs shall include the trainee's name (in block capitals), the trainer's name (in block capitals), the date(s) of training and a declaration that the training has been received and understood by the trainee. If the staff training logs are a paper hardcopy then the signature of the trainee, the signature of the trainer shall be included.</p> <p>6. That a written record of all staff authorised to sell alcohol at the premises shall be kept at the premises and will be made available to responsible authority officers immediately on request. The authorisation record shall include the name and address of the premises, the name of the licensee, the name of the DPS and the names, addresses and dates of birth of all staff authorised to sell alcohol at the premises.</p> <p>7. That an incident log shall be kept at the premises to record details of any of the following occurrences at the premises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Instances of anti-social or disorderly behaviour</li> <li>II. Calls to the police or other emergency services</li> <li>III. Any complaints received</li> <li>IV. Ejections of people from the premises</li> <li>V. Visits to the premises by the local authority or emergency services</li> <li>VI. Any malfunction in respect of the CCTV system</li> <li>VII. All crimes reported by customers, or observed by staff</li> <li>VIII. Any other relevant incidents</li> </ul> <p>8. The incident log shall record the time, date, location in the premises and description of each incident, details of any action taken in respect of the incident and the printed name of the person reporting the incident and. The incident log shall be available / be accessible at the premises at all times that the premises are in use, and shall be made immediately available to responsible authority officers on request. Details of incidents shall be recorded contemporaneously. If the incident log is a paper hardcopy then the signature of the person reporting the incident in the log shall also be included. All relevant staff employed at the premises shall be trained in the use of the incident log. Details of such training, including the printed name(s) of the trainee(s) and the date(s) that the training was given, shall be recorded in the staff training logs at the premises.</p> <p>9. That clearly legible signage shall be prominently displayed where it can easily be seen and read by customers, at all exits from the premises and in any external areas, requesting to the effect that customers leave the premises and locale in a quiet and orderly manner with respect to local residents. Such signage shall be kept free from obstructions at all times.</p> <p>10. That no alcohol shall be stored or displayed within 2 metres of the premises' entrance / exit unless it is being stored behind the staff counter.</p> <p>11. That the premises' management shall regularly monitor outside the premises and take all necessary steps to ensure that noise from customers does not cause disturbance or public nuisance. A log of such monitoring including the printed name of the person who undertook the monitoring, the date &amp; time of the monitoring and any observations or actions taken subsequent to the monitoring shall be kept at the premises and be made immediately available to any responsible authority officer.</p> <p>12. That any 'off sales' of alcohol shall be provided in sealed containers to be taken away from the premises.</p> <p>13. All spirits shall be displayed on shelves behind the serving counter of the premises</p> <p>14. A record shall be kept detailing all refused sales of age restricted products. The record should include the date and time of the refused sale and the name of the member of staff who refused the sale. The record shall be made immediately available for inspection by any responsible authority officer.</p>
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b) the prevention of crime and disorder

	DETAILED ABOVE FOR ALL 4 LICENSING OBJECTIVES
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c) public safety

	DETAILED ABOVE FOR ALL 4 LICENSING OBJECTIVES
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d) the prevention of public nuisance

	DETAILED ABOVE FOR ALL 4 LICENSING OBJECTIVES
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e) the protection of children from harm

	DETAILED ABOVE FOR ALL 4 LICENSING OBJECTIVES
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Guidance note 10

Please list here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.

Please upload a plan of the premises

	[REDACTED]
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Please upload any additional information i.e. risk assessments

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Checklist

	I have enclosed the plan of the premises. I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application  will be rejected. I understand that I must now advertise my application (In the local paper within 14 days of applying
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Home Office Declaration

Please tick to indicate agreement

	I am not a company or limited liability partnership
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Proof of Entitlement to work in the UK

Please upload your proof of entitlement to work in the UK or share code issued by the Home Office online right to work checking service. (Please see guidance below)

	[REDACTED]
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#### Declaration

[Applicable to individual applicants only, including those in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership]

I understand I am not entitled to be issued with a licence if I do not have the entitlement to live and work in the UK (or if I am subject to a condition preventing me from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity) and that my licence will become invalid if I cease to be entitled to live and work in the UK.

The DPS named in this application form is entitled to work in the UK (and is not subject to conditions preventing him or her from doing work relating to a licensable activity) and I have seen a copy of his or her proof of entitlement to work, or have conducted an online right to work check using the Home Office online right to work checking service which confirmed their right to work.

I/We hereby declare the information provided is true and accurate.

I agree to the above statement

	Yes
PaymentDescription	[REDACTED]
PaymentAmountInM inorUnits	[REDACTED]
AuthCode	[REDACTED]
LicenceReference	[REDACTED]
PaymentContactEmail	[REDACTED]

Please provide name of applicant (the current premises licence holder) or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 12). If completing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

Full name	[REDACTED]
Date (DD/MM/YYYY)	[REDACTED]
Capacity	LICENSING AGENT

Where the premises licence is jointly held, enter the 2nd applicant (the current premises licence holder) or 2nd applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent (guidance note 13). If completing on behalf of the applicant state in what capacity

Full name	
Date (DD/MM/YYYY)	24/06/2025
Capacity	

Contact name (where not previously given) an address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 14)

Contact name and address for correspondence	[REDACTED]
Telephone No.	[REDACTED]
If you prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail, your email address (optional)	[REDACTED]

#### GUIDANCE NOTES

12. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.

13. Where there is more than one applicant, each of the applicants or their respective agents must sign the application form.

14. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

IT IS AN OFFENCE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.

IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 24B OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT 1971 FOR A PERSON TO WORK WHEN THEY KNOW, OR HAVE REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THEY ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM DOING SO BY REASON OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. THOSE WHO EMPLOY AN ADULT WITHOUT LEAVE OR WHO IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS AS TO EMPLOYMENT WILL BE LIABLE TO A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE IMMIGRATION, ASYLUM AND NATIONALITY ACT 2006 AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 21 OF THE SAME ACT, WILL BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE WHERE THEY DO SO IN THE KNOWLEDGE, OR WITH REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THE EMPLOYEE IS DISQUALIFIED.

Once you complete form you will be redirected to payments and won't be able to return back.

The information you provide will be used fairly and lawfully and Southwark Council will not knowingly do anything which may lead to a breach of the Data Protection Act 1998.



**The Licensing Unit**  
 Floor 3  
 160 Tooley Street  
 London  
 SE1 2QH

**Metropolitan Police Service**  
**Licensing Office**  
 Southwark Police Station,  
 323 Borough High Street,  
 LONDON,  
 SE1 1JL

Tel: 020 7232 6756  
 Email: [SouthwarkLicensing@met.police.uk](mailto:SouthwarkLicensing@met.police.uk)  
 Ref: 25/ 1047

**Date:** 30/06/2025

**Re: Londis East Dulwich Unit 1 4 Melbourne Grove SE22 8QZ**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Police are in possession of an application from the above for A New Premises Licence for the supply of alcohol off sales and late night refreshment. The venue is to operate as a convenience store. The location is a designated residential area as per the Southwark statement of licensing policy and the hours requested far exceed those recommended. The application requests the following operating times:

**Open to the Public**  
 Mon-Sun-0600hrs-0100hrs

**Supply of alcohol off sales**  
 Mon-Sun-0600hrs-0100hrs

**Late Night Refreshment**  
 Mon-Sun-2300hrs-0100hrs

The venue is in a residential area and has houses and flats in close proximity and any late opening venue would likely have a negative effect on the local residents. The latest terminal hour for premises in this area is 2300hrs regardless of type of venue however this application seeks to go far beyond those hours without any previous operating history at the location and without any mitigating circumstances as to why such hours are required.

It is also noted that there are a few convenience stores in the area to which none supply off sales of alcohol beyond 2300hrs.

The applicant has provided several control measures to address the licensing objectives which for a venue operating within the policy hours would be suitable however this application is far outside the policy and likely to have a detrimental affect on the local community .

**Tear, Jayne**

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**From:** mark.A.Lynch@met.police.uk  
**Sent:** 28 July 2025 16:27  
**To:** Regen, Licensing  
**Cc:** contact@arkalicensing.co.uk; Tear, Jayne  
**Subject:** FW: Londis East Dulwich Unit 1 4 Melbourne Grove SE22 8QZ ref 1047/25

**Importance:** High

Good Afternoon

In view of the police and the applicant agreeing to the below operating hours and additional conditions as well as those proposed in the application police would like to withdraw their representation for the Londis East Dulwich Unit 1 4 Melbourne Grove SE22 8QZ

**Open to the Public**

Mon-Sun-0600hrs-0000hrs

**Supply of alcohol off sales**

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3. That no drugs paraphernalia shall be sold or displayed in the store at anytime , this shall include but not be limited to grinders,bongs.

Kind regards



**Mark Lynch Pc2246AS**  
**Southwark Licensing Team**  
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**From:** ARKA LICENSING <[REDACTED]>  
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**To:** Lynch Mark A - AS-CU <[mark.A.Lynch@met.police.uk](mailto:mark.A.Lynch@met.police.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Londis East Dulwich Unit 1 4 Melbourne Grove SE22 8QZ ref 1047/25  
**Importance:** High

Good afternoon Mark,

We confirm we are in agreement with the conditions enclosed by you.

Regards  
Suresh

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**Consultant**  
**Arka Licensing**

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**Sent:** 28 July 2025 15:39  
**To:** ARKA LICENSING <[contact@arkalicensing.co.uk](mailto:contact@arkalicensing.co.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: Londis East Dulwich Unit 1 4 Melbourne Grove SE22 8QZ ref 1047/25

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Following our communications please can you confirm that you have agreed the following operating hours and additional conditions to those already offered within your application

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Kind regards



Mark Lynch Pc2246AS

Southwark Licensing Team

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The Police object to this application as it is believed that if the license is to be granted in its current form it would have a negative impact on the licensing objectives, particularly that of the Prevention of crime and disorder.

Submitted for your consideration.

Yours Sincerely  
Mark Lynch PC 2246AS  
Licensing Officer  
Southwark Police Licensing  
SouthwarkLicensing@met.police.uk

**Tear, Jayne**

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**From:** Jerrom, Charlie  
**Sent:** 03 July 2025 08:26  
**To:** ARKA LICENSING  
**Cc:** Regen, Licensing; Forrest, Yemisi; Tear, Jayne  
**Subject:** New Premises Application, Londis, Unit 1 4 Melbourne Grove, London, SE22 8QZ  
 Ref:886415

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If you are happy to accept these conditions then trading standards, as a responsible authority, will be happy to lift the representations made in respect of the application.

Charlie Jerrom  
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## Tear, Jayne

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**From:** Jerrom, Charlie  
**Sent:** 21 July 2025 08:29  
**To:** ARKA LICENSING  
**Cc:** Regen, Licensing; Forrest, Yemisi; Tear, Jayne  
**Subject:** RE: New Premises Application, Londis, Unit 1 4 Melbourne Grove, London, SE22 8QZ  
 Ref:886415

Thank you for your email, Trading Standards as a responsible authority now withdraw their representations on the basis of the email below.

Regards

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**From:** ARKA LICENSING [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 18, 2025 1:26 PM  
**To:** Jerrom, Charlie <Charlie.Jerrom@southwark.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>; Forrest, Yemisi <Yemisi.Forrest@Southwark.gov.uk>; Tear, Jayne <Jayne.Tear@SOUTHWARK.GOV.UK>  
**Subject:** Re: New Premises Application, Londis, Unit 1 4 Melbourne Grove, London, SE22 8QZ Ref:886415  
**Importance:** High

Good afternoon Charlie,

Thank you for your representation.

We are happy to confirm that we accept the conditions requested by you.

Regards  
 Suresh

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**Londis East Dulwich, Units 1 and 2, 4 Melbourne Grove, London, SE22 8QZ**

**Conciliated conditions/hours between the applicant and the responsible authorities (police and trading standards)**

**Police**

**Amended hours:**

Late Night Refreshment  
Mon to Sun: -23:00 – 00:00

Supply of alcohol off the premise  
Mon to Sun: 06:00 – 00:00

Open to the Public  
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## REPRESENTATIONS FROM OTHER PERSONS

### REPRESENTATIONS 1- 61 (OPPOSING THE APPLICATION)

#### **OTHER PERSON 1**

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, July 6, 2025 2:10 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>

Subject: Objection to Premises Licence Application 886415 - Noise & Disruption, Safety & Late Hours, Inappropriate Location & Alcohol-related Impacts

Dear Licensing Team,

I am writing to object to the premises licence application No. 886415 for Londis East Dulwich, Units 1 & 2, 4 Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance, public safety, and prevention of crime and disorder, which are key licensing objectives under the Licensing Act 2003.

While I value the contribution of local businesses, the proposed licence - particularly permitting the sale of alcohol and opening until 1:00am - is wholly inappropriate for this location and would harm the amenity, safety, and character of the area.

My specific concerns include:

#### **1. Noise and disruption from alcohol-related activity**

- There has already been a noticeable increase in noise at night due to the popularity of nearby venues such as Norbert's, Drop, and other local pubs. Patrons leaving these venues already create disturbance well past midnight despite only having an 11pm licence, and another licensed premises operating to 1:00am will exacerbate this problem significantly into the very early hours.
- Groups of people are likely to congregate outside after buying alcohol, waiting for transport, smoking, and talking loudly late into the night. This will further disrupt the sleep and wellbeing of residents, especially those living in flats directly above or adjacent to the site, which includes children.
- The sale of alcohol and resulting consumption increases the likelihood of patrons behaving unpredictably and engaging in anti-social behaviour that extends beyond the premises and into the surrounding streets.

#### **2. Safety, location, and impact on vulnerable neighbouring uses**

- The site is located on a **restricted, pedestrianised street** with limited vehicle access, making it unsuitable for increased late-night activity. Intoxicated individuals spilling into this space pose a safety risk to themselves, other pedestrians, and those with accessibility needs (e.g., wheelchair and pram users).
- Critically, the site is very close to **The Charter School East Dulwich**, which makes the sale of alcohol into the early hours particularly inappropriate. The

- area around a school and college should remain a safe and respectful environment for students and residents alike.
- Late-night activity from patrons and delivery vehicles would undermine the quiet and safe character expected in a mixed residential and educational area, and introduce further risks on a street already challenged by congestion at school opening, lunch, and closing times.

### **3. Unsuitable increase in traffic and servicing in a sensitive area**

- The street is narrow and largely pedestrianised, with extremely limited capacity for additional vehicles. Late-night taxis, cars, and especially delivery vehicles stopping and idling on the road will increase congestion, create safety risks for pedestrians, and degrade the area's character.
- The road is completely unsuitable for large delivery vehicles. Late-trading businesses require early morning deliveries, refuse collection, and other servicing activities outside regular hours to avoid daytime congestion. On a restricted, pedestrianised road, these activities would not only create noise during sensitive early hours but also cause logistical and safety challenges.
- This contradicts government guidelines, which note that noise pollution between the hours of 11pm and 7am is strictly not permitted, which the community & residents currently mostly adhere to. Opening hours of 6am-1am on a quiet, family-oriented residential street goes against these guidelines and their spirit.
- As well as this, children from the nearby school already cause problems at school opening, lunch and closing times by lingering and contributing to excessive noise pollution. Having an off-licence situated just around the corner from the school will exacerbate this heavily as it would be the first stopping point for students to congregate at, causing serious disturbance and making it unsafe for those with accessibility needs (i.e. wheelchair & pram users) to use the road throughout the day.

### **4. Anti-social behaviour and strain on public services**

- Later opening hours are strongly associated with higher levels of anti-social behaviour, including public intoxication, vandalism, and littering. Residents already report such problems from existing venues.
- Additional late-night alcohol service also increases demand on already-stretched public services, with more calls to police and emergency services to respond to incidents of disorder, noise complaints, and public safety concerns.

### **5. Cumulative impact of alcohol-licensed venues**

- The area already suffers from noise, disorder, and public nuisance due to existing late-night venues. Licensing policy recognises the cumulative impact where multiple licensed premises in close proximity overwhelm the area and harm residents' quality of life.
- Adding another alcohol-licensed premises, particularly with a 1:00am licence, risks tipping the balance further - leading to more loitering, littering, vomiting, urination in public, and other anti-social behaviour documented in similar contexts. When viewed in isolation one premises may seem manageable, but

the cumulative effect of several late-night venues can overwhelm enforcement agencies and degrade the character of the area.

Given these serious concerns, I urge the council to refuse this application in its current form, particularly the proposed late-night alcohol licence. Thank you for considering my objection. I am happy to provide further details if required.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 2**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 6, 2025 10:25 AM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Objection to licence 886415

To whom it may concern

I am writing to object to licence 886415 - this is a Londis opening up on Melbourne Grove SE22 8QZ.

This property is on a residential street that has already had considerable disturbances due to late night food and alcohol establishments opening up. We regularly have groups of people hanging around on the benches outside Nido into the early hours of the morning and alcohol causes a real problem in anti social behaviour. I believe that allowing a property to open that serves alcoholic drinks until 1am mon-sun on a residential street would only exacerbate this, giving people a reason to hang around on this street. [REDACTED].

I am writing this on 6th July, 2025.

I look forward to hearing from you.

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 3**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 9, 2025 11:24 AM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Objections to Licensing Application 886415 (Londis - 4 Melbourne Grove)

9th July 2025

Objection to Licensing Application 886415 (Londis - 4 Melbourne Grove)

I object to this licensing application on the following 3 grounds:

- 1) **Hours of alcohol sale (off-premises)** - the application proposes selling alcohol from **6am - 1am daily (Monday to Sunday)**, which seems grossly excessive given that the premises sit directly beneath residential flats. By comparison, other local businesses selling alcohol operate within more limited hours, out of consideration for residents
- 2) **Sale of vapes near a secondary school** - the proximity to Charter East raises concerns about the sale of vaping products. The World Health Organization recommends banning the sale of tobacco and nicotine products near schools to protect children and adolescents.
- 3) **Sale of takeaway food near a school** - the application also states that takeaway coffee and hot snacks will be sold. As I understand it, the London Plan discourages new hot food takeaways within 400m of secondary schools and I believe Southwark Council has a policy of having a 400m buffer zone for new hot food takeaways from a secondary school.

