

## Party 1

**From:**

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 8, 2022 12:34 PM

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

**Subject:** Objection for Alcohol License: Licence No. 876573

Dear Licensing Service,

I am writing to object the proposed Alcohol Licence (**876573**) by Jeyendran Alakendran of 97-99 Commercial Way, SE15 6DB. This is the application regarding the sale of alcohol, 7 days a week, between 7am and 11pm.

I am a resident at \_\_\_\_\_ . I hope that my email of objection will reach you before the objection deadline. I believe this application should be rejected for the following reasons:

### To prevent crime and disorder

- On streetcheck.com, you can observe that the number of crimes surrounding SE15 6DB is at 286. This is extremely high for a residential area and I believe another licensed outlet will only add to this worrying number. \_
- If another shop serves alcohol until 11pm, this will cause an influx of customers at late times; with most being under the influence. This not only increases the likelihood of crime at the nearby park but also poses a threat to local residents who live around that shop. \_
- There have been multiple incidents of thefts and stabbings on Commercial Way, by individuals under the influence; preventing these incidents should be the number one priority, as opposed to another late closing off-licence shop.\_

### To prevent public nuisance

- If there is another licensed shop open until 11pm, the nuisance levels will drastically increase. The late-night shouting, screaming and swearing localised around CNJ convenience store and James store is already apparent. These shops are only open until 11am.
- Another shop opened for even longer will draw in more alcohol consumers.

### To maintain public safety

- From walking down Sumner road and Commercial Way, I have witnessed on many occasions a hold up in traffic due to the tight corners.
- This is a concern to pedestrians and cyclists as cars are parked on the corners for the current off-licence adjacent to the proposed licensed store. If this is allowed to proceed, there will be more cars pulling into the tight roads and parking on

thecorners. This will obscure view for other drivers and jeopardise pedestrians / cyclists.

To protect children from harm

- The licence conflicts with the amenities available to children in the area, putting them at risk from anti-social behaviour, increased littering and exposure to the marketing and sale of alcohol.
- Another shop selling alcohol until 11pm will result in more empty bottles and cans left around on the nearby streets as well as in the Jowett Street Park. Children often use this park to cross through and this is a bad influence to young kids who would think it is normal to litter and leave alcohol bottles/cans around.
- The marketing of alcohol will promote younger kids to want to try alcohol at a younger age. This will be bad for the neighbourhood especially with the high crime rate; as alcohol consumption would potentially promote bad behaviours at a young age.

Additionally, I had previously objected the Alcohol Licence **(874013)** by Shafait Ali at the start of 2021 at the same property for similar reasons. I hope you will take the time to consider these objections as they are in the best interest for the local community.

Yours faithfully,

## **ALCOHOL LICENSING: PETITION OBJECTION LETTER**

The Licensing Service,  
Southwark Licensing Team,  
Hub1 - 3rd Floor,  
160 Tooley Street,  
London,  
SE1 2QH

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022

Dear Licensing Department,

### **Re: Business - Application for a premises licence: Licence No. 876573**

This is an objection in reference to the new application by Jeyendran Alakendran, 97-99 Commercial Way, SE15 6DB, to sell alcohol between the hours of 7am and 11pm, Monday to Sunday (7 days a week).

We would like to raise the following concerns by way of formal objection.

#### **Concentration of Licensed Outlets.**

There are 5 shops selling alcohol within close proximity to the proposed licenced shop:

- James Store (within 10 metres) - open until 11pm
- CNJ Convenience Store – open until 11pm
- Brothers Food and Wine – open 24hrs
- Mini Market – open until 11:30pm
- Payless – open 24hrs

In addition to above, there are numerous restaurants and public houses with alcohol licences within half a mile on the high street, of the proposed licence so there is also the potential overspill from places for people to be drawn into this area at late hours.

The addition of another outlet selling alcohol in this location, is inappropriate during daylight hours and after dark as it adds to concerns about breaches of the peace increasing in and around the park down the road from the site (as referred to below). The need for another licensed outlet in such close proximity is only of concern.

## **Crime and Disorder.**

Another alcohol licence until 11pm will draw unwelcome attention and increased footfall at unsociable hours to this area even more.

There is already noise, public nuisance, anti-social behaviour, low-level nuisance (non-reportable crime inc. shouting, swearing, urination in public, littering) in this area due to the high concentration of licenced shops, which will only be increased.

The site is adjacent to Jowett Street Park. Historically there have been vagrants sleeping in the park and incidents of regular gatherings of youths drinking alcohol and causing disturbances. Police attention to this issue has largely cured this, however, the site is acknowledged by the Police to be of concern. We note that in December 2021 alone, there have been 292 crimes within half a mile of Jowett street