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The Licensing Services Unit  
c/o Southwark Environmental Health & Trading Standards  
The Chaplin Centre  
Thurlow Street  
London SE17 2DG

Dear Sir/Madam,

We write with objections regarding the Notice of application for a Premises Licence made under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of the Wazobia Restaurant at 670 Old Kent Road, London SE15 1JF.

We have lived at our address (4 doors away from the new restaurant) for just over 40 years and have obviously seen many changes during that time. The main ones being an increase in crime, safety in our area, noise, nuisance, traffic and parking.

Unfortunately, we are already subjected to late night noise and nuisance from a club in Ruby Street which is a side road directly off of the Old Kent Road on the opposite side to us. The nuisance begins very late at night when cars and people on foot are making their way to the club, and then again when cars and again people on foot are leaving the club in the early hours of the morning. There is always the noise of cars tooting on their horns, people shouting and calling out to each other and of course where they have parked on the main road, the slamming of car doors. From time to time fights breaking out on the street, this in turn usually means that the police arrive with their sirens going, often 2-3 cars, but we have known as many as 7 police cars and also ambulances arriving where people have been injured in the fights. The police, we are sure will verify this.

All of the above, as already mentioned, are the existing problems we experience from a club on the opposite side of the road down a side turning. We are therefore aware of how this will increase if the licence application is granted at 670 Old Kent Road as the restaurant will only be 4 doors away from us and on the same side of the road.

As a point of interest there was a restaurant at 670 Old Kent Road a number of years ago, we were not aware at the time of an application for a licence for alcohol, nor a licence for music. The police attended on a weekly basis and the noise from music, drunken people on the street, cars illegally parked etc was very disturbing. We understand that the police finally took steps to have the restaurant closed down.

With regard to the current application, we assume a music licence has not been applied for or granted and are surprised therefore, that a restaurant would want to be open between midnight and 6.am.

Our immediate neighbours are in agreement to object to the application and have therefore signed this letter. Unfortunately, many of the other residents nearby are renting on a short time basis and therefore will be moving on.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted signature]

Mrs. [Redacted] Old Kent Road

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658 Old Kent Road  
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17<sup>th</sup> May 2010

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Wazobia Restaurant – 670-672 Old Kent Road, SE15 1JF**

We write with objections regarding the Notice of Application to Vary a Premises Licence made under Section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of Wazobia Restaurant at 670-672 Old Kent Road, London SE15 1JF.

At the beginning of last year the Wazobia Restaurant made an application for a Premises Licence made under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003. Objections were made in writing by us and others in a letter to you dated 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009 (copy attached). At a meeting attended by us and held by Southwark Council's Licensing Sub-Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at Peckham Town Hall the premises licence was approved with conditions. In a letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> April 2009 from Southwark Council, the Notice of Decision gave under Reasons:- "The sub-committee believed that to grant any hours additional to those granted would have the likely effect of resulting in noise disturbance to local residents, in particular noise from customers smoking and entering and leaving the premises".

The current application is to have these conditions changed by:-

- Extending opening hours (to 04.30 hours Friday – Saturday)
- Extend hours for the retail sale of alcohol and late night refreshments
- Add regulated entertainment

All of our original objections in our letter of 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009 are still applicable to the current application. We also felt that the decision made by the Sub-Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2009 to restrict opening hours in particular to 02.00 hours Friday – Saturday to be acceptable.

This having been said we are still disturbed on a weekly basis late at night from noise on the street by people we assume leaving the Wazobia Restaurant and that of The Prince of Wales Club which is situated behind Hyndman Street/Ruby Street which are

directly across from the Wazobia Restaurant. Only this weekend at just after 05.00 on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May we were woken by a disturbance immediately outside the Minicab office at 662 Old Kent Road by people leaving the club and waiting on the street for a cab. At the same time an ambulance and at least 2 police vehicles arrived at the junction of Old Kent Road/Hyndman Street, (directly opposite the Wazobia Restaurant) in connection with another incident.

We feel as local residents that we are disturbed enough already by noise and ongoing street problems and feel that if the Wazobia Restaurant has its application granted the level of disturbance will increase and may even add to crime as both The Prince of Wales club and the Wazobia Restaurant will be closing at around the same times. Further, if granted, we feel that the addition of regulated entertainment which we understand to cover live and recorded music and facilities for dancing, is veering more towards a club environment rather than the all seated restaurant against which the original premises licence was applied for. The music will again add to possible disturbances particularly if we should get a good summer whereby the Wazobia Restaurant might have its window shutters open. Further, surely the type of customer the Wazobia Restaurant is now looking to attract is in complete contradiction to that made when applying for the original Premises Licence namely " Our main target audience are families, churches in the area as well as all ethnic community"

We would like to add that it is good to see any business succeed, particularly in our current economic climate, however we feel this should not be to the detriment of local residents, many of whom have lived here for over 30 years and as much as possible want to be able to enjoy a reasonable quality of life in their own homes.

Yours sincerely,



Enc:- letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009

WE THE UNDERSIGNED OBJECT TO THE APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE MADE UNDER SECTION 34 OF THE LICENCING ACT 2003.

Premises:- Wazobia Restaurant, 670-672 Old Kent Road, London SE15 1JF

Application to:- Extend opening hours to 04.30 hours Friday – Saturday  
Extend sale of alcohol to 04.00 hours Friday – Saturday  
To add regulated entertainment

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