[REDACTED]

#### **OTHER PERSON 4**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 14, 2025 12:08 PM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** McAsh, James <[James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk)>; Mwangangye, Portia <[Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk)>; Smith, Charlie <[Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** OBJECTION to License Number 886415 on Melbourne Grove

**To:** [licensing@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@southwark.gov.uk)

Licensing Register -  
 Applications for Premises Licences and Reviews Details for Licence  
 Number: 886415

Property details

Licence number: 886415

Trading name and address: Londis East Dulwich  
 4, Units 1 and 2 , Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ

Ward: Goose Green

I would like to object to the granting of a license to this premises.  
 Melbourne Grove is a quiet residential street. The existing cafes and restaurants that are there (further south on the street) are closed long before 11pm. The Marks and Spencers adjacent to the train station closes at 10pm.

There are no other premises open on the street until this late hour of 1am either serving alcohol or "late night refreshments". The presence of this will inevitably lead to noise from drunk people and other anti-social behaviour on Melbourne Grove.

There is a 24 hour off license nearby on the corner of East Dulwich Grove and Lordship Lane. There is no demand for this type of use in a residential area. This off license was the scene of a knife murder in 2019.

The Londis would also be adjacent to the Charter East Dulwich school. Having proximity of a shop to a school selling vapes and "late night refreshments" is not conducive for a healthy future for our children.

Please do not allow a Londis with a late night off license serving "late night refreshments" in this location.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

#### **OTHER PERSON 5**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 14, 2025 1:00 PM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** License number 886415, Objection

To whom it may concern

I am unable to email using Arial 12 but the closest match is Sans Serif which I hope does not disqualify my objection - please reply if it does.

I am objecting to the above license on the following grounds:

##### 1. protection of children from harm

There is a large school in the very near vicinity of this site. The area is already served by convenience/off license within a 1-2min walk by Mark & Son - Grove Vale, Payless - Grove Value and Ronnies - East Dulwich Grove. These sites pre-date the school but I do not think it's appropriate to add a further unnecessary vendor of sweets, junk food, vape products and alcohol so close to the school. Melbourne Grove is primarily a residential street with lots of children and the hours of the alcohol license are excessive, I do not think it's appropriate to attract customers looking to buy alcohol up to 1am when there is already a late Off License very close by (Payless on Grove Vale).

##### 2. prevention of public nuisance

The late provision of alcohol (up to 1am) is excessively late for a residential street. There is already this provision within 2min walk of this site and it's clear that there is no excess demand to justify the further provision of late sale of alcohol on Melbourne Grove. The existing provision on East Dulwich Grove and Grove Vale are on larger, main roads with more people traffic and better lighting. I believe the addition of a late alcohol license to Melbourne Grove may attract crime - shiplifting - loitering and

nuisance on the street. A few years ago someone was stabbed and killed in a similar establishment on the corner of Lordship Lane and East Dulwich Grove.

There is also the planned development of the Jewson site where 380 student bedsits will be built and I am of the opinion that provision of alcohol on doorstep of this development up to 1am would not be a responsible licensing decision.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

#### **OTHER PERSON 6**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 15, 2025 2:41 PM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Objection to Premises Licence Application 886415 - Noise & Disruption, Safety & Late Hours, Inappropriate Location & Alcohol-related Impacts

Dear Licensing Team,

I am writing to formally object to premises licence application No. 886415 for Londis East Dulwich, Units 1 & 2, 4 Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ. My objection is based on the licensing objectives of the Licensing Act 2003, specifically the prevention of public nuisance, public safety, and the prevention of crime and disorder.

While I support local businesses, the proposed licence's extended hours (until 1:00 am) will significantly negatively impact the local community. I understand local residents have until 22nd July to register their complaints, yet the premises is already being developed for the purpose as set out in the license as at the date of writing (15/7/25). My concerns are detailed below::

#### **1. Noise and disruption**

- There has already been a noticeable increase in late-night noise due to the opening hours of local venues such as Norbert's, Drop and local pubs which are noticeably earlier than the proposed licence. Patrons leaving these venues already create disturbance well past midnight, causing the residence to wake up frequently and venture on to the street to attempt to disburse. The negative impact is widely felt and these establishments have a curfew of between 10:30pm - 11pm. The proposed licence is to be open and serving alcohol until 1am, underneath or adjacent to numerous residential households, where there are a number of young children who reside and will be sleeping.
- Groups of people are likely to congregate outside after buying alcohol, waiting for transport, smoking, and talking loudly late into the night, as occurs at the nearby establishments

- The sale of alcohol and resulting consumption increases the likelihood of patrons behaving unpredictably and engaging in anti-social behaviour that extends beyond the premises and into the surrounding streets.

## **2. Safety and Vulnerable Neighbouring Uses**

- The site is located on a restricted, pedestrianised street with limited vehicle access, making it unsuitable for increased late-night activity. Intoxicated individuals spilling into this space pose a safety risk to themselves, other pedestrians, and those with accessibility needs (e.g., wheelchair and pram users).
- Critically, the site is very close to The Charter School East Dulwich, which makes the sale of alcohol into the early hours particularly inappropriate. The area around a school and college should remain a safe and respectful environment for students and residents alike.
- Late-night activity from patrons and delivery vehicles would undermine the quiet and safe character expected in a mixed residential and educational area, and introduce further risks on a street already challenged by congestion at school opening, lunch, and closing times.

## **3. Unsuitable Traffic and Servicing:**

- The street is narrow and largely pedestrianised, with extremely limited capacity for additional vehicles or turning space. Late-night taxis, cars, and especially delivery vehicles stopping and idling on the road will increase congestion and air pollution very near to the school, create safety risks for pedestrians, and degrade the area's character.
- The road is completely unsuitable for large delivery vehicles. Late-trading businesses require early morning deliveries, refuse collection, and other servicing activities outside regular hours to avoid daytime congestion. On a restricted, pedestrianised road, these activities would not only create noise during sensitive early hours but also cause logistical and safety challenges.
- The licence application contradicts government guidelines, which note that noise pollution between the hours of 11pm and 7am is strictly not permitted, which the community & residents currently mostly adhere to (aside from the aforementioned patrons from other establishments). Opening hours of 6am-1am on a quiet, family-oriented residential street goes against these guidelines and their spirit as this will result in residents being disturbed likely an hour prior and after opening hours - i.e. 5am - 2am. I am unsure how this has been justified by the licence requestee when this is against government guidelines of no noise between 11pm and 7am.
- As well as this, children from the nearby school already cause problems at school opening, lunch and closing times by lingering and contributing to excessive noise pollution. Having an off-licence situated just around the corner from the school will exacerbate this heavily as it would be the first stopping point for students to congregate at, causing serious disturbance and making it unsafe

for those with accessibility needs (i.e. wheelchair & pram users) to use the road throughout the day.

#### **4. Anti-social behaviour and strain on public services**

- Later opening hours are strongly associated with higher levels of anti-social behaviour, including public intoxication, vandalism, and littering. Residents already report such problems from existing venues.
- Additional late-night alcohol service also increases demand on already-stretched public services, with more calls to police and emergency services to respond to incidents of disorder, noise complaints, and public safety concerns.
- There is also an existing problem, which no doubt the council will be aware of on this street, of significant litter and rubbish which the residents have written to the council about numerous times. Having a shop to sell disposable goods from 6am to 1am where customers, often intoxicated if purchasing alcohol into the early hours of the morning, will exacerbate this. The rubbish on the street already causes accessibility issues for wheelchair users, pushchairs and residents walking on the pavements.

#### **5. Cumulative impact of alcohol-licensed venues on the community**

- The area already suffers from noise, disorder, and public nuisance due to existing late-night venues. Licensing policy recognises the cumulative impact where multiple licensed premises in close proximity overwhelm the area and harm residents' quality of life.
- Adding another alcohol-licensed premises, particularly with a 1:00am licence, risks tipping the balance further - leading to more loitering, littering, vomiting, urination in public, and other anti-social behaviour documented in similar contexts. When viewed in isolation one premises may seem manageable, but the cumulative effect of several late-night venues can overwhelm enforcement agencies and degrade the character of the area.

I urge the council to refuse this application in its current form, particularly the proposed late-night alcohol licence. The proposed hours are incompatible with the quiet, residential nature of Melbourne Grove and disregard existing noise pollution guidelines. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering a signature.

**OTHER PERSON 7**

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 1:10 PM  
To: Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
Subject: Objection to application Licence Number: 886415

Hello,

My name is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I am writing to oppose this application. Opening a shop that sells alcohol, cigarettes, vapes, and unhealthy food next to Charter East school is a very poor choice. Vaping among secondary school children is on the rise and very concerning. A shop so close to school would be tempting children to vape. Many underaged children are already vaping by asking/paying older people to buy vapes for them. We all know they are targeting young people and students by choosing this location. In addition, such shop could attract a clientele that might cause antisocial behaviour.

Best regards,  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 8**

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 3:34 PM  
To: Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
Subject: Opposed Londis application - licence 886415 -Londis in SE22

I would like to object to the application of a Londis in East Dulwich, 4, Units 1 and 2 , Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ

This shop would be in front of Charter East Dulwich where I have [REDACTED] enrolled.

According to the application the shop will sell vapes and alcohol- right outside the school. I appreciate these are available in other places but must we make them available so readily and openly on display to impressionable teenagers?

Charter East intake is due to increase including its 6th form. Surely we should be thinking of ways to support the teenagers rather than tempt them with unhealthy (and in their case) illegal substances?!

I honestly do not see the need for such a shop in that location. And I would urge the council to consider it carefully. After all, is a Londis really needed there? Who is it actually for? There are already corner shops close by as well as a M&S around the corner, so I would argue there is no need for it.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 9**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 16, 2025 10:59 AM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Objection to London's opening on Melbourne Grove

Dear Sir/Madam

It's just been brought to my attention that Londis intend to open on Melbourne Grove close to the entrance of Charter East Dulwich school.

I'm concerned about the health and well being of students at the school with such easy access to unhealthy snacks, vapes, and alcohol.

Please note my objection.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 10**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 18, 2025 3:57 PM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** McAsh, James <[James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk)>; Smith, Charlie <[Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk)>; Mwangangye, Portia <[Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Objection to Planning Application for Londis East Dulwich 4, Units 1 and 2 , Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ Ref: Licence Number: 886415

Dear Southwark Planning Committee,

Date: 18 July 2025

I am a resident on Melbourne Grove with [REDACTED] of primary school age. I am concerned about the level of crime that there is already in the area and groups of children congregating at the top of Melbourne Grove and fear that this new shop will add to that, especially with the late licence and the selling of unhealthy food, alcohol and vapes. I strongly object to the planning application for a Londis store open from 6 am to 1 am daily on a residential road near a senior school.

My reasons are:

1. **Noise and disturbance** – 1am closing is unacceptable for a residential area, especially with flats above.
2. **Risk to children** – The shop will sell vapes, alcohol, and hot takeaway food just metres from a school.
3. **Public health** – It goes against Southwark's health strategy to reduce access to unhealthy products near schools.
4. **Anti-social behaviour** – Late opening hours and alcohol sales may attract anti-social behaviour in the area.
5. **Traffic and litter** – Increased footfall and takeaway waste will impact the local environment.

I urge the council to reject this application or strictly limit the hours and types of products sold.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 11**

From: [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Friday, July 18, 2025 6:06 PM  
 To: Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>; McAsh, James <[James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk)>; Smith, Charlie <[Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk)>; Mwangangye, Portia <[Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk)>  
 Subject: Objection to Linda's convenience store on Melbourne Grove

Dear [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and Southwark Councillors

I join with a group of concerned parents and residents living near 4 Melbourne Grove to formally express my opposition to the pending application for a London Convenience store at this address which is very near the entrance to Charter East School. We have enough fast food outlets that already tempt the pupils and other residents into eating badly, vaping and we don't want a store that stays open until 1am and I am sure the residents will not want this either.

Would it not be more beneficial for the area to have

- a healthy food outlet
- A youth or Community centre
- A space for educational or recreational activities.

I wholly support the petition on Change.org

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 12****From:** [REDACTED]**Sent:** Friday, July 18, 2025 1:27 PM**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>**Subject:** Objection to Licensing Application for Londis – Licence number: 886415

Licence number: 886415

Dear Licensing Department,

I am writing to formally object to the licensing application for the Londis store located at Units 1 and 2 , Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ, which seeks to operate as an off-licence selling alcohol, vapes, and cigaretteswith proposed operating hours daily until 1:00 AM.

My objection is based on the potential negative impact this application would have on the local community, particularly in relation to the four licensing objectives under the Licensing Act 2003: the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance, and the protection of children from harm.

Specifically, I have the following concerns:

**1. Prevention of Public Nuisance:**

- **Noise Pollution:** The proposed operating hours until 1:00 AM will inevitably lead to significant noise disturbance for residents, particularly those living near the Charter East entrance. This noise will stem from customers congregating outside the store, conversations, shouting, slamming car doors, and the constant movement and idling of delivery vehicles (e.g., scooters, cars) for the fast-food takeaway. This will severely impact the peace and quiet of the residential area and disrupt sleep.
- **Litter:** The sale of takeaway food, alcohol containers (bottles, cans), vape products, and cigarette butts will undoubtedly lead to a significant increase in litter and discarded waste in the immediate vicinity of the store and the Charter East entrance. This will create an unsightly, unsanitary, and potentially hazardous environment for local residents.
- **Light Pollution:** Bright lighting from the store and its signage operating until 1:00 AM will contribute to light pollution, disturbing the amenity of nearby homes.

**2. Prevention of Crime and Disorder:**

- **Anti-Social Behaviour:** The late-night sale of alcohol for off-premises consumption is a known contributor to increased anti-social behaviour. This could include public drunkenness, loitering, verbal altercations, and urination in public spaces, particularly after other licensed premises close. The location on a residential street next to a school entrance makes this a direct concern for local residents.
- **Increased Vandalism:** Areas with increased late-night footfall and alcohol consumption often experience a rise in minor crime and vandalism.
- **Strain on Public Services:** The potential increase in anti-social behaviour and public order incidents will place an additional burden on local police and council enforcement services.

**3. Public Safety:**

- **Increased Traffic and Congestion:** Operating until 1:00 AM will lead to increased pedestrian and vehicular traffic (including delivery drivers) in an area that may not be designed for such late-night activity, especially at the Charter East entrance. This raises concerns about pedestrian safety and potential road traffic incidents.
- **Risk of Accidents:** The presence of individuals who may have consumed alcohol from the off-licence could lead to impaired judgment and an increased risk of accidents or incidents in the public realm.

#### 4. Protection of Children from Harm:

- **Exposure to Harmful Activities:** The proximity of an off-licence and sales of vapes/cigarettes to the Charter East School, which is likely used by children and families, will increase children's exposure to alcohol consumption, smoking, and vaping. This normalises these activities and products in a space frequented by young people.
- **Risk of Underage Sales:** Despite licensing conditions, late-night operations can present challenges in preventing underage individuals from attempting to purchase age-restricted products.
- **Unsafe Environment:** Children living nearby or using the entrance may be exposed to the anti-social behaviour or public drunkenness associated with the premises, creating a less safe and welcoming environment for them.

#### 5. Cumulative Impact:

- Furthermore, if there are already other licensed premises in this area, granting this application would contribute to a negative cumulative impact on the licensing objectives. The combined effect of multiple venues operating late can exacerbate existing issues of noise, crime, and public nuisance, even if individual premises are well-managed.

For all the reasons stated above, I urge the Licensing Committee to refuse this application or, at minimum, impose stringent conditions that significantly reduce the proposed operating hours and restrict the sale of certain products to mitigate the severe impact on our residential community.

Thank you for considering my representation.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 13**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 19, 2025 9:51 AM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Objection to Licensing Application 886415

Good morning

I am writing to strongly object to the licensing application 886415, relating to a new Londis at Londis East Dulwich 4, Units 1 and 2 , Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ.

I object for the following reasons:

1. The sale of vapes and alcohol in such proximity to a secondary school is predatory and promotes consumption at a young age.
2. The Melbourne Grove already has some issues with ASB with large groups of secondary age plus children hanging around after school. Many residential properties already have steel grates over their windows e.g. 1 Melbourne Grove. An additional alcohol outlet will exacerbate this.
3. There is already two off licences in very close proximity which serve the area around East Dulwich Station -Payless and Mark&Son. The area is saturated and an additional premises is not required.

Please acknowledge receipt of my concerns.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 14**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 19, 2025 7:12 AM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Objection to Proposal for Londis on Melbourne Grove, East Dulwich

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to object to a proposal for a Londis selling vapes, alcohol and junk food next to a secondary school on Melbourne Grove in East Dulwich.

This proposal is both careless in respect of the safeguarding of children (making it easier for them to access junk food and potentially substances they are too young to purchase), and also not in keeping with the current parade of shops in terms of small, local business representation.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 15**

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 1:14 PM  
To: Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
Subject: License number 886415

> Hello,  
>  
> My name is [REDACTED]  
> [REDACTED] I am writing to oppose this  
> application.  
> Opening a shop that sells alcohol, cigarettes, vapes, and unhealthy food next to  
Charter East school is a very poor choice. Vaping among secondary school children  
is on the rise and very concerning. A shop so close to school would be tempting  
children to vape. Many underaged children are already vaping by asking/paying  
older people to buy vapes for them. We all know they are targeting young people  
and students by choosing this location. In addition, such shop could attract a  
clientele that might cause antisocial behaviour.

Best regards  
[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 16**

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Saturday, July 19, 2025 9:00 AM  
To: Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
Subject: Londis : application 886415

Hi there,

Sharing my views that I don't agree with the londis store nr East charter entrance.

