

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 June 2010 00:36  
**To:** Regen, Licensing  
**Subject:** Objection to license application no. 831905

Dear Sir/Madame,

I am writing to you to lodge an objection against license application no. 831905 submitted by Avril Cole and Alvin Cole for the premises of Nivla Restaurant at 51 Camberwell Road, SE5 0EZ. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

The reason for the objection is that the above license application proposes activities which would result in the depreciation of quality of life for the residents of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. We are concerned that the sale of alcohol and the provision of live and recorded music entertainment and facilities for dancing from 10am to 4am seven days a week will result in a significant increase in the level of noise throughout and around the building and will deteriorate safety in the area.

Based on our past experience of similar activities at the premises, we fear that the proposed music entertainment would be heard throughout the building and would cause serious disturbance at night. The building is an old, period terrace house with timber floors and light weight plasterboard walls, which are most likely not up to today's construction standards in terms of resistance to the passage of sound as set out by part E of the Building Regulations. Therefore, when previous owners of the premises hosted events involving the same activities, despite the installation of a sound limiting device, the music sent reverberations through the structure and could be clearly heard throughout the building including our upper floor bedrooms. This has caused many sleepless nights and continuous conflicts with the operators of the premises. As far as I know, both the police and the Southwark Noise Team were notified on a number of occasions but, despite their actions, the nuisance continued. Although a sound limiting device was installed, the music remained audible and eventually forced the previous tenants [REDACTED] to move out of the building.

Although, these events in the past took place under a different management, they are indicative of how granting the license this time around would affect us and other nearby residents. Knowing how parties held once or twice a week until about 2 am interrupted our lives, the prospect of having to face the same nuisance every single day and until even later into the morning is terrifying to all of the tenants. One can easily imagine the stress that prolonged sleep deprivation would cause and how that would affect our personal and professional lives. One can also easily imagine the devastating impact listening to thumping music in the night would have on the development of [REDACTED] young children in the family residing [REDACTED].

Besides the nuisance caused by the music played inside, the noise from party-goers spilling out onto the street in the middle of the night is also of grave concern to us. In the past, the occasional arguments or fights outside the premises or even just smokers talking

loudly or cars stopping to drop off or pick up guests have been clearly audible through our aged, single glazed sash windows.

In addition to the disturbance caused by the noise from the music and the guests loitering outside, we are also afraid of the implications that late night entertainment in combination with alcohol would have on safety in the area. In the past, we have witnessed a number of fights between guests of these premises and also fights connected to another similar establishment, the DEclipse Bar, located a few buildings further south on Camberwell Road. Some of these incidents involved knives and guns, which have made some of us feel uneasy about returning home or leaving the building at night. With the entrance door to our flats and the entrance door to Nivla Restaurant located [REDACTED] on a narrow stretch of pavement we would potentially have to pass through a large number of alcohol influenced guests lingering outside the premises or queuing to be admitted to enter the stair hall to the flats. This, given the violent history of night clubs in the area, can in itself become an intimidating and uncomfortable experience due to the risk of being caught up in a conflict.

To sum up, on grounds of public safety and noise pollution we, the residents of the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ask you not to grant license for the proposed activities. We strongly feel that this venue, in this building is not suitable for hosting the night club, which the proposed license would allow.

Thank you for your consideration and attention.

Yours faithfully,

*List of tenants follows;*

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