

**Party 1**

On 6 Oct 2021, at 21:12,

> wrote:

Hi,

I live in \_\_\_\_\_, the above establishment have applied for extension of hours which I as a neighbour I am opposing.

The opening of that fake restaurant aka night club has brought misery to our life with loud music and rowdy customers spilling on the street. They are already operating on the extended restaurant area as a night club and in spite of being already caught no fine have been issued.

On top of that I would like to complaint about the total lack of enforcement of the double yellow line on the road (supposedly no parking on the road should allowed). This is making things worse as people use the road to park near the club and then go back to the cars completely drank.

We haven't seen any traffic warden on our street for years now, if you really need some money as a council send some warden here on Friday night, you ll solve your financial issues.

Regards

**From:**

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021 9:44 PM

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

**Subject:** Re: 777 Old Kent Road Empire lounge Club extension of opening hours

With picture of the road on a Friday night



## PARTY 2

Wednesday, 20 October 2021

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

Dear Sir/Madam Southwark Council Licensing Team

**Licence number:** 875588

**Trading name and address:** The Executive Lounge

**Ward:** Old Kent Road

**Applicant Name:** Speedlink Services Ltd

**Application:** Premises licence be granted under the Licensing Act 2003 for premises Unit 1 777 Old Kent Road, London SE15 1NZ.

Please maintain the privacy of this representation so my details are not divulged in accordance to Data Protection Act 1998.

### **Representation objecting to the Application : Licence number: 875588**

As the owner of \_\_\_\_\_, I am submitting this representation **objecting** to the 22 September 2021 application, referenced under Licence number: 875588, by Mr George Nwachukwu, Director of Speedlink Services Ltd.

I make this representation following the Licensing Objectives, 1) The prevention of crime and disorder 2) Public safety 3) The prevention of public nuisance and 4) protection of children from harm.

### **Residential Area**

The premises on the application, noted as the former Carphone warehouse shop site, is situated in a residential area with the rear of the building being only 7 meters from the nearest residential building at ground level and there also appears to be residents housed above the unit. In respect of Southwark Statement of Licensing Policy 2019 – 2021, the application to allow for the sale and supply of alcohol beyond 23:00 would therefore not be appropriate.

This application can be seen as the extension to the applicants' current operational activities of the restaurant and nightclub, Empire Lounge. Both myself and residents on Sylvan Grove have continued to experience over the last 3-4 years the negative impact of loud music, noise, anti-social behaviour and violent crimes emanating from that operation.

### **Crime and Disorder**

The residents experience of the applicants, Empire Lounge can be seen as more than a general nuisance to the surrounding area. The effects of which has not abated after several complaints from local residents regarding breach of planning rules, loud music and disorderly behaviour of its patrons over several years.

If this application is approved it will encourage further anti-social behaviour, disorder and violent crime. To underscore this point, I cite the following quote from a prior representation which still describes the current circumstances:

1. Appendix C: Representations from responsible authorities from in respect of Empire Lounge, 777 Old Kent Road, London SE15 1NZ from Mr George Nwachukwu prior licensing application dated 6 April 2020 Sub -committee review:

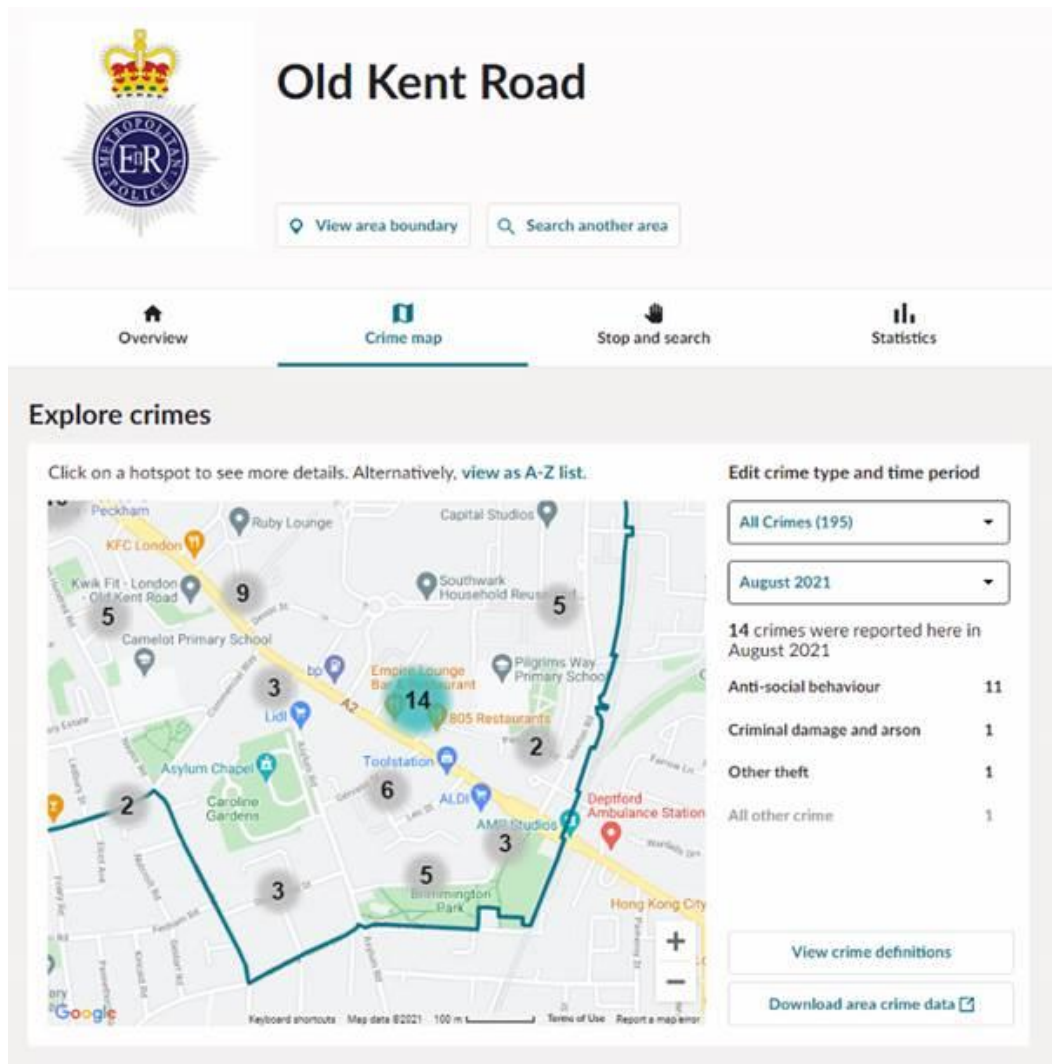
<https://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/s88989/Appendix%20C%20Representations%20from%20responsible%20authorities.pdf>

*“The applicant has operated the same premises for a number of years and during this period there have been many complaints from nearby residents in relation to noise and disturbance from the use of the venue. In addition to noise from amplified music, in particular low frequencies (bass notes), the complaints have also related to noisy patrons in the street, vehicle movements & parking, urination in the street, waste deposition and grease from the kitchen extraction. The complaints were more prevalent in 2017, 2018 & early 2019, but there has been a more recent complaint in February of this year about loud music. When questioned the applicant stated that someone had left the rear door open (an infringement of an existing premises licence condition).”*

2. Metropolitan Police Crime Statistics for the **August 2021** in specific area 777 Old Kent Road, London SE15 1NZ recorded 14 crimes:

<https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/metropolitan-police-service/old-kent-road/?tab=CrimeMap>

The following Police Crime Map, illustrates the highest concentration of crimes recorded by the Police in the local vicinity specifically centres around the applicants Empire Lounge.



If the application is approved and the Empire Lounge expands into the former Carphone Warehouse site, Unit 1 777 Old Kent Road, London SE15 1NZ, crime and disorder will increase, not decrease, based history of the applicants Empire lounge operational breaches and on the trends of crimes emanating from that operation and its patrons.

I look forward to your acknowledgement by email

Regards

### Party 3

**From:**

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 20, 2021 5:10 PM

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

**Cc:** Kalu, Richard <[Richard.Kalu@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Richard.Kalu@southwark.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Empire Lounge Unit 1, 777 Old Kent Road, SE15 1NZ licensing extension hours

Afternoon,

I came across an empire lounge request to extend their closing hours and as an interested party I would like to notify opposition to the application.

I live on \_\_\_\_\_ and have continued to suffer from the empire lounge antisocial behaviour.

The situation did get worse with the expansion to Unit 1, 777 Old Kent Road, Loud music and customers' behaviour has increased. In some situations we had to call the police as we were threatened by their customers.

This has had an impact on *my mental health*, lack of sleep affected my exams and work performance. I can't sleep and I always feel anxious before the weekend as we never know if we will be able to sleep. The situation isn't better during weekdays. For example, last Monday Empire lounge customers we're fighting on Sylvan Grove till 1:30 am (by our window).

I am surprised to know that Empire lounge didn't have the approval to use the extension as they have started using it since July 2021 and that Empire lounge operates as a nightclub.

I made formal complaints/calls to the Southwark noise team and they came around as I could hear the music and feel music resonating in my bedroom all night.

I cannot stress enough how intolerable it has become to live next door and honestly feel even more anxious as the owner has never respected his opening hours.

Kind Regards,