Selling vapes, alcohol and fast food right near the entrance of a.secondary school that  
already has lots of similar shops making the challenge for young people to make  
healthy choices even harder.

Pls reconsider.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

Parent [REDACTED] and resident of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 17**

From: [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Saturday, July 19, 2025 6:49 PM  
 To: Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
 Cc: McAsh, James <[James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk)>; Smith, Charlie  
 <[Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk)>; Mwangangye, Portia  
 <[Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk)>  
 Subject: Licensing application 886415

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to object to the Licensing application 886415 Londis East Dulwich 4 Unit 1 & 2 Melbourne Grove.

I'm objecting on the grounds of harm to Children.

The location of a shop selling alcohol, cigarettes vapes and unhealthy food right outside the main entrance to Charter East Secondary School seems completely inappropriate.

[REDACTED] attend the school and will walk past the shop on the way to the school and back, along with most of the children attending the school. In an age bracket of 11 - 18.

Part of the curriculum at school is to encourage healthy eating. Making healthy choices. Making children aware of the health hazards of smoking, vaping and the use of alcohol. It therefore seems inappropriate and harmful to the children's health to sell alcohol, vapes, cigarette and unhealthy snacks right outside the school gates.

The shop units should be used for a use that doesn't adversely affect children's health.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 18**

From: [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Monday, July 21, 2025 11:24 AM  
 To: Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
 Subject: Licence application 886415

My name is [REDACTED]  
 My address is [REDACTED] I wish to object to the application to sell alcohol for the premises Unit 1&2, 4,Melbourne Grove, SE22 Application number 886415, on the grounds that it is very near to the main entrance to Charter

East School where many pupils will pass by this premises twice a day where they are selling alcohol and probably cigarettes. This would be detrimental to the health and welfare of these children.

Need to protect children from harm.

It is also contrary to the London Plan that requires a 400 meter buffer zone between a unit selling alcohol and a school.

Goose Green Primary School is near by.

They could just sell alcohol from 6.00pm until they close although that might cause a problem to this predominantly residential street.

There are two other outlets for alcohol within 5 minuets of Melbourne Grove.

Thank you for your attention

**OTHER PERSON 19**

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2025 12:21 AM

To: Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>

Subject: Objection to Application for Londis Convenience Store and Off-License at 4 Melbourne Grove, SE22

Application Reference:[Southwark Licensing Application 886415]

(<https://app.southwark.gov.uk/premises/applied/886415>)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write as a concerned [REDACTED] at The Charter School East Dulwich, to object to the grant of a premises licence for a Londis convenience store and off-license at 4 Melbourne Grove, SE22, close by the entrance of The Charter East Dulwich School, a secondary school with over 1,340 pupils aged 11 to m19 years.

My objections to the grant of this licence are all directly relevant to the 4 licensing objectives to be promoted (Licensing Act 2003) 1. The prevention of crime and disorder 2. Public safety 3. The prevention of public nuisance 4. The protection of children from harm. In addition, the Southwark Council Statement of Licensing Policy specifically refers to location as a ground to object to the grant of a premises licence.

The application is for the sale of alcoholic drinks to be consumed off the premises and for the sale of hot snacks up to 1am. The shop hours are stated as 6am until 1am. A typical Londis shop, also sells cigarettes, vapes, and sugary snack sand drinks. [REDACTED] and most of the pupils will pass directly in front of the shop on their way to the nearby school entrance in the morning, during lunch breaks and as they leave the school in the afternoon. They will inevitably be exposed to these products

and gather outside the shop as they queue to go in and wait for their friends to come out.

This raises serious issues.

Exposure to harmful products: the proposed store would place alcohol, cigarettes, and vapes on display directly in view of [REDACTED] and the hundreds of other schoolchildren during their commutes, lunch breaks, and after school hours.

Health concerns: easy access to unhealthy snacks and drinks and fast food undermines my and other parents efforts to promote better nutrition for my child, other young people and prevent obesity.

Crime, disorder, safety and public nuisance: I am the Founder and Coordinator of the Love Your Door Step Community Patrol in East Dulwich, and we see many incidents of antisocial behaviour, including fights, phone snatching, mugging, drug-related incidents, disturbance and damage to local businesses while patrolling the area in the vicinity of the school and the proposed shop during and after school hours. Inevitably, these may involve Charter East pupils. I wish to keep [REDACTED] safe from this. As the school staff and our parent patrols attempt to clear the area and shepherd [REDACTED] and the hundreds of other pupils towards home at the end of the school day, the availability of alcoholic drinks and hot snacks close to the school gate will make our task much more difficult.

An off-license in this sensitive location risks exacerbating these problems and jeopardising the safety of both students and the wider community.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]  
LYDS East Dulwich Community Patrol

Founder & Coordinator

Email: [REDACTED]

Date: 22/07/2025

Address:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 20**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 21, 2025 6:15 PM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** McAsh, James <[James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk)>; Mwangangye, Portia <[Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk)>; Smith, Charlie <[Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Objection to Planning Application for Londis East Dulwich 4, Units 1 and 2 , Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ Ref: Licence Number: 886415

Dear Southwark Planning Committee,

I live on Melbourne Grove with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] school. I am concerned about licensing a new shop selling unhealthy food, alcohol and vapes on the doorstep of a secondary school, and also licensing a shop for such extended operating hours on what is a mainly residential street. I strongly object to the planning application for a Londis store open from 6 am to 1 am daily on a residential road near a senior school.

My reasons are:

1. Noise and disturbance – 1am closing is unacceptable for a residential area, especially with flats above.
2. Risk to children – The shop will sell vapes, alcohol, convenience food and hot takeaway food just metres from a school.
3. Public health – It goes against Southwark's health strategy to reduce access to unhealthy products near schools.

I urge the council to reject this application or strictly limit the hours and types of products sold.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]  
21 July 2025

**OTHER PERSON 21**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 22, 2025 12:00 AM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Objection to Planning Application for Londis East Dulwich 4, Units 1 and 2 , Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ Ref: Licence Number: 886415

Ref license number: 886415

Date: 22 July 2025

Objector: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Dear Southwark Planning Committee,

I am writing as a local resident with a [REDACTED] to formally object to the above planning application for a Londis store at this location, which would be located about 50 meters away.

**Grounds for objection:**

- Noise and Disturbance:** The proposed 1:00 AM closing time is wholly inappropriate for a residential street, particularly in a building with residential flats directly above the commercial unit or on the ground floor right across the street.
- Child Safeguarding:** The close proximity of the proposed shop to a school, coupled with its intent to sell vapes, alcohol, and hot takeaway food, presents an unacceptable risk to the welfare of children in the area.
- Public Health Implications:** Approving this application would directly contravene Southwark's strategic objectives regarding public health, specifically its efforts to limit access to unhealthy products near educational institutions.
- Amplification of Anti-social Behaviour:** The extended opening hours and the provision of alcoholic beverages are highly likely to foster increased anti-social behavior within the neighborhood.
- Environmental Degradation:** Anticipated increases in footfall and the generation of takeaway waste will undoubtedly contribute to localized traffic issues and littering, thereby degrading the local environment.

Many thanks,

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 22**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 22, 2025 9:51 AM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Objection to planning - 886415

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the planning application for Licence Number 886415. I am opposed to this application on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance and protection of children from harm.

I understand that the application includes the sale of alcohol from 06:00 onwards. Given that the site is literally meters from a secondary school i feel that this is not in the best interests of the children, will contribute to public nuisance and also poses direct harm to the children in terms of increased access to unhealthy foods and vaping.

I would appreciate it if these factors could be taken into consideration.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

22/07/2025

**OTHER PERSON 23**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 22, 2025 4:56 PM

**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>; Smith, Charlie <[Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Opposition to license 886415

To whom it may concern,

I am an [REDACTED] at the Charter School East Dulwich and am writing to oppose a recent application submitted to the council regarding premises at 4 Melbourne Grove.

The application is for Londis and proposes the sale of alcohol, vapes, and cigarettes in very close proximity to the school.

This raises serious safety concerns for our children and the wider community. We are already dealing with a number of incidents in the area, including antisocial behaviour, fights, mugging, phone snatching and drug related crime. Allowing such a business to operate in such close proximity to the school is likely to worsen the situation and potentially turn the location into a hangout spot for individuals engaging in disruptive or unsafe behaviour.

The property would also be less than 400m from the school which is contrary to the London Plan Policy on the sale of hot take away food.

Thanks

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 24**

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 7:46 PM  
To: Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
Subject: Objection 886415

Hello

I'd like to object to the planning application for a Londis East Dulwich to open just around the corner from a secondary school and amongst other local shops. There's no good reason to have a shop selling alcohol, cigarettes and vapes right next to secondary school. Being open to 1am will also mean a noise nuisance of people entering and leaving the shop whilst most people in the surrounding residential streets will be sleeping.

The local area is already well served by local convenience stores, off licenses, news agents and supermarkets.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 25**

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2025 6:04 PM  
To: Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
Subject: objection to 886415

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

22 July 2025

Application opposed to: 886415

Dear Sir/Madam:

I wish to object to the application from Londis East Dulwich/Sithamparanathan Linganathan for a Premises License for sale and supply of alcohol and late night refreshment from 6:00am - 1:00am every day.

I am objecting/opposed to this application as [REDACTED] attending nearby Charter School East Dulwich. I believe the grant of license will contribute to crime, disorder, cause a public nuisance, create a risk to public safety and will expose children to harm. I am extremely concerned with the proposed activity of the premises selling alcohol, vapes and cigarettes located so close to a secondary school, and the proposed operating hours are out of character with the surrounding peaceful and largely residential neighbourhood, likely creating a risk of increase in crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour, public nuisance (noise, litter, etc), and risk to public safety.

Thank you for your consideration,

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 26**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 22, 2025 8:05 PM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Objection to drrnks ilcence application

Application 886415  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I wish to object to the granting of a licence to sell alcohol on these premises between the requested hours off 6am to 1am because of the proximity of a large comprehensive school, Charter East, less than 100 yards away.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 27**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025 8:50 AM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** McAsh, James <[James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk)>; Smith, Charlie <[Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk)>; Mwangangye, Portia <[Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Objection to Planning Application for Londis East Dulwich 4, Units 1 and 2 , Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ Ref: Licence Number: 886415

Dear Southwark Planning Committee,

I am a local resident with [REDACTED] I am concerned about the level of crime that there is already in the area and groups of children congregating at the top of Melbourne Grove and fear that this new shop will add to that, especially with the late licence and the selling of unhealthy food, alcohol and vapes. I strongly object to the

planning application for a Londis store open from 6 am to 1 am daily on a residential road near a senior school.

My reasons are:

1. Noise and disturbance – 1am closing is unacceptable for a residential area, especially with flats above.
2. Risk to children – The shop will sell vapes, alcohol, and hot takeaway food just metres from a school.
3. Public health – It goes against Southwark's health strategy to reduce access to unhealthy products near schools.
4. Anti-social behaviour – Late opening hours and alcohol sales may attract anti-social behaviour in the area.
5. Traffic and litter – Increased footfall and takeaway waste will impact the local environment.

I urge the council to reject this application or strictly limit the hours and types of products sold.

Yours ,

[REDACTED]

#### **OTHER PERSON 28**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025 10:31 AM

**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>

**Cc:** McAsh, James <[James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk)>; Smith, Charlie

<[Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk)>; Mwangangye, Portia <[Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Objection to Planning Application for Londis East Dulwich 4, Units 1 and 2 , Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ Ref: Licence Number: 886415

Dear Southwark Licensing Committee,

I am a resident of East Dulwich with a [REDACTED]. I am concerned about the level of crime that there is already in the area and groups of children congregating at the top of Melbourne Grove and fear that this new shop will add to that, especially with the late licence and the selling of unhealthy food, alcohol and vapes. I strongly object to the planning application for a Londis store open from 6 am to 1 am daily on a residential road near a senior school.

My reasons are:

1. Noise and disturbance – 1am closing is unacceptable for a residential area, especially with flats above.
2. Risk to children – The shop will sell vapes, alcohol, and hot takeaway food just metres from a school.
3. Public health – It goes against Southwark's health strategy to reduce access to unhealthy products near schools.
4. Anti-social behaviour – Late opening hours and alcohol sales may attract anti-social behaviour in the area.

5. Traffic and litter – Increased footfall and takeaway waste will impact the local environment.

I urge the council to reject this application or strictly limit the hours and types of products sold.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 29**

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2025 10:59 AM

To: Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>; McAsh, James <[James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk)>; Smith, Charlie <[Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk)>; Mwangangye, Portia <[Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk)>

Subject: Objection to Planning Application for Londis

Dear Southwark Planning Committee

**Objection to Planning Application for Londis East Dulwich 4, Units 1 and 2 , Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ**

Ref: Licence Number: 886415

I am concerned about the convenience store off-licence Londis opening in close proximity to Charter East school.

Young people need us to guide them to consume healthy foods for their physical and mental health and longevity. This shop sells alcohol, vapes and junk food - all addictive and bad for our health and ultimately a strain on our health services and community.

Please accept this email as an objection to it being opened in this location.

My name is [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

I urged the council to reconsider this application

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 30**

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, July 21, 2025 10:03 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>

Subject: Londis Off Licence: Licence number 886415

Dear Sir/Madam,

My [REDACTED] the Charter School East Dulwich and I, like many parents, strongly object to the licence application by Londis to open an off-licence next to the Charter East entrance.

This is a cynical exploitation of children attending the school and will encourage the purchase of vapes, cigarettes, take-away food and alcohol.

I hope that the application will be rejected to protect children attending the school.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 31**

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Sunday, July 20, 2025 10:13 PM  
To: Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
Subject: Licence number 886415

Re: Londis East Dulwich application

I wish to make an objection to this application in terms of what is being proposed. The site is nearly opposite a secondary school and therefore will potentially target children aged between 11-18 with access to harmful products if not properly supervised. This includes items such as vaping which the uk has a wider issue, gambling, tobacco and alcohol.

There are other retailers in area meeting the wider community needs so can't see need for this business as well.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 32**

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2025 4:58 PM  
To: Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
Subject: Londis application 886415

Please do not grant a licence to allow a Londis selling alcohol next to a school. This will make un healthy food and potentially dangerous substances tempting to adolescents at an impressionable age.

Regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 33**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 21, 2025 4:24 PM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Licensing application 886415

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wish to object to the planning application referenced regarding Melbourne Grove.

The reason is that I do not think it is appropriate to have a retail unit selling alcohol, vapes, cigarettes and unhealthy food immediately outside the Charter East school gates.

While equivalent establishments exist in the local area, this set up of a new establishment is clearly and deliberately intended to target Charter East pupils.

Thanks and regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 34**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 22, 2025 11:37 PM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** McAsh, James <[James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk)>; Smith, Charlie <[Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk)>; Mwangangye, Portia <[Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Objection to application 886415 Londis Melbourne Grove

Dear Southwark Licensing Team,

I am writing in reference to the above application. I strongly object to the licensing application for a Londis store with the opening hours of 6 am to 1 am daily on a residential road near a senior school.

As a resident of [REDACTED], the addition of a Londis with late licensing hours - 6am to 1am daily - selling alcohol, vapes and fast food is both unnecessary and inappropriate due to the locality of a secondary school and residential properties and does not serve the needs of the local community.

Below I highlight the potential ramifications of granting the above application. The local community does not need:

- A premises open until 1am. This area is largely residential with flats above the premises.

- A premises with a license to sell alcohol, vapes, cigarettes etc within 100 yards walk of the school gates of a secondary school. We have the main entrance to a large secondary school on Melbourne Grove. This shop would be the closest food/beverage shop to that school entrance, this will increase the availability and visibility of products such as fast food, alcohol and vapes to children aged between 11-18. This is in conflict with public health strategies and Southwark's health strategy to reduce access to unhealthy products near schools.
- A potential increase in anti-social behaviour – late opening hours and alcohol sales will attract people to the area late at night and may result in increased anti-social behaviour and crime in the area. The local police are actively working with the school and local people in this area to reduce the level of anti-social behaviour and crime.
- More litter - more people purchasing consumable products will increase pressure on the waste infrastructure, this is already an issue in this area.

I urge the licensing team to consider all the above comments in relation to this application so that the full effects of the license decision may be understood.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

#### **OTHER PERSON 35**

From: [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2025 9:58 AM  
 To: Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
 Cc: McAsh, James <[James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk)>; Smith, Charlie <[Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk)>; [portia.mwangangye@southwark.gov.u](mailto:portia.mwangangye@southwark.gov.u)

Subject: Objection to Planning Application for Londis East Dulwich 4, Units 1 and 2 , Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ Ref: Licence Number: 886415

Dear Southwark Planning Committee,

I am a resident on in [REDACTED] with my [REDACTED] at the Charter School East Dulwich in September. I am concerned about the level of crime that there is already in the area and that this shop will exacerbate that problem, especially with the late licence and the selling of unhealthy food, alcohol and vapes. I strongly object to the planning application for a Londis store open from 6 am to 1 am daily on a residential road near a senior school.

My reasons are:

1. Noise and disturbance – 1am closing is unacceptable for a residential area, especially with flats above.
2. Risk to children – The shop will sell vapes, alcohol, and hot takeaway food just metres from a school.
3. Public health – It goes against Southwark's health strategy to reduce access to unhealthy products near schools.

4. Anti-social behaviour – Late opening hours and alcohol sales may attract anti-social behaviour in the area.

5. Traffic and litter – Increased footfall and takeaway waste will impact the local environment.

I urge the council to reject this application or strictly limit the hours and types of products sold.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

#### **OTHER PERSON 36**

From:

Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2025 10:13 AM

To: Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>

Cc: McAsh, James <[James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk)>; Smith, Charlie

<[Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk)>; Mwangangye, Portia

<[Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk)>

Subject: Objection to Planning Application for Londis East Dulwich 4, Units 1 and 2 , Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ Ref: Licence Number: 886415

Dear Southwark Planning Committee,

I am a local resident [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] be attending the East Dulwich Charter school. I am concerned about the level of crime that there is already in the area and groups of children congregating at the top of Melbourne Grove and fear that this new shop will add to that, especially with the late licence and the selling of unhealthy food, alcohol and vapes. I strongly object to the planning application for a Londis store open from 6 am to 1 am daily on a residential road near a senior school.

My reasons are:

1. Noise and disturbance – 1am closing is unacceptable for a residential area, especially with flats above.

2. Risk to children – The shop will sell vapes, alcohol, and hot takeaway food just metres from a school.

3. Public health – It goes against Southwark's health strategy to reduce access to unhealthy products near schools.

4. Anti-social behaviour – Late opening hours and alcohol sales may attract anti-social behaviour in the area, in addition to compounding the risk to children (above) who are walking to and from school alone.

5. Traffic and litter – Increased footfall and takeaway waste will impact the local environment.

I urge the council to reject this application or strictly limit the hours and types of products sold.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 37**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025 3:32 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>; McAsh, James <[James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk)>; Smith, Charlie <[Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk)>; Mwangangye, Portia <[Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Objection to Planning Application for Londis East Dulwich 4, Units 1 and 2 , Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ Ref: Licence Number: 886415

Dear All,

I can confirm my objection to this planning application, as set out by [REDACTED] below.

All best,

[REDACTED]

On Wed, 23 Jul 2025 at 11:33, [REDACTED] wrote:

**Subject: Objection to Planning Application for Londis East Dulwich 4, Units 1 and 2 , Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ**

**Ref: Licence Number: 886415**

Dear Southwark Planning Committee,

As sustainability and social impact consultants ([REDACTED] is also a [REDACTED] of 15+ years with extensive experience in planning-related matters), we are writing to express our profound concerns regarding the planning application for a new Londis store at the top of Melbourne Grove. We strongly object to its proposed operating hours of 6am to 1am daily, as well as the sale of unhealthy food, alcohol, and vapes, especially given its location on a residential road and its proximity to a school.

Our objections are rooted in several key areas:

**Noise and Disturbance**

A 1am closing time is unacceptable for a residential area, particularly with flats situated directly above the proposed store. This will inevitably lead to increased noise pollution and disturbance for residents.

### **Risk to Children and Public Health – Supporting [Bite Back 2030](#)**

The sale of vapes, alcohol, and hot takeaway food just meters from a school presents a grave risk to children and adolescents in the community. This directly contradicts efforts to create safe and healthy environments for young people. Furthermore, this application runs counter to Southwark's public health strategy, which aims to reduce access to unhealthy products near schools. It also directly undermines the vital work of campaigns like Bite Back 2030 ([www.biteback2030.com](http://www.biteback2030.com)), a youth-led movement advocating for a food system that puts children's health first. Allowing this store to operate with its proposed offerings so close to a school would actively work against these crucial public health initiatives and the efforts of organisations dedicated to protecting young people from the harmful influences of junk food marketing and accessibility.

### **Potential for Anti-Social Behaviour**

The combination of late opening hours and the sale of alcohol has a high probability of attracting and encouraging anti-social behaviour in the neighbourhood, further compromising public safety and quality of life for residents.

### **Traffic and Litter**

Increased footfall associated with a late-night convenience store, coupled with the sale of takeaway food, will inevitably lead to an increase in traffic congestion and litter, negatively impacting the local environment.

We implore the council to reject this application outright. Failing that, we urge you to impose strict limitations on its operating hours and the types of products permitted for sale to safeguard the well-being of the community, especially its children.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

### **OTHER PERSON 38**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025 1:06 PM

**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Objection to License application reference 886415

Dear Southwark Licensing

I write in my capacity as a concerned [REDACTED] The Charter School East Dulwich and as an East Dulwich resident who cycles through Melbourne Grove, to object to the grant of a premises license for a Londis convenience store and off-license at 4 Melbourne Grove, SE22.

My objections to the grant of this license are all directly relevant to the 4 licensing objectives to be promoted (Licensing Act 2023):

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

In addition, the Southwark Council Statement of Licensing Policy specifically refers to location as grounds to object to the grant of a premises license.

The store will be very close to the front gates of The Charter School East Dulwich. It will be selling both alcohol and vapes. Whilst I am sure that the store will not sell these products to school students in their uniforms, all students in years 12 and 13 at the school will be wearing their own clothes (there is no uniform in sixth form). Students in year 13 turn 18 during the academic year and will be able to legally purchase these products with appropriate ID. This means that other students in lower years may pressure year 13 students to purchase them alcohol and/or vapes for a payment (███████████)

[REDACTED]). It would also be possible for adults not connected to the school to offer to buy vapes and alcohol for younger students, in exchange for 'favours' or money. This is a standard grooming tactic used by gangs who are looking to recruit local, vulnerable, children.

Whilst I acknowledge that there are other stores nearby that sell alcohol and vapes, I believe the proximity of this store to the school gates, and the fact that it is not on a main road so there are fewer 'eyes on' from the general public means that it is more likely for this type of activity to take place, causing potentially huge amounts of harm to local children, as well as increasing the likelihood of anti-social behaviour in the road directly outside of school that the majority of students walk down when they leave school.

Additionally, as a cyclist who uses this route to and from work, Melbourne Grove is often impossible to cycle down from 3.05-3.45. The school staff do a good job of trying to move the children along, but there are a huge number of them who walk in the middle of the road, or hang about in groups, pushing each other, oblivious to cyclists. I have seen a number of instances of students colliding with bikes and have narrowly avoided an accident myself. Any premises in this location that encourages students to hang around after school (and a store selling cheap, sugary sweets and drinks will definitely do this) will also add to congestion along this road and potentially more pedestrian-cyclist accidents, as well as general anti-social behaviour by students, and their friends, often from other schools, who come to meet them. School staff have additional work to complete, including parental and other inter-

agency meetings, after the children have left for the day, so it would be unrealistic for them to stay on Melbourne Grove until it is completely cleared of students. Getting students home, safely, is a challenging task for any school and already takes up a lot of staff time. Locating a store of this nature so close to The Charter School East Dulwich will add to the workload of teachers and other pastoral school staff, meaning they have less time to spend on other activities, which often involve safeguarding of vulnerable students.

In summary, given the store's extremely close proximity to The Charter School East Dulwich, I believe granting this licence would directly undermine all four licensing objectives—particularly the protection of children from harm and the prevention of crime, disorder, and public nuisance. The risk of grooming, proxy purchasing, and increased anti-social behaviour is heightened by the secluded location and lack of public oversight. As both a parent and local resident, I strongly urge the council to reject this application in the interests of safeguarding young people and preserving public safety.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

#### **OTHER PERSON 39**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, July 18, 2025 5:48 PM

**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** <https://app.southwark.gov.uk/premises/applied/886415>

Hi

I would like to express my concerns (and oppose) regarding the opening of a London off-licence next to the Charter East school, as clearly this poses concerns for the young adults that go to that school, offering alcohol and vape and cigarettes etc at such easy reach.

Please do reconsider!

thanks

ref <https://app.southwark.gov.uk/premises/applied/886415>

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 40**

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2025 2:29 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>

Cc: McAsh, James <[James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk)>; Smith, Charlie <[Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk)>; Mwangangye, Portia <[Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk)>

Subject: Objection to Planning Application for Londis East Dulwich 4, Units 1 and 2 , Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ

Ref: Licence Number: 886415

Dear Southwark Planning Committee,

I am a resident on Lordship Lane with [REDACTED] Charter East Dulwich School.. I am concerned about the level of crime that there is already in the area and groups of children congregating at the top of Melbourne Grove and fear that this new shop will add to that, especially with the late licence and the selling of unhealthy food, alcohol and vapes. I strongly object to the planning application for a Londis store open from 6 am to 1 am daily on a residential road near a senior school.

My reasons are:

1. Noise and disturbance – 1am closing is unacceptable for a residential area, especially with flats above.
2. Risk to children – The shop will sell vapes, alcohol, and hot takeaway food just metres from a school.
3. Public health – It goes against Southwark's health strategy to reduce access to unhealthy products near schools.
4. Anti-social behaviour – Late opening hours and alcohol sales may attract anti-social behaviour in the area.
5. Traffic and litter – Increased footfall and takeaway waste will impact the local environment.

I urge the council to reject this application or strictly limit the hours and types of products sold.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 41****From:** [REDACTED]**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025 3:53 PM**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>**Subject:** Licensing Register - Applications for Premises Licences and Reviews Details for Licence Number: 886415

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the application for a premises licence under Licence Number 886415 at Londis East Dulwich, Units 1 and 2, Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ.

I understand this application is currently under consideration and I wish to express my strong concerns based on the licensing objectives set out in the Licensing Act 2003.

My objection relates to the following licensing objectives:

1. Prevention of Public Nuisance

The introduction or extension of licensable activities at this premises is likely to result in a significant increase in noise, especially during late-night hours. This is of particular concern in a largely residential area where families, children, and elderly residents live. The potential for loud gatherings and general disruption during unsociable hours poses a serious nuisance to those nearby.

2. Prevention of Crime and Disorder / Anti-Social Behaviour

Late-night alcohol sales often correlate with increased anti-social behaviour, such as loitering, shouting, littering, vandalism, and occasional aggression. The area already contends with some of these issues, and granting this licence could exacerbate the situation.

3. Public Safety

Increased footfall and alcohol consumption may create unsafe conditions in the local area, particularly at night. This includes concerns about pedestrian safety, road traffic incidents, and the general wellbeing of residents and visitors.

4. Protection of Children from Harm

This area is frequented by families and children, including on school days and weekends. The presence of a licensed premises, especially one with extended hours, raises concerns about underage drinking, exposure to intoxicated individuals, and general unsuitability of the location for such an establishment.

I am especially concerned about the applicant's track record with regard to underage sales. On separate occasions, the applicant has sold age-restricted beverages to all three of my children at the premises that they own on East Dulwich Grove despite the fact that they were not legally old enough to purchase them. This demonstrates a clear disregard for legal responsibilities and raises serious concerns about the applicant's ability to uphold the licensing objective of protecting children from harm. In my view, this is evidence that the applicant is not a responsible person to hold a premises licence.

In light of these serious concerns, I respectfully urge the Licensing Authority to refuse this application in its current form. If the licence is to be granted, I strongly recommend that robust conditions be imposed to strictly control operating hours, alcohol sales, noise levels, and supervision — with meaningful enforcement measures in place.

Thank you for considering my representation.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

23 July 2025

**OTHER PERSON 42**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025 4:27 PM

**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Re: Objection to application 886415 Londis Melbourne Grove

Dear Claire,

As requested, I have added my full name and address at the bottom of the letter.

I am writing in reference to the above application. I strongly object to the licensing application for a Londis store with the opening hours of 6 am to 1 am daily on a residential road near a senior school.

As a resident of Melbourne Grove, the addition of a Londis with late licensing hours - 6am to 1am daily - selling alcohol, vapes and fast food is both unnecessary and inappropriate due to the locality of a secondary school and residential properties and does not serve the needs of the local community.

Below I highlight the potential ramifications of granting the above application. The local community does not need:

- A premises open until 1am. This area is largely residential with flats above the premises.
- A premises with a license to sell alcohol, vapes, cigarettes etc within 100 yards walk of the school gates of a secondary school. We have the main entrance to a large secondary school on Melbourne Grove. This shop would be the closest food/beverage shop to that school entrance, this will increase the availability and visibility of products such as fast food, alcohol and vapes to children aged between 11-18. This is in conflict with public health strategies and Southwark's health strategy to reduce access to unhealthy products near schools.
- A potential increase in anti-social behaviour – late opening hours and alcohol sales will attract people to the area late at night and may result in increased anti-social behaviour and crime in the area. The local police are actively working with the school and local people in this area to reduce the level of anti-social behaviour and crime.

- More litter - more people purchasing consumable products will increase pressure on the waste infrastructure, this is already an issue in this area.

I urge the licensing team to consider all the above comments in relation to this application so that the full effects of the license decision may be understood.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

#### **OTHER PERSON 43**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025 4:34 PM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Objecting to license application 886415

#### Personal Details

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

23 July 2025

I object to the granting of the application Licence Number: 886415.  
As a [REDACTED] at The Charter School East Dulwich, I feel that the open display of alcoholic drinks so close to the school gates, in a shop which will unfortunately draw in pupils for the hot snacks crisps and sugary sweets on sale, risks encouraging access to alcohol and unhealthy food. I also have concerns over potential access to cigarettes and vapes.

Best regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 44**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025 10:37 PM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>; McAsh, James <[James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk)>; Smith, Charlie <[Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk)>; Mwangangye, Portia <[Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Objection to planning application for Londis East Dulwich 4, Units 1 and 2, Melbourne Grove SE22 8QZ. Ref Licence Number 886415

Dear Southwark Planning Committee,

**Objection to planning application for Londis East Dulwich 4, Units 1 and 2, Melbourne Grove SE22 8QZ. Ref Licence Number 886415**

I am a resident in East Dulwich with [REDACTED], who I hope will go to the East Dulwich Charter Secondary School in due course.

I am concerned about the level of crime that there is already in the area and groups of children congregating at the top of Melbourne Grove and fear that plans for a new off licence will add to that, especially with the late licence and the selling of unhealthy food, alcohol and vapes.

I strongly object to the planning application for a Londis store open from 6 am to 1 am daily on a residential road near a senior school.

My reasons are:

1. Noise and disturbance – 1am closing is unacceptable for a residential area, especially with flats above.
2. Risk to children – The shop will sell vapes, alcohol, and hot takeaway food just metres from a school.
3. Public health – It goes against Southwark's health strategy to reduce access to unhealthy products near schools.
4. Anti-social behaviour – Late opening hours and alcohol sales may attract anti-social behaviour in the area.
5. Traffic and litter – Increased footfall and takeaway waste will impact the local environment.

There is already a huge selection of stores selling similar produce on nearby Lordship Lane and I cannot see the justification for another one in this location.

I urge the council to reject this application.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 45****From:** [REDACTED]**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025 4:57 PM**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>**Cc:** McAsh, James <[James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk)>; Smith, Charlie <[Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk)>; Mwangangye, Portia <[Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED]**Subject:** Objection to Planning Application for Londis East Dulwich 4, Units 1 and 2 , Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ Ref: Licence Number: 886415

Dear Southwark Planning Committee,

I am a resident of [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] of primary school age. I am concerned about the level of crime that there is already in the area and groups of children congregating at the top of Melbourne Grove and fear that this new shop will add to that, especially with the late licence and the selling of unhealthy food, alcohol and vapes. I strongly object to the planning application for a Londis store open from 6 am to 1 am daily on a residential road near a senior school.

My reasons are:

1. Noise and disturbance – 1am closing is unacceptable for a residential area, especially with flats above.
2. Risk to children – The shop will sell vapes, alcohol, and hot takeaway food just metres from a school.
3. Public health – It goes against Southwark's health strategy to reduce access to unhealthy products near schools.
4. Anti-social behaviour – Late opening hours and alcohol sales may attract anti-social behaviour in the area.
5. Traffic and litter – Increased footfall and takeaway waste will impact the local environment.

I urge the council to reject this application or strictly limit the hours and types of products sold.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 46****From:** [REDACTED]**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025 4:58 PM**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>**Subject:** Application 886415, Londis Store , Melbourne Grove to operate as an off license

July 23rd, 2025

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I am writing in to object to the above application.

It is against the interests of the children attending Charter East School, to have a Londis Store selling alcohol, vapes and cigarettes so close to the school.

We know that young people are curious and tempted to try or use these addictive things and having them available so close to the school, only increases the chance of them being used.

The wellbeing and safety of young people must be prioritised above profit.

Yours

**OTHER PERSON 47**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025 5:15 PM

**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Objection letter - Licence Number: 886415

Please see attached; I look forward to your reply.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

**Tel:** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

23 July 2025

**REF: Licensing Register - Applications for Premises Licences and Reviews Details for Licence Number 886415**

Dear Southwark Council Licensing Team,

I would like to raise an objection to the license application: 886415 by Londis East Dulwich, 4, Units 1 and 2, Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ

The open display of alcoholic drinks so close to the school gates, in a shop which will unfortunately draw in pupils for the hot snacks crisps and sugary sweets on sale, is of grave concern as it risks encouraging access to alcohol and unhealthy food. I also have concerns over potential access to cigarettes and vapes.

Surely the council has a duty of care to pupils in this regard.

I sincerely hope objections are given serious consideration and that the licence is not granted.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 48**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025 5:14 PM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Licence Number 886415

From:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

To: Licensing Service Southwark Council Hub 1, 3rd Floor 160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH

**Subject: Objection to Premises Licence Application – Application Number 886415**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the application for a new premises licence (Application Number 886415) for an off-licence, vape, and cigarette shop at [Londis East Dulwich, 4, Units 1 and 2, Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ. My objection is based on the four licensing objectives as set out in the Licensing Act 2003, with a particular focus on the protection of children from harm, the prevention of public nuisance, and the prevention of crime and disorder.

This application is for a premises situated in the immediate vicinity of The Charter School East Dulwich, located at Jarvis Road, London, SE22 8RB. The close proximity of this proposed establishment to a secondary school is a matter of grave concern for the local community, parents, and the welfare of the students.

My objections are as follows, structured around the licensing objectives:

**1. The Protection of Children from Harm**

The primary and most significant objection to this application is the profound risk it poses to the welfare of the hundreds of children and young people who attend The Charter School East Dulwich.

- **Sale of Alcohol, Vapes, and Cigarettes:** The availability of alcohol, vapes, and cigarettes so close to a school normalises these products in the eyes of children and presents them with a daily temptation. This is in direct conflict with the objective of protecting children from harm. The sale of these products in such a location would inevitably increase the risk of underage sales and proxy sales, where adults purchase these products on behalf of minors.

- **Vapes and E-Cigarettes:** The marketing and sale of vapes are a particular concern. These products are often packaged in a way that is appealing to young people, and their long-term health effects are still not fully understood. Allowing a vape shop to open near a school is a direct threat to the health and wellbeing of the students.
- **Sale of Junk Food:** The application also includes the sale of confectionery and other "junk food". Southwark Council has its own policies aimed at tackling childhood obesity, including the "School Superzones" initiative and restrictions on new hot food takeaways within 400m of schools. Allowing a new premises to sell unhealthy food and sugary drinks so close to a school would undermine these important public health policies.
- **Southwark's Commitment to Child Health:** This application is contrary to the spirit and intention of Southwark Council's own stated commitment to creating healthier environments for children and reducing childhood obesity.

## 2. The Prevention of Public Nuisance

The proposed late opening hours of this establishment are a significant cause for concern. The application requests opening hours until 1am.

- **Late-Night Disturbance:** A late-opening off-licence is likely to become a gathering point for street drinkers and individuals engaging in anti-social behaviour. This will lead to increased noise, litter, and a general disturbance for local residents, particularly in the evenings.
- **Increased Litter:** The sale of alcohol and fast food inevitably leads to an increase in litter, which will negatively impact the local environment and create an unpleasant atmosphere for residents and school children.

## 3. The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

The availability of cheap, high-strength alcohol can be a contributing factor to crime and disorder.

- **Street Drinking and Anti-Social Behaviour:** The proposed off-licence could fuel street drinking in the area, leading to an increase in anti-social behaviour, public urination, and other forms of disorder. This would make the area feel less safe for all residents, including the children who walk to and from school.
- **Increased Policing Burden:** An increase in crime and disorder would place an additional and unnecessary burden on our local police resources.

## 4. Public Safety

The presence of a late-night off-licence can have a negative impact on public safety.

- **Loitering:** The premises could become a loitering spot, which can be intimidating for passers-by, especially for children and elderly residents.
- **Increased Footfall:** While some may see increased footfall as a positive, in this context, it is likely to be of a nature that does not enhance the feeling of safety in the community, particularly late at night.

## Conclusion

In summary, the granting of this licence would be detrimental to the local community and, most importantly, to the children who attend The Charter School East Dulwich. It would undermine the licensing objectives of protecting children from harm, preventing public nuisance, and preventing crime and disorder. It would also be in direct opposition to Southwark Council's own public health policies.

I therefore urge the Licensing Sub-Committee to refuse this application in its entirety.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

## **OTHER PERSON 49**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025 8:37 PM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE Objection Licence Number: 886415

Hello  
RE Objection Licence Number: 886415  
I am writing to formally object to the above application on Melbourne Grove SE22.

My details are:

[REDACTED]

Date submitted: Wed 23rd July 2025

Reason for opposed to application: protection of children from harm.

I disagree with a shop selling alcohol, tobacco, vapes and unhealthy foods being opened literally at the school gates of Charter East Dulwich ([REDACTED] attends). The fact that this shop will not be visible to passing traffic (LTN closed end street) and passing adults, in my view heightens the risks of inappropriate temptation to children. It takes a village to raise a child and I think visibility to other adults is key in helping us all raise our children healthily and responsibly. A 'hidden' shop of this kind right at the school gates I think would be irresponsible of the council to approve.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 50****From:** [REDACTED]**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025 8:47 PM**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>**Subject:** Objection to application for premises licence number 886415 trading as Londis East Dulwich 4

Email from: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Date: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025.

Application I am opposed to: Application for Premises Licence Number 886415, trading as Londis East Dulwich 4, Units 1 and 2, Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ.

I am opposed to this application because the location of the proposed off licence is less than 100 metres from the entrance and exit of the Charter East Dulwich Secondary School. I refer to objective 4 in the Licensing Act 2003 s35 and paragraph 282 of Southwark Council's Statement of Licensing Policy: the Protection of Children. The open display of alcoholic drinks so close to the school will provide immediate access to alcoholic drinks which may encourage the pupils to consume alcohol. Likewise the potential display of cigarettes and vapes may encourage their purchase and use.

I also note that the application specifically refers to the sale of hot snacks which is contrary to the Southwark Council's Hot Food Take Away Buffer which states that new hot food takeaways will only be permitted where the proposed location is further than 400 metres from a secondary school boundary.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 51****From:** [REDACTED]**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025 10:01 PM**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>**Subject:** Re: Objection to license Number 886415 -Application for Londis Off-Licence -Melbourne Grove, SE228QZ.

I wish to object to this application due to it's proximity to East Charter School. The risk of county line gang activity being targeted close to the school is a very real risk given the proposed location of the Londis store. It is completely unnecessary for the wider community given the Marks and Spencers store and other shops closeby. This will put young pupils particularly those in yrs 7,8 and 9 at serious risk from bad influences such as alcohol, cigarette , vapes and sugary snacks and criminal gang activity.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**OTHER PERSON 52**

On Wednesday 23 July 2025 at 21:12:30 BST, [REDACTED] wrote:  
Please find the objection letter attached in a Word format document or below in this email.

Southwark Council  
Licensing Department

RE: Objection to License Number 886415: Application for Londis Off-Licence (4, unit 1 and 2, Melbourne Grove, SE228QZ)

July 23rd, 2025

Dear Licensing at Southwark Council

I am writing as a [REDACTED] of a [REDACTED] The Charter School East Dulwich to raise my formal objection to the application for Londis Off-Licence store located next to the school's East entrance (license number 886415)

I have serious concerns about the impact that this licence could have on the wellbeing of pupils and the wider school community. The proposed location is directly adjacent to a busy school entrance used daily by large numbers of students, including many minors. The open display and sale of alcoholic beverages in such close proximity to the school may inadvertently normalise alcohol consumption among young people and undermine the school's efforts to promote responsible choices and healthy lifestyles.

Furthermore, shops of this kind often attract pupils with the sale of hot snacks, crisps, and sugary sweets—foods that run contrary to public health guidance and the school's own nutritional standards. Granting an off-licence in this context only adds to the risk that children, while visiting for unhealthy snacks, may be exposed to or even attempt to access age-restricted products such as alcohol, cigarettes, and vapes.

This combination of concerns leads me to strongly oppose the granting of an alcohol licence at this particular location. I believe it poses a significant risk to the health, safety, and development of the children attending the school.

Thank you for considering this objection.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 53****From:** [REDACTED]**Sent:** Friday, July 18, 2025 4:14 PM**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>**Subject:** Objection – Londis East Dulwich, 4 Melbourne Grove (Premises Licence Application)

Dear Licensing Team,

Please accept this email as formal notice of my objection to the premises licence application submitted by Mr Sithamparanathan Linganathan for Londis East Dulwich, 4 Melbourne Grove, London SE22 8QZ.

My full written representation, outlining the grounds for my objection, is attached for your consideration.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

18 July 2025

Licensing Service Hub 1, 3rd Floor 160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH  
[licensing@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@southwark.gov.uk)

**Representation: Application for a New Premises Licence – Londis East Dulwich, 4 Melbourne Grove, London SE22 8QZ (Applicant: Mr Sithamparanathan Linganathan)**

Dear Licensing Team,

I write as a resident of [REDACTED], a property situated [REDACTED] (“vis-à-vis”) the proposed premises. Pursuant to section 18 of the Licensing Act 2003, I wish to **object** to the above-referenced application in its current form.

**Grounds of Objection**

The application seeks off-sales of alcohol from **06:00 to 01:00, seven days a week**, together with late-night refreshment until 01:00. Granting these hours would undermine two of the licensing objectives:

Licensing Objective	Likely Impact if Licence Granted as Applied-for
Prevention of Crime & Disorder	A public bench is located on the public road less than 10 metres from the shop entrance. This bench has, on numerous occasions over recent years, been used by groups of individuals to consume alcohol purchased locally, leading to street-drinking, littering of cans and bottles, verbal altercations, and, other forms of anti-social behaviour, reported to the local council on numerous occasions. Extending alcohol availability to 01:00 would predictably intensify these problems.

**Prevention of Public Nuisance**

Residents of Melbourne Grove already experience late-night noise from drinkers congregating at the bench. The reverberation in the narrow street, coupled with residential bedrooms at first-floor level, results in disturbance well past midnight. Additional sales until 01:00—particularly “single cans” and high-strength beers/ciders—will exacerbate public nuisance (noise, litter, urination) and impair residents’ right to peaceful enjoyment of their homes.

**Requested Outcome / Conditions**

1. **Removal or relocation of the public bench.** I request Southwark Council, as the highway authority, to remove the bench altogether or relocate it well away from residential frontages before any off-sales beyond 23:00 are considered.
2. **Reduced hours for alcohol sales.** Failing removal of the bench, off-sales should be limited to **08:00–23:00** daily, aligning with the hours commonly imposed on similar premises in residential streets.
3. **Additional conditions (if the licence is still granted):**
  - No sales of single cans or bottles under 500 ml.
  - No sales of beers, lagers or ciders above 6.5 % ABV.
  - A Challenge 25 policy with a refusals log.
  - Prominent signage requesting customers to respect neighbours and not loiter or consume alcohol outside.
  - External CCTV covering the bench area until such time as the bench is removed.

**Conclusion**

Based on the demonstrated history of alcohol-related disorder at the adjacent bench and the inevitable intensification were the licence granted as applied for, I respectfully request that Southwark Council **refuse the application** or, at minimum, impose the above conditions to safeguard the licensing objectives.

I confirm that the facts stated in this representation are, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate. I understand that making a false statement in connection with a licensing application is an offence under section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 54**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, July 18, 2025 5:12 PM

**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>; [alisonkempton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alisonkempton@yahoo.co.uk)

**Subject:** Fw: objection licence app 886415

Dear Southwark,

Please find attached licence app 886415 objection letter.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

18/7/25

Dear Southwark,

I strongly object to the licence application number 886415 by Sithamparanathan Linganathan of Londis East Dulwich 4 Melbourne Grove SE22 8QZ on the grounds of protecting children from harm.

The application is clearly and cynically designed to profit from the footfall of hundreds of vulnerable 11 to 18 year old children walking to and from Charter East Dulwich school on the route to Grove Vale every day.

I hope you make the correct decision to protect our children from harm.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 55**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 20, 2025 12:18 PM

**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Londis Store application - License no. 886415

Dear Southwark Licensing Team,

I am writing to formally object to the licensing and opening of the Londis store On Melbourne Grove SE22, under licensing number 886415.

As a local resident and the mother [REDACTED] [REDACTED] The Charter School, I am deeply concerned about the proposed location of a shop selling alcohol, vapes, and unhealthy snacks in such close proximity to a secondary school.

Parenting teenagers is already a challenging responsibility without the added pressure of having these temptations readily available just minutes from their school gates. This raises serious questions about the appropriateness of the location, particularly as it appears the store may be relying on school traffic as a significant source of custom.

I strongly urge you to reconsider this application in light of the potential impact on young people's health, wellbeing, and safety.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 56**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 20, 2025 1:35 PM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** 886415, objection to application for licence

RE: Applications for Premises Licences and Reviews Details for Licence Number: 886415

At a time when evidence has become overwhelming that public health is harmed by the easy availability of sweet, fatty, salty, and highly processed foods, not to mention drugs (vapes and alcohol), I do not think it is appropriate to allow a shop selling these items to move into a premises adjacent to the gates of a school.

Habits formed at this age are shown to have life-long impacts and many of the products that this shop intends to sell are marketed to young people. The advertising industry is well aware of who their target audience is, and we should be too, so that we can see through arguments of 'freedom of choice' and 'convenience'.

Further, if the school children weren't a large part of their target audience, the shop would want to be on the main road.

Please help protect our children from (yet another) source of harmful products.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**OTHER PERSON 57**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 20, 2025 2:02 PM

**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Premises Licence Application No 886415 - Londis East Dulwich

Please see attached representation against this Application.

[REDACTED]  
On Behalf of The Dulwich Society

**Representation By The Dulwich Society Against Application No: 886415 by Londis East Dulwich, Units 1-2, 4 Melbourne Grove, East Dulwich**

This Application is for a supermarket proposed to be located in a small group of commercial units, including restaurants, near the end of Melbourne Grove, East Dulwich which otherwise consists largely of residential properties. The supermarket would also be quite close to the Charter School East Dulwich.

The requested opening hours and hours for sale of alcohol off premises ( 06.00 – 01.00 daily) exceed Southwark Council's recommended closing times for sale of alcohol in residential areas by two hours.

The part of the Application dealing with how the four Licensing Objectives will be met does not specify how each of the individual Objectives will be met. It wholly fails to address how the applicant will address the Objective of prevention of harm to children. For example, there is no mention of an age verification policy or checks/controls on ages of young people seeking to buy alcohol - which raises the question of whether the Applicant has any such policy..

The Executive Committee of the Dulwich Society considered the Application at its meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup> 2025 and resolved that a representation against the application be lodged with Southwark Council. An Extract of the Minutes of that Meeting are attached.

[REDACTED]  
For The Dulwich Society  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

July 20<sup>th</sup> 202

**OTHER PERSON 58****From:** [REDACTED]**Sent:** Monday, July 21, 2025 6:12 PM**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>**Cc:** McAsh, James <[James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk)>; Smith, Charlie<[Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk)>; Mwangangye, Portia <[Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk)>**Subject:** Objection to Planning Application for Londis East Dulwich 4, Units 1 and 2 , Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ Ref: Licence Number: 886415

Dear Southwark Planning Committee,

I am a resident on Melbourne Grove with [REDACTED]. I am writing to express my concerns about the planned opening of the above shop in a location so close to a school and in the heart of a residential area.

I strongly object to the planning application for a Londis store open from 6 am to 1 am daily on a residential road near a secondary school. My reasons are:

- The sale of unhealthy food, vapes and alcohol so close to a school goes against Southwark's health strategy and a public health approach for local school and resident children.
- The shop will cause noise and disturbance to local residents - especially the flats above. I also think that the extremely long opening/ licensing hours from 6am to 1pm are highly inappropriate for a residential area and should be significantly reduced. 7am would seem like a reasonable opening time and 9pm closing time.
- Late opening hours and alcohol sales may also attract anti-social behaviour in the area.
- Increased footfall and takeaway waste will add to the litter problem on Melbourne Grove which is persistent and causes risk to health and degrades the lived environment significantly.

I urge the council to reject this application or strictly limit the hours and types of products sold.

Yours faithfully,

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**OTHER PERSON 59**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 21, 2025 5:53 PM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** McAsh, James <[James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk)>; Smith, Charlie <[Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk)>; Mwangangye, Portia <[Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Objection to Planning Application for Londis East Dulwich 4, Units 1 and 2 , Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ Ref: Licence Number: 886415

Dear Southwark Planning Committee,

I am a resident of Melbourne Grove and wish to register my strong objection to the proposed planning application for a Londis store operating from 6 am to 1 am daily on this quiet residential street.

The current neighbouring businesses operate under licenses that require them to close by 11 pm, after which the street becomes noticeably quiet with minimal footfall. Extending commercial activity until 1 am would significantly increase the risk of late-night noise and antisocial behaviour, particularly in the absence of natural surveillance during those hours.

Moreover, the proposed late-night sale of alcohol, both for on-site consumption and takeaway, raises serious concerns. It is likely to encourage public drinking outside the premises, disrupting the residential character of the area and affecting the wellbeing of local residents.

I respectfully urge the Council to consider limiting the store's operating hours to align with those of existing businesses, in keeping with the established local context and the residential nature of Melbourne Grove.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 60**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 22, 2025 12:28 AM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Objection to Application for premises license Number 886415

Please see attached letter

Email to: [licensing@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@southwark.gov.uk)

Email from: **The Friends of the Charter School East Dulwich**, Jarvis Road, London SE22 8RB. [Charity Registration no 1200551]

The members of the association include the parents, guardians or carers of the pupils attending the school].

Email:

uk Date: 21 July 2025

**The application that we are opposed to: Application for Premises Licence Number 886415**, trading as Landis East Dulwich 4, Units 1 and 2, Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ

**The reason why we are opposed to the application:** We make representations against the grant of this premises licence because the location of the proposed off licence is less than 100 metres from the entrance of the Charter East Dulwich Secondary School. We refer to objective 4 in the Licensing Act 2003 s35 and paragraph 282 of Southwark Council's Statement of Licensing Policy: the Protection of children. The open display of alcoholic drinks so close to the school, in a shop which will unfortunately draw in the pupils for the hot snacks, crisps and sugary sweets on sale, will provide immediate access to alcoholic drinks and encourage the pupils to consume alcohol. We are also concerned about potential access to cigarettes and vapes.

We also note that the application specifically refers to the sale of hot snacks which is contrary to the Southwark Council's Hot Food Take Away Buffer which states that new hot food takeaways will only be permitted where the proposed location is further than 400 metres from a secondary school boundary.

**A Friends of the Charter School East Dulwich committee meeting** took place on 21 July 2025. An item for discussion and decision was: It is resolved that we object to the application for a premises licence at 4 Melbourne Grove London SE22, to enable alcoholic drinks to be sold for consumption off the premises, and that we submit a representation of objection to Southwark Council's Licensing Committee.

The ground for the objection is the protection of children.

The item was debated and the committee members/trustees voted in favour of the resolution which was duly passed.

Chair of the Friends of Charter East Dulwich School

#### **OTHER PERSON 61**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025 12:07 PM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** McAsh, James <[James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk)>; Smith, Charlie <[Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk)>; Mwangangye, Portia <[Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Objection to Planning Application for Londis East Dulwich 4, Units 1 and 2 , Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ Ref: Licence Number: 886415

Dear Southwark Planning Committee,

I am a resident in East Dulwich [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who are likely to attend Charter East from 2026.

I am concerned about the level of crime that there is already in the area and large groups of children congregating at the top of Melbourne Grove and fear that this new shop will exacerbate that.

In addition, with a late licence and the selling of everything we would not want any children having access to: unhealthy sugary and ultra processed food and energy drinks, alcohol and vapes which should obviously have no place in our children's lives.

For the above reasons as more particularly detailed below, I strongly object to the planning application for a Londis store open from 6 am to 1 am daily on a residential road near a senior school.

1. Noise and disturbance – 1am closing is unacceptable for a residential area, especially with flats above.
2. Risk to children – The shop will sell vapes, alcohol, and unhealthy takeaway food just metres from a school where children are finding their independence and trying to make "good" decisions for their health they should not be exposed to this on their doorstep
3. Public health – It goes against Southwark's health strategy to increase access to unhealthy products near schools.
4. Anti-social behaviour – Late opening hours and alcohol sales may attract anti-social behaviour in an area where children (some as young as 11) are just starting to find their independence and not be escorted by their parents everywhere.
5. Traffic and litter – Increased footfall and takeaway waste will impact the local environment.

I urge the council to reject this application or at least to strictly limit the hours and types of products sold.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**REPRESENTATIONS 62- 85 (IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION  
THE APPLICATION)**

**OTHER PERSON 62**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 8, 2025 10:16 AM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Londis east dulwich query and support of application

Hi,

I have seen this application on the portal and I would like to support it due to the need of cheap pricing of food in the area. The use of a Londis helps out the community with the rising food prices since the Mark and Son as well as the m&s offering horrid pricing. Furthermore, i heard of a planning application being accepted for student flats and homes in that area with the main entrance for residents being next to the shop so it would be good for the students and residents. I also see a school there so it can be good for the students and staff. In addition, I do not see a reason why people should object since there are already multiple licences being issued on that road for alcohol sale for Drop Dulwich and Noberts, both with huge amounts of alcohol clearly visible from the stores and them also being much bigger as well with, and I must stress this again, an extreme amount of alcohol visible so i should say that if the nearby school opposes it the alcohol premises licensing on that street should be cited.

Please can you also tell me why the other people have objected and the number of objections if possible

Thank you,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
8/7/25

**OTHER PERSON 63**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 10, 2025 8:34 AM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Support of the Londis East Dulwich Application

Dear Licensing Team,

I am writing to express my full support for the premises licence application (received June 24, 2025).

This application offers significant benefits to the local community and aligns fully with the licensing objectives under the Licensing Act 2003.

The proposed premises would provide a **highly convenient and much-needed amenity for residents**, especially given its proximity to **369 student flats and 53 new homes with approved planning permission**. With the residential population in this area growing rapidly, local facilities like this are essential to meet the needs of students and families. It would reduce the need for residents to travel further afield for essentials, helping to minimise late-night movement and any potential disturbance elsewhere.

It is also important to note that this unit has been closed for **over 3 years**, leaving a gap in the local streetscape. Bringing it back into use would revitalise the area, increase footfall, and enhance the vibrancy of the neighbourhood.

The proposed opening hours of 06:00–01:00 are not excessive and are entirely reasonable for this location. These hours strike a balance between accessibility for residents and ensuring the premises does not operate through the night.

There are already other premises with alcohol licences on the same road, and the **other half of Melbourne Grove is primarily commercial**, which further reduces the likelihood of noise concerns for residents. In fact, there is a large restaurant next door that generates **significantly more noise in the evenings due to dining activity and customer gatherings**. In comparison, this proposed premises is highly unlikely to create the same level of noise or disruption.

The application also brings real economic benefits:

- It will **create new jobs**, particularly for students seeking part-time work.
- It will **support surrounding businesses by increasing footfall**.
- It represents **private investment** in the area, aligning with Southwark's vision for a **dynamic, inclusive, and prosperous borough**.

The applicant has demonstrated a strong commitment to running the premises responsibly:

- A Designated Premises Supervisor, who has been actively supporting the local community for **over a decade**, provides reassurance that the premises will operate to a high standard.
- A strict age verification policy protects against underage sales.
- Compliance with minimum pricing laws prevents irresponsible alcohol promotions.

There are no adult entertainment services proposed, and the premises is not designed for large gatherings (not exceeding 5,000 people at any time).

For these reasons, I believe this licence will **enhance** the community and local economy without undermining any of the licensing objectives. I respectfully urge the Licensing Authority to **approve** this application.

Yours Faithfully,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Thursday 10th July 2025

**OTHER PERSON 64**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 17, 2025 1:00 PM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Support for Premises Licence Application – Londis East Dulwich (Licence Number: 886415)

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a local resident in support of the premises licence application submitted by Mr. Sithamparanathan Linganathan for Londis East Dulwich, located at Units 1 and 2, 4 Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ.

As someone of elderly age, I have limited mobility and rely heavily on nearby stores that offer essential goods and services within walking distance. Londis East Dulwich has proven to be an accessible and dependable resource for myself and many others in the community. Extending its operational hours and licensing would not only enhance convenience for local residents but would also reduce the need to travel further afield, especially late at night or during inclement weather.

I am confident that Sithamparanathan will responsible and proactive steps to ensure the safety and legality of alcohol sales. The operating schedule is consistent and reasonable, and there is no indication that the premises intends to host large gatherings or events that might disrupt the peace of our neighbourhood.

In addition on the operating schedules, as an elderly woman on the street, I need a shop that stays open so I am able to buy medication and necessities. There have been many times where I have needed paracetamol tablets in the night and have not been able to get them as no store is open near me. This is unacceptable with there being countless stores and I need one that will actually stay open.

Lingam is well known in the community and is a local and I trust him to do well.

In my view, the presence of Londis contributes positively to our area's sense of safety, accessibility, and community support. I therefore fully support the application and hope it is granted.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
17/07/2025

**OTHER PERSON 65****From:** [REDACTED]**Sent:** Thursday, July 17, 2025 1:28 AM**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>**Subject:** i would like to support the LONDIS EAST DULWICH APPLICATION

DEAR SOUTHWARK LICENCE,

I would like to support the londis East Dulwich application please.

I am writing as a nearby resident to express my strong support for the above premises licence application. I believe this application fully aligns with the objectives of the Licensing Act 2003 and will bring significant benefits to the local community.

As a long-term resident of East Dulwich, I have firsthand experience of the challenges caused by the lack of late-opening shops in our area. The previous off-licence at 7 Melbourne Grove served our community extremely well and was much appreciated by local people like myself. Since its closure, there has been a real gap for residents needing access to essentials outside traditional hours.

Shops like Londis are more than just retailers – they are lifelines for people who work late shifts, families with young children, elderly residents, and those who cannot travel far. Currently, the closest alternatives either close early (Mark & Son shuts at 7:00 PM) or require a long walk or drive. This is neither practical nor fair, especially when a responsible, licensed premises in our immediate vicinity could meet these needs.

The proposed opening hours (06:00 to 01:00) are very welcome, and I believe Londis will operate responsibly and quietly. Unlike the nearby pizza shop, which often attracts large crowds of noisy and sometimes rowdy people late into the night, I do not expect a convenience store like Londis to cause any such disturbance. On the contrary, it will provide a calm and efficient service for local residents.

This store would also benefit local schoolchildren, as it provides an extra option for them to purchase food quickly and avoid crowding in other shops.

#### Supporting the Licensing Objectives

The Licensing Act 2003 sets out four licensing objectives, all of which this application supports:

The prevention of crime and disorder – The store will be professionally managed, with strict conditions around the sale of alcohol and a Designated Premises Supervisor ensuring compliance. Conditions like Challenge 25 (Condition 488) will prevent underage sales and promote responsible retailing.

Public safety – Having a local, regulated shop improves safety for residents who would otherwise travel further afield at night for basic supplies.

The prevention of public nuisance – As a convenience store, Londis is unlikely to cause any disturbance.

The protection of children from harm – The licensing conditions ensure robust safeguards for young people.

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 obliges the council to consider crime prevention as part of all its functions. Denying this application could unintentionally encourage unlicensed or illegal sales elsewhere, which would be far harder to monitor and regulate.

Furthermore, under the Licensing Act 2003 Guidance (Paragraph 1.5), licensing decisions should be “proportionate” and avoid placing unnecessary burdens on businesses that act responsibly.

This application is not about encouraging irresponsible drinking; it is about ensuring residents have access to a trusted local shop when they need it most. Whether it's an emergency late-night purchase, groceries after work, or providing schoolchildren with a nearby place to shop safely, this licence would be a tremendous asset.

As a resident, I value my peace and quiet as much as anyone, and I am confident Londis East Dulwich will maintain it. The conditions imposed on the licence provide reassurance that the business will operate in a way that benefits, not harms, our neighbourhood.

For all of these reasons, I respectfully urge you to grant this application.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

17/07/2025

**OTHER PERSON 66**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 19, 2025 8:00 AM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** in support of Londis East Dulwich licence application

To Southwark Licensing division,

My name is [REDACTED] and I live close to the licence application place at Londis East Dulwich 4 melbourne grove. I would like to support the application. I live on [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I would like to support this application because I would like a shop nearby that has good opening hours so I am able to buy goods without having to travel a long time. Furthermore, I would like to support this application because I believe that this even with this licence, I believe that no anti-social behaviour will actually arise as people buy the foods and leave and do not stay in or around the premises as it is a convenience shop. Any noise or behaviour produced from this premises I believe will be extremely minimal compared to the Pizza and Wine shop next to it, which always has lots of noise and the antisocial behaviour. Always in the day and evening there is always loud noise coming from there and people are drinking outside for many hours so I do not think this licencing will make a difference and I think the hours are good. In addition, Melbourne grove is not a residential area anymore with the amount of shops there, so I do not think that this small licence will make a difference in the road and area.

Secondly, regarding the supervisor designated, I have known linganathan for an extremely long time and he is well known in the area and very respected and also owns the Ronnies Shop supermarket in the area which has been run extremely well since its opening with no issues, so I think that this premises managed by him will be run well and I think he is a trustworthy person which can run the premise extremely well.

Also, this is a small premise, so it can be run better.

Finally, I think this is a good application for a good area and I think a shop here will be good for the community, the area and its residents. Please consider this application well and I hope this is approved

thank you

[REDACTED]

the date is 19/07/2025 today

#### **OTHER PERSON 67**

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, July 19, 2025 1:00 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>

Subject: [REDACTED] Dulwich writing in support of the East Dulwich Londis application of 4 melbourne grove

Good Afternoon,

I am the current owner of the Store [REDACTED], residing at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] It has come to my attention that there has been a licencing application submitted for the Londis that is currently being fitted at 4 Melbourne Grove SE22 8QZ. As a nearby business owner, I have no issues with this application and the supervisor has my full support for the application for multiple reasons and I shall outline a few below.

Firstly, I think there should be a need to vary the amount of shops on that street to attract more customers to the area and I think that the shop would help.

Secondly, I think that the increase in opening hours is good to attract more customers to the area. I do not see why this is a problem because the Pizza shop usually stays open till one as well. In addition, I think that due to this being a convenience store, people buy things and leave immediately, so i do not think that there will be antisocial behaviour or disturbing behaviour in this vicinity. Also, I believe anything produced by this shop is extremely minimal compared to what is generated by the pizza shop and the wine shop.

To keep this short, I have known Linganathan for the past 4 years now and the way he operates his business is exceptional with others following the same way and taking note. His experience in the convenience sector is impeccable and I think that there will be no issues regarding the opening times and antisocial behaviour under the management of linganathan.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

#### **OTHER PERSON 68**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 19, 2025 8:24 PM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Supporting Londis East Dulwich Application

Good evening Southwark Council, I am writing to you today in support of the application of Londis East Dulwich. I believe that this application is good for the street of Melbourne Grove since the opening times allow people to buy products for convenience even late at night, so I think the opening times up to 1am is acceptable. also i think that this opening time will not promote anti social behaviour in the area, since people buy the sruff and leave and do not sit in to drink. In addition, I think that this will not affect the school in any way since there is already a shop a few minutes away so it will just reduce the traffic in the stores in the afternoon time which is better for the residents. Furthermore, no fast food will be sold here which adheres to the southwark and mayor plan of no fast food within 400m of the school which is good.

the supervisor of the premises is very trustworthy and owns the ronnies supermarket in East Dulwich which has no problems so I trust him to manage this shop well too. Also if you go to the shop and see the shop you can see the shop is very small so there will not be problems there. I also spoke with the owner and he told me that the alcohol fridge will be placed on the far side of the shop so it will not be visible from outside so people are not tempted and that is good. Supervisor is known welll in the area and he is a good person, I live nearby to the Ronnies Supermarket and this licence application place and

there have been no problems caused by the 2 businesses in over 20 years since i have moved here.

I think that this will be good for the community and I think no problems will be caused by the premises and I urge the council to accept this licencing application. Also there is already multiple licence application given on road so i believe this should also be accepted

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
19/07/25

#### **OTHER PERSON 69**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 21, 2025 6:34 PM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** McAsh, James <[James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:James.McAsh@southwark.gov.uk)>; Smith, Charlie <[Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Charlie.Smith@southwark.gov.uk)>; Mwangangye, Portia <[Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Portia.Mwangangye@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Subject: Support for Londis Off-Licence Application

Dear Southwark planning committee,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is [REDACTED] and my family and I have been a resident of [REDACTED] for over 45 years. I am writing to express my support for the planning application for a Londis store on our road, and to address some of the concerns raised.

I believe that the presence of a Londis store can actually bring several benefits to our community:

**Community Convenience :** A local off-license provides residents with convenient access to essential items, especially for families who may struggle to travel further for groceries or everyday needs. This convenience can help foster a sense of community and reduce the need for longer journeys that contribute to traffic.

**Enhanced Safety:** A Well-lit and populated businesses can enhance safety in the area. A business operating in the evenings can lead to increased foot traffic, which can deter anti-social behavior rather than encourage it.

**Responsible Retailing :** Londis is a well-known brand that operates with community guidelines. They have policies in place to promote responsible selling of alcohol and unhealthy products. This includes age checks for alcohol and vapes, which could be beneficial in maintaining a safe environment near the school.

**Economic Benefits :** The store will create job opportunities and generate revenue that can be reinvested into our community, helping to fund local initiatives and improve our area.

I strongly believe that with proper management and community engagement, the Londis store can be a positive addition to Melbourne Grove.

Thank you for considering my perspective. I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to a constructive dialogue.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 70**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 20, 2025 9:17 AM

**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Units 1 and 2, 4 Melbourne Grove Londis Application (In favour!)

**20/07/2025**

To whom this may concern,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am writing to you today in **support** of the Londis East Dulwich application at 4 Melbourne Grove. For some backstory, I have lived in the Goose Green ward for around 7 years; I am an active community volunteer at Oxfam, hold a Masters degree in Management and I am a Consultant.

I have known Linganathan for multiple years, with me being a repeat customer of Ronnies Supermarket. He runs an excellent Off-licence in East Dulwich that has operated without any incident or complaint, and he has consistently demonstrated both professionalism and a strong sense of community responsibility. His stores are clean, well-managed, and serve local needs with great efficiency. I have no doubt that this proposed Londis will be managed to the same high standards.

Economically, this development would bring notable benefit to the area. The unit at 4 Melbourne Grove has sat vacant for over four years, i believe (I think it was more than that) and in that time, the area has seen an influx of commercial offerings that, while valuable, have skewed heavily toward laser clinics, gyms, and cafes. There is a distinct lack of retail convenience stores serving this side of Melbourne Grove. In a local economy where high streets struggle with vacant shops and increasing rents, supporting a well-regulated, independent convenience shop helps boost local footfall and brings balanced commercial diversity to the area. Furthermore, it supports local employment and encourages spending within the neighbourhood, particularly when many residents are increasingly favouring walkable access to essentials. This is extremely important when providing job security and also creating a more permanent business in that area.

There is already precedent for alcohol licences along Grove Vale and Melbourne Grove. Historically, an off-licence operated successfully from 7 Melbourne Grove, and its presence was both practical and welcome for residents. The proposed hours for this Londis are extremely reasonable, with no indication of late-night trading. In fact, nearby establishments such as a large restaurant on Grove Vale, as well as the hugely visible wine bar, produce significantly more noise and activity into the evening hours, which is something that local residents have grown used to. A well-run convenience store with limited alcohol offerings will show far less disruption than the licensed restaurant, wine, alcohol and takeaway businesses currently operating.

A particularly important development that supports this application is the new student accommodation being completed at Railway Rise — a large-scale scheme directly adjacent to this site. According to planning documents submitted to Southwark Council (planning reference: 20/AP/3525), this student block will accommodate hundreds of university students in a purpose-built facility. The main entrance to the development is on Melbourne Grove, a mere few steps away from the proposed Londis unit. It is vital that students have immediate access to affordable daily essentials without needing to overcrowd nearby stores or walk across busy roads to reach alternatives. This store will help manage congestion to even out foot traffic in the area, something that the community was actively against during the planning application of the student flats.

I think on a social level, having a family-run, responsible convenience store at the heart of the street brings safety and familiarity. Mr. Linganathan is known to the area and is someone with an established record of responsible retail, something that is needed for this application.

Getting into the specifics, the Licensing Act 2003, as well as the Southwark Statement of Licensing Policy (2021–2026), set out four key objectives: the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance, and the protection of children from harm. This application **clearly** meets all four. There is **no evidence or expectation that the store would generate public nuisance**. If anything, it **contributes to public safety through well-lit frontage and regular staffing during reasonable hours**. Mr. Linganathan's track record shows his ability to uphold licensing conditions without incident.

In addition, Furthermore, Southwark's licensing policy encourages retail diversity and economic vibrancy, particularly in town centres and designated retail zones like East Dulwich. Paragraph 3.2 of the policy explicitly acknowledges that well-run licensed premises contribute positively to neighbourhood life, and paragraph 5.1 emphasises the need for licensing decisions to consider the character of the local area which is something this application clearly respects as the M&S is catered towards the high-end while Londis has set prices with good deals (the website shows prices that even beat Iceland! Tell me a place where Fresh chicken is offered at 1.99 or Starbuck's chilled cafe latte is offered at 1.10?!).

Some may raise concerns due to the presence of The Charter School East Dulwich, but I would like to also say which you would probably already know that the main entrance to the school is considerably further away, on Jarvis Road and not on Melbourne Grove itself and the shop is on the corner of Melbourne Grove, not even directly visible. The shop's position therefore avoids direct contact with the school's daily footfall and will not cause hindrance to students or staff.

Moreover, Londis is a convenience store, not a takeaway or fast-food outlet, and its product range is broad as it is focusing on groceries, fresh produce, household items, and everyday goods. This is relevant in the context of the Mayor of London's 'Healthy Food Guidelines', which encourage planning authorities and boroughs to restrict new fast-food outlets near schools. Londis does not fall into this category and in fact contributes **positively to healthy food access, providing fruit, vegetables, and essentials rather than unhealthy quick-serve meals.**

It's important to note that alcohol is only a small part of Londis' business model and Mr. Linganathan has a proven track record of operating licensed premises without issue. His current store has never been a site of anti-social behaviour, and he has always complied with the full expectations of the Licensing Act 2003, including the Challenge 25.

Furthermore, this is not a late-night venue — the proposed trading hours are modest and well-aligned with community expectations. There are already other licensed premises operating nearby with significantly later hours and higher footfall (such as large restaurants, winebars, pizza shops, chicken shops and 24/7 convenience shops), yet they continue to coexist peacefully with the neighbourhood. It would be unfair and inconsistent to oppose this application on the basis of alcohol when this is a small, incidental part of the overall business.

Before I finish, I would also like to point out that i believe a licence was already given before at the premises for fast food takeaway for Big Bellys. If that was approved which is far worse for the community in terms of obesity as it impacts the area on a larger level, from kids to the old, i do not see why this licencing application should not be approved.

Finally, I would like to conclude again showing my strong support to the licencing application and I do not see why this should be refused. Mr Linganathan has been a trusted figure which can probably be seen from your records as well and he is able to manage a store without problems and adhere to the licencing conditions,

Thank you to all,

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 71**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 22, 2025 11:28 PM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Writing in support of the Londis East Dulwich application

To Southwark council,

I am writing in support of the Londis East Dulwich application. I believe that the opening hours are good and are in line with the standards of the street, with drop Dulwich closing at 12am everyday and they have an alcohol license. Also Norbert's closes at 11:30pm everyday. Both also open in the early hours of the day everyday. Alcohol for Londis is a small part of the shop, so the sale of it will not make a difference on the streets since Drop Dulwich is a designated alcohol store and is much larger than Londis.

I think that this store will cause no anti-social behaviour because it is a tiny convenience shop where people buy their things and leave, so there is no noise and no huge crowds. And drop Dulwich on the other hand has massive crowds and noise so this tiny Londis will not make a difference.

I do not think the Londis will affect the school because it is further away from the school and does not sell any bad items to the school children since the school children are underage. Also, the hot snacks will probably be like pastries and stuff like what they sell in the COOP.

There are many shops within a 300m area of the school which either are off licence, have alcohol licence or are chicken shops so this shop should not be a problem.

Tuesday 22 July 2025

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[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 72**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 22, 2025 11:40 AM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Licensing application support for Londis Melbourne grove

Dear Southwark Council,

I would like to formally express my support for the licensing application for the above property since I believe it is good that there is finally an off licence on that road again.

Before i start I would like to say there was already an off licence with alcohol licensing on that road a couple of years ago so this application should also be approved

If an alcohol licence can be given for drop dulwich, 3 units next to the Londis, I think this application should also be approved since both show similar hours and also, the drop dulwich liquor shop is more than 3x the size of the Londis and that place only sells wines and alcohols, as well as strong liquor. The norberts which is the next unit to the londis also has a alcohol licence until 12am so I think the hours for the londis is reasonable.

Regarding the school, the shop is so small that it should not make a difference and also, no fast food is being sold at the shop. In addition, the school also sells sugary snacks and beverages inside so there should not be a concern for the sale of that.

The shop is also distanced away from the school on the corner of melbourne grove so it is not next to the shop

I see no reason why this shop should not be granted a licence when these licences already exist on the road. Also, linganathan is a good shopkeeper and he has been managing ronnies for nearly a decade now with no problems so I trust him to manage this londis without any problems. Also I think that there will be no antisocial problems in this area since east dulwich is a quiet area and a tiny amount of alcohol should not make a difference since the shop next door is selling alcohol FILLED UP IN 3 UNITS AND THE OTHER SHOP ALSO SELLS ALCOHOL UNTIL 12am

I trust linganathan will make reasonable managements so the sale of alcohol goes well.

Yours Faithfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

21st July 2025

**OTHER PERSON 73**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 22, 2025 11:15 PM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Supporting londis east dulwich application

Dear southwark,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am writing in regards to the Londis East dulwich application which i support.

Firstly, honestly if anyone is objecting to this, there is more to worry about if your child is out at 1am on a school day than alcohol and hot sausage rolls. Do some research as well, 2 licenses for premises have already been given on the same road with hours that

stretch to 12am.

For the other people that want a youth centre there, why don't you pay the landlord the rent that Londis is paying for the property and build one yourself. If you can't then honestly be quiet.

I'll start now

I've got no issues with the opening times, i think they are fine and are in line with other stores on that street with premises licences. Also, more licences are issued within 100m of the school (Ronnie's, mark and son, M&S, pret, maxim chicken, payless, morleys, drop dulwich, norberts, etc) so the school area should not be a problem.

Secondly, lingam manages a shop well and he's been managing ronnie's well for the past decade and I trust him to make the right decisions and to run the shop properly and enforce all the rules.

Thirdly, this is a small shop and it will not encourage antisocial behaviour as it is literally unnoticeable since its so small. In contrast, drop dulwich the liquor store right next to the londis is 4X the size of the londis. So londis will create far less noise and problems.

Fourthly this will not make the children get fat from the school. It's an off licence not a chicken shop so those that oppose need to be sensible.

Finally, i have no issues with the hot snack sale. A few croissants and sausage rolls will not hurt anyone!

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

#### **OTHER PERSON 74**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025 2:18 AM

**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Supporting representation for Unit 1 and 2, Londis Melbourne Grove

Good Evening,

I am emailing in regards to supporting a Londis application. Opening hours are fine to me. Restaurants on that road are open til 12 anyways, with the seats outside being crowded. Deters crime too with some light in the area, given that Southwark aren't even able to replace lightbulbs in the area. Crime is not an issue in that area since it is always busy at anytime of day. If anything that type of behaviour will happen with the much larger drop dulwich right next to it. Off licences handle a tiny amount of alcohol, not enough to warrant a protest! It's good for the area as well for price competition. You would pay double at marks and sons compared to a londis (triple at M&S). The school doesn't look to be an issue since the gate is located on Jarvis Road and this shop is on the corner of Melbourne Grove near the gate which leads to where they are going to build student flats.

I think it is fine overall. Anyone complaining about this is just complaining for no reason. This will literally make no difference. Kids will just walk another 10 seconds to marks and son if anything and there are multiple shops on that street with alcohol licencing so do some research before complaining

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

22.07.25

**OTHER PERSON 75**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 22, 2025 11:47 PM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Supporter of the londis east dulwich application

I am supporting the londis east dulwich license application. I am supporting the application because I have no issues with it and the manager is a very trustworthy person and I believe that he will comply with the license rules and I have known him for 8 years as he is the manager of the Ronnis Supermarket. I know he will do an excellent job with management so there will be no problems with the alcohol sales and there being a shop.

The opening times are good as it allows me to quickly nip to the shop when I am out of goods at night safely. I believe that there will be no antisocial behaviour that arises as small amount of alcohol will be sold as the shop is small. The booze shop next door is much bigger and has a license so there should not be a problem.

That shop has been closed down for 3 years and was run down so it being used again is good and it attracts more people to the area so more business.

I do not think there will be a schoolchildren issue because school time is a small time and the children do not come out at lunch so it is only after school so a small amount of school children and I think that this is ok as no problems will be caused by a few fizzy drinks sold as less than 1 min away there is another off license which only opens in school hours.

Children are fewer in that area so I think the license should be given. Please take a look at a photo of the wine shop as that is the problem.

The londis will help the community out. It is not a drinking outside shop unlike the booze shop and it is a buy and go.

Ok thank you

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

22nd July 2025

**OTHER PERSON 76**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 22, 2025 11:58 PM

**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Support of the Londis East Dulwich application

Dear Licensing Team,

Today is the 22nd July

I am writing as a nearby resident to express my full support for the premises licence application for Londis East Dulwich, located at 4 Units 1 & 2, Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ (Licence No. 886415).

I understand concerns have been raised due to the store's proximity to a school. However, I believe this should not be considered a valid reason for refusal. Schoolchildren pass by briefly at around 3:00 PM — not during the late hours when alcohol is sold — and there are already other off-licences within a minute's walk which they use without any problems. There has never been an issue there, and I see no reason why this store would be treated differently.

In fact, Drop Dulwich — an alcohol shop on the same street — and Norbert's already hold premises licences that allow trading until 12:00 AM, and they operate without issue. It would be inconsistent and unfair to single out Londis when similar businesses nearby are granted later hours.

Furthermore, I firmly believe that Londis will not contribute to any antisocial behaviour. This is a convenience store — not a drinking venue, not a bar, and certainly not a late-night hangout. In contrast, it is places like Drop Dulwich, where groups sometimes gather outside to drink, that are far more likely to generate disruption. Londis will operate quietly, professionally, and without encouraging loitering or disorder.

I also want to highlight the character of the applicant, Mr. Linganathan, who is well known in the community as a responsible and trustworthy individual. I have every confidence that he will run this premises properly, in accordance with all licensing conditions. He is exactly the kind of operator the council should be supporting — someone who takes pride in their business and genuinely contributes to the neighbourhood.

The proposed opening hours of 06:00 to 01:00 are entirely reasonable. Other shops like Mark & Son close as early as 7:00 PM, which makes it difficult for many of us — particularly those who work long or irregular hours — to access essentials. Approving this licence would help ensure local people have access to a reliable, well-run shop when they need it most. It would also reduce pressure on other stores during peak times, including after school hours.

This application meets the goals of the Licensing Act 2003, particularly:

- The prevention of crime and disorder – enforced through strict ID policies and a capable premises supervisor;
- Public safety – by reducing the need for residents to travel further late at night;
- The prevention of public nuisance – this shop will not attract disruptive behaviour;
- The protection of children from harm – robust age verification will be in place, and children are not at risk from walking past a regulated convenience store.

In conclusion, this application is both reasonable and responsible, and I believe rejecting it would be based on inconsistent logic, especially when other nearby alcohol retailers operate under similar conditions. I urge the licensing team to approve this licence in full.

Yours,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 77**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025 12:15 AM

**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** 22/07/2025 Support of Londis Off licence Melbourne Grove application

**To Whom It May Concern,**

My name is [REDACTED], a long-time local resident of the East Dulwich area and someone with a strong interest in community development, inclusion, and responsible business growth. I am writing to express my full support for the premises licence application submitted by Mr. Sithamparanathan Linganathan for Londis East Dulwich, which proposes alcohol sales and late opening hours at the vacant unit on 4 Melbourne Grove.

This unit has remained shut for well over 4 years and, in its current state, detracts from the vibrancy and economic health of the surrounding area. Rather than remaining an underutilised shell, this space has the potential to become a vital part of our community: a clean, well-managed convenience store that offers daily essentials to residents, families, students, and elderly individuals who depend on accessible, flexible hours. The proposed hours of 06:00 to 01:00 are entirely reasonable for a shop of this nature and are in line with the way modern high streets operate – especially in mixed-use areas with a blend of late-night footfall and newly built residential zones.

It is also important to address and dispel some concerns that may have been raised about proximity to schools. Charter East Dulwich School is indeed nearby, but the store entrance is situated further down Melbourne Grove, away from the school's main entrance on Jarvis Road. The flow of students is confined to two specific times: 8:00–8:30 AM and just after 3:00 PM. Outside of these brief windows, school children are not present in any significant numbers. Additionally, students already frequent other nearby off-licences – including one less than 60 seconds away – which they access without issue or incident. This proves that the mere presence of a licensed

premises does not cause disruption or harm. In fact, Mr. Linganathan's proposed store would operate under strict Challenge 25 protocols, meaning no underage customers could ever access alcohol — an assurance that should alleviate any speculative concerns.

Londis is not a fast-food outlet. It is a traditional convenience store offering a range of basic goods including bread, milk, snacks, household products, and yes — a limited, tightly controlled range of alcoholic drinks, which make up only a small percentage of the overall sales. Unlike fast food venues, which have been scrutinised for their impact on childhood obesity or unhealthy diets, Londis serves a practical need and promotes community wellbeing by ensuring people can access groceries without travelling long distances or paying inflated prices at specialist shops. The Mayor of London's guidance on restricting fast food near schools is entirely irrelevant in this context, as the store does not fall into that category.

Furthermore, there is strong precedent in East Dulwich for the kind of licence being proposed. Drop Dulwich, a dedicated alcohol shop, operates on the same stretch of Melbourne Grove with evening hours that extend to midnight. Norbert's, a similar premises, is also licensed until 12:00 AM and has caused no reported disruption or antisocial behaviour. These businesses coexist peacefully with schools, churches, and family homes in the area. In fact, their presence has arguably improved the safety of the streetscape by increasing foot traffic and natural surveillance, especially during darker evening hours. Mr. Linganathan's existing stores elsewhere in Southwark, which operate under similar conditions, are proof of his responsible management. They are fitted with CCTV, comply with every licensing requirement, and enjoy good relationships with local authorities and neighbours. There is no reason to believe this site would be any different.

We must also consider the timing of this proposal. The newly developed student accommodation directly adjacent to the site on Railway Rise is due to welcome hundreds of students and affordable housing tenants in the coming time. These residents will need safe, reliable, and late-opening shops within walking distance. Mark & Son, a currently operating local grocery store, is unfortunately not fit for purpose in this regard — it opens late, closes before 6, and offers a very limited selection of products. It cannot be considered a suitable alternative, particularly for people who work evening shifts, live with disabilities, or do not have access to private transport. Londis East Dulwich would fill this critical gap.

I am aware that some objections to this application may arise out of fear — fear that any shop selling alcohol will automatically encourage antisocial behaviour. However, we must be careful not to conflate responsible off-licence retail with the kinds of establishments that serve alcohol on-site or allow loitering. Londis does neither. Its alcohol is sold for home consumption only, and its staff are trained to manage sales safely and lawfully. In fact, stores like these often reduce the risk of antisocial behaviour by providing a well-lit, staff-present space at all hours, discouraging disorder and providing oversight where dark shopfronts currently dominate.

The application is entirely consistent with the Licensing Act 2003 and Southwark Council's own Statement of Licensing Policy (2021–2026). It promotes regeneration, supports safe commercial activity, and strengthens community resources without compromising public safety, youth protection, or neighbourhood cohesion. The four licensing objectives — prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, prevention of public nuisance, and protection of children from harm — are all being robustly addressed by the applicant's operational plan and proposed licence conditions.

For all of these reasons, I strongly support this application and respectfully urge the Licensing Sub-Committee to grant the licence. With the right management and oversight — which Mr. Linganathan has consistently demonstrated — Londis East Dulwich will become a valuable and positive part of the Melbourne Grove and Grove Vale community.

Yours Faithfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 78**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025 12:38 AM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Melbourne Grove Londis resident Supporter

Date: 22/07/2025

Hello,

To Whom This May Concern, I'm writing as a local resident who lives nearby and regularly walks past this site. I just wanted to say I fully support this application for a londis on melbourne grove.

It seems like common sense that a convenience store like Londis should be allowed to open and sell alcohol like any other shop on Melbourne Grove, Grove vale and Dog Kennel Hill. This isn't a bar, it's not a pub, and it's definitely not a nightclub — people don't drink inside, they take things home. There are no outside tables or seating, so there won't be any noise or people hanging around. It's a quick-in, quick-out kind of place — the same way Tesco or Sainsbury's Local works. I don't understand how this has attracted more objections than even a nightclub would — it feels like someone from the school or maybe even Mark & Son is pushing a narrative that just doesn't reflect what the community actually thinks.

Everyone I've spoken to in the area — including parents, renters, elderly neighbours — wants the shop to open. Most people don't have time to write official comments, but they're all saying the same thing: it's about time something useful opened in that unit. A shop brings more benefit to the local economy than yet another empty cafe or estate agent. It creates jobs, offers affordable essentials, and gives people an option after work or school.

As for the school — I don't see the issue. Students come and go at 7am and 3pm, and the store has staff who are trained and know not to sell alcohol to underage people. This isn't some lawless place — it's a professional shop with proper procedures. Just like every other off-licence that exists in Southwark without issue. The proposed opening hours are totally reasonable — they match other local businesses on the street and are well within the usual range for shops of this type, eg: Drop Dulwich and Norberts, as well as the existed pizza shop. Late hours don't mean anti-social behaviour. There are no speakers, no places to gather, and nothing to encourage people to loiter. The truth is, people just want to grab things after work or in the evening. This shop would provide that without causing any disturbance.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**OTHER PERSON 79**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025 1:35 AM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Quick support of the Londis application on Melbourne grove

Hi,

I just wanted to say I really support the new Londis opening on Melbourne Grove. It's honestly just a normal, useful shop — nothing over the top. People pop in, grab what they need, and leave.

There's no reason to think it would cause any trouble and there isn't outside for people to hang around.

About the school nearby — students come and go at regular times, like 8am and 3pm, and that's it. Staff know not to sell alcohol to underage people, so that shouldn't even be a worry and anything against that. Plenty of other newsagents and alcohol shops operate near schools without any issues and can be seen in this area as well. There's the Maxim chicken, Drop Dulwich, M&S, mark and sons, Payless, Cherry tree...

The opening hours are perfectly reasonable too. Most people work late or get in late and appreciate having somewhere nearby to grab essentials. It's not going to attract antisocial behaviour — it's not that kind of place. It'll be quiet, straightforward, and just helpful to have around.

Manager is a lovely guy too who follows the rules. Ask the locals in the area. To be honest, it feels like someone might be pushing a few too many objections. I've spoken to quite a few locals and most people seem to think it's a great idea. It's much better for the area than having something else. Shops like this are more stable anyways and that shop was on sale for ages.

Wasting our MPs time with this trivial nonsense is appalling. If your kids are still out at 1am on a school night you've got bigger problems than vapes and booze and hot sausage rolls and if anyone is protesting against it, maybe they should pay the landlord the rent a londis does and put what they want there.

Hope this all goes ahead — I really think the community will benefit from it  
Cheers,

[REDACTED]

22/7/25

#### **OTHER PERSON 80**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025 6:01 PM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** to licence committee for supporting londis application

Londis East Dulwich Unit 1 and 2 Melbourne Grove SE22 8QZ  
 20.07.25.

i want to show my full support for the licence application. I think that this is a small application and will not cause any disturbance or anti social behaviour in the area because alcohol is a small part of the convenience store. Also, Lingam is a good manager and can manage the store well as he is very experienced. I do not think that there will be any problems due to the alcohol. Also, I think it will produce only a small amount of noise in the area because it is a small shop, so the opening hours are ok with me. East Dulwich is a good area so there are not many drunk people so i do not think there will be a problem with drinking on that road. There is also a liquorshop on the same road which sells all alcohol and wines so I do not think that the small amount of alcohol in the shop will cause any problems.

The school I do not think will cause problems because the school is further away from the shop and the alcohol is a small amount and the teachers will maybe supervise the road so no stealing of alcohol by students and there is cctv to capture..

The owner is trustworthy and I trust him to manage the store well and he is known very well and respected in the community. and the hours are good of the store for the area because shops in the area shut very early

FROM

[REDACTED]

20.07.25.

**OTHER PERSON 81**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025 9:00 PM

**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Support of the Londis application

**To whom this may concern,**

**This letter is addressed in support of the Londis Application on Melbourne Grove on 23/07/25**

As a [REDACTED], I wanted to share my support for Londis getting a licence. I understand concerns around alcohol sales near schools, but in reality, they don't hold up. The staff know not to sell alcohol to under-18s. Charter students walk past at a single time after school and that's it. There's another off-licence close that they already use, and there's been no trouble there.

The store is further from the Charter East entrance, which means students aren't tempted to linger there, and it doesn't add to the traffic or crowding. It's also not a fast-food outlet, so it doesn't go against the Mayor of London's healthy eating policy. This shop is more than just a convenience — it's brought life back to a unit that sat empty for years.

It creates jobs, supports the local economy, and gives us somewhere reliable to buy essentials late in the evening. I've only ever seen these tiny shops well run in Dulwich, with no antisocial behaviour or disruption.

Nearby businesses like Norbert's and Drop Dulwich hold similar licences and stay open until midnight without problems. I can't see any reason why Londis should be treated differently. I believe this application is reasonable and will benefit the local area.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

23/07/25

**OTHER PERSON 82****From:** [REDACTED]**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025 9:22 PM**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>**Subject:** Londis application support

Licence number: 886415 Trading name and address: Londis East Dulwich 4, Units 1 and 2 , Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ

Date: 23 July 2025

As a local business owner, I fully support Londis in their application.

High streets only thrive when units are occupied, and this one sat empty for ages. If Londis is approved in, it will bring increased footfall and improve the atmosphere of the area. Allowing them a licence would only enhance this positive impact. It's worth pointing out that there are several other businesses nearby, like Drop Dulwich and Norbert's, with licences that run until midnight. Londis is asking for a similar arrangement, so this is hardly out of line with what already exists on the street. There's often a misconception that late opening hours and alcohol sales lead to antisocial behaviour, but that's not the case here. Alcohol is a very small part of their business model — it's primarily a convenience store. The store has operated responsibly, and I've seen no signs of trouble.

We are also a Premises License holder on Grove Vale, trading under the name of The Cherry Tree, with my husband holding the license. If we are able to get a license approved until 12:30am, so should they and our premises is much bigger with outside seating. I've been in this area for a quite a long time and as a business owner in this area, I've seen no problems when it comes to alcohol with Off licenses.

I would strongly encourage the committee to approve this application. Supporting responsible local businesses like Londis helps keep our community thriving.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

23 July 2025

**OTHER PERSON 83****From:** [REDACTED]**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025 11:27 PM**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>**Subject:** Representation of Support for Londis Application

Date of sending: 23/07/2025

As someone who works long hours in the city, I'm very much in favour of Londis' licence application on Melbourne Grove.

It's easy to overlook how vital late-opening convenience stores are for people like me who often don't finish work until late. Being able to grab essentials nearby makes life much easier. The hours Londis has applied for aren't unreasonable — other local shops like Maxim Drop Dulwich already trade as late or later without problems.

I've never seen any antisocial behaviour around the store, and alcohol is clearly just a minor part of the business. It's also worth highlighting that this shop is positioned away from the main Charter East entrance, so it doesn't disrupt students or encourage loitering.

This unit was derelict for years before Londis opened. They've not only brought it back into use but also created a better, more modern sight which is ready to boost the local economy. Approving this licence seems like an obvious step towards supporting a business that will operate responsibly as seen by Mr Linganathan's operation of Ronnies since 2016.

Thank you for reading,

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#### **OTHER PERSON 84**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 23, 2025 11:51 PM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Support for Premises Licence Application No. 886415 – Londis East Dulwich, 4 Units 1 & 2, Melbourne Grove, SE22 8QZ

Dear License Team,

I am a local resident writing in support of the premises licence for **Londis East Dulwich** at 4 Units 1 & 2, Melbourne Grove (Licence No. 886415).

This is a **quiet convenience store**, not a place where people gather to drink, and will not create antisocial behaviour. I also trust **Mr. Linganathan**, a **respected and responsible figure** in our community, to manage the premises properly and uphold all licensing conditions.

The proposed opening hours (06:00–01:00) are reasonable and will benefit residents, particularly as other local off licenses close far earlier apart from the noisy restaurants.

Concerns about its proximity to the school are unfounded. There is **already an off-licence less than a minute away**, as well as **Drop Dulwich** and **Norbert's**, both of which hold licences on the same street until midnight without issue. Refusing Londis would be inconsistent when similar businesses operate nearby. Furthermore, all of these stores emit much more noise than a convenience store and there used to be more than 5 off licenses within a 100m radius of the school. I think the closest one was the post office and off license on Melbourne Grove.

This application fully meets the objectives of the **Licensing Act 2003**, and I strongly urge you to approve it.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

**23/07/2025**

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Dear Members of the Licensing Sub-Committee,

I am writing as a resident of Goose Green ward to **strongly support** Application No. 886415 by Mr. Sithamparanathan Linganathan, seeking a Premises Licence for *Londis East Dulwich*. I have previously outlined the substantial **economic and social value**, the **precedent for licensed convenience stores**, and the **reasonableness of the proposed hours**. I now wish to **expand upon the contextual importance** of the forthcoming **student accommodation development on Railway Rise**, including its placement immediately adjacent to the Londis site, and underscore how this intensifies the need for a responsible, accessible local convenience store.

### **1. Student Accommodation on Railway Rise: Context & Impact**

#### **a) Ambitious Mixed-Use Development**

The site at Railway Rise—currently a builder's merchant—has been designated for transformation into a significant mixed-use development, comprising approximately **360–376 student rooms, 51–52 affordable homes**, and commercial units, including light industrial and retail space

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#### **b) Entrance Directly Adjacent to Londis Site**

The main pedestrian entrance to the student buildings on Railway Rise is immediately beside, and interconnected with, the Londis premises. This means each of the hundreds of student tenants, plus their visitors and workers at the commercial units, will naturally pass by or through this frontage daily.

#### **c) High Footfall & Convenience Need**

These residents and workers will require readily accessible essentials—snacks, groceries, toiletries, household items, and off-sales from evenings to early mornings.

Without a local convenience store serving until 01:00, they face a significant walk to distant shops, exacerbating pressure on inferior alternatives like Mark & Son (discussed below).

#### d) Policy Support for a Vibrant Community Node

Southwark Council explicitly anticipates “an increased footfall” from this development, “expected to reinvigorate the shops in Melbourne Grove” [thesidings.whatyouthink.co.uk+1East Dulwich Forum+1](https://thesidings.whatyouthink.co.uk+1East Dulwich Forum+1), both enhancing sustainability and supporting active ground-floor use—which aligns with the Council's objectives for a thriving high-street.

### 2. Reinforcing the Need for a Proper Convenience Store

The student development only amplifies the previously outlined factors:

- **Mitigates overcrowding:** Students and staff will have a convenient local option, reducing pressure on existing facilities.
- **Improves safety and accessibility:** Students—including those new to London—can access essentials close to home at reasonable hours.
- **Prevents displacement of customer flows:** Footpath traffic from student flatted frontages will diverge into Londis, not force further travel.

Without the Londis store, students and residents might resort to loitering in under-equipped cafés or late-night takeaways—not ideal for community safety and order.

### 3. Mark & Son's Persistent Shortcomings

As highlighted earlier:

- **Wholly insufficient hours:** It opens mid-morning and closes by 19:00, leaving an unserved daily window from evening until early morning.
- **Accessibility issues:** Narrow aisles, poor disabled access, no late-night lighting.
- **Lack of needed stock:** Students report it fails to carry reliable essentials like milk, bread, or toiletries.
- **Travel inconvenience:** For even a 10-minute walk, students with bags or in poor weather are disproportionately disadvantaged.

Given its limitations, Mark & Son cannot meet the demand the Railway Rise development will produce.

### 4. Commercial Mix & Local Infrastructure Gaps

Melbourne Grove is overloaded with laser clinics, gyms, cafés, and beauty salons—vibrant, yes, but lacking **basic retail convenience**. There is simply no early morning or late-night option beyond Londis. As the student block and affordable homes take

occupancy, this functional deficiency will become more pronounced—undermining walkability, environmental aims, and community cohesion.

## 5. Amplifying Economic & Community Advantages

### a) Footfall-support for Local Businesses

Londis will anchor local street activity, benefiting neighbouring shops rather than drawing trade away. Many cafés close early; a convenience store that stays open until 01:00 can **activate quieter evenings** and support a more diverse presence of customers in the locality.

### b) Job Creation for Students & Locals

Staffing opportunities from 06:00 to as late as 01:00 offer flexible work options ideal for student timetables. This supports both income and integration into the community for young people.

### c) Meeting Diverse Community Needs

Londis will serve families returning from late shifts, older residents in need of emergency items, and students in need of everyday supplies—all at times underserved by current provision.

## 6. Strong Policy & Licensing Alignment

Again, this application:

- **Supports Licensing Act objectives**, particularly public safety and child protection, via robust conditions.
- **Aligns with Southwark's high-street regeneration goals**, especially in the context of activated footfall from The Sidings.
- **Meets the Council's expectations** for flexible yet controlled hours that prevent clustering at conventional closing times.

## Conclusion

The imminent arrival of **hundreds of student residents**, affordable housing, and commercial occupants at Railway Rise magnifies the need for a **well-managed, late-opening convenience store** directly adjacent to their front doors. Without Londis East Dulwich, this will be a glaring omission in the new local infrastructure.

This licence application is not only compliant with law and policy—it is **responsive to upcoming demographic changes, protective of community safety, and essential to sustainable high-street development**.

I therefore urge the Licensing Sub-Committee to grant the premises licence **in full**.

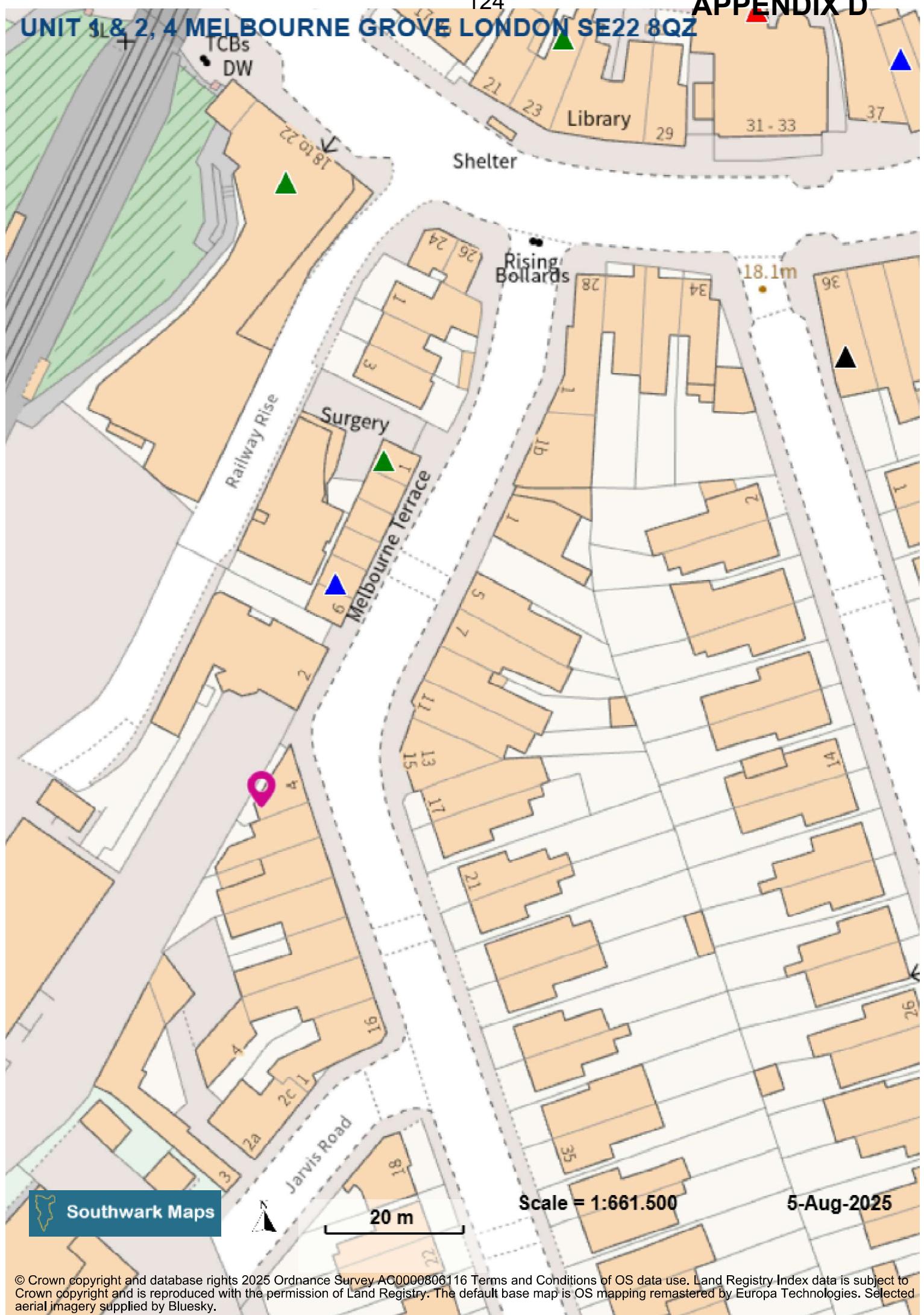
Yours faithfully,

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Goose Green Ward Resident

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## UNIT 1&amp; 2, 4 MELBOURNE GROVE LONDON SE22 8QZ



Licensed Premises shown on Map

**Drop Dulwich, 1-3 Melbourne Terrace , Melbourne Grove, SE22 8RE**

- Sale by retail of alcohol to be consumed on and off the premises:
  - Sunday to Wednesday: 09:00 – 21:30, Thursday to Saturday 09:00 – 22:30
- Opening times
  - Sunday to Wednesday: 09:00 – 22:00, Thursday to Saturday 09:00 – 23:00

**Norbert's, 5-6 Melbourne Terrace , Melbourne Grove, SE22 8RE**

- Sale by retail of alcohol to be consumed on and off the premises:
  - Monday to Sunday: 11:00 – 23:00
- Opening times
  - Monday to Sunday: 11:00 – 00:00

**Marks & Spencer, 18-22, Grove Vale, SE22 8EF**

- Sale by retail of alcohol to be consumed off the premises:
  - Monday to Sunday: 06:00 – 23:00
- Opening times
  - Monday to Sunday: 06:00 – 00:00

**Mark & Son, 23 Grove Vale, SE22 8EQ**

- Sale by retail of alcohol to be consumed off the premises:
  - Monday to Saturday: 08:00 – 23:00, Sunday 10:00 – 22:30

**The Cherry Tree, 31-33 The Vale , Grove Vale, SE22 8EQ**

- Entertainment similar to live/recorded music (indoors):
  - Monday to Wednesday: 10:00 – 23:00, Thursday and Sunday 10:00 – 00:30, Friday and Saturday 10:00 – 01:00
- Live music, recorded music and performance of dance – (indoors):

- Monday to Wednesday: 10:00 – 23:00, Thursday and Sunday 10:00 – 00:30, Friday and Saturday 10:00 – 01:00
- Late night refreshment – (indoors):
  - Thursday: 23:00 – 00:30, Friday and Saturday 23:00 – 01:00
- Sale by retail of alcohol to be consumed on and off the premises:
  - Monday to Wednesday, Friday and Saturday: 10:00 – 00:00, Thursday 10:00 – 23:30 and Sunday 12:00 – 23:30
- Opening times
  - Sunday to Thursday: 10:00 – 00:30, Friday and Saturday 10:00 – 01:00

**Maxin Chicken, 36 Grove Vale, SE22 8DY**

- Late night refreshment – (indoors):
  - Sunday to Thursday: 23:00 – 00:00, Friday and Saturday 23:00 – 02:00

**Chern Thai Café, 39 Grove Vale, SE22 8EQ**

- Sale by retail of alcohol to be consumed on the premises:
  - Monday to Sunday: 12:00 – 23:00
- Opening times
  - Monday to Sunday: 12:00 – 23:00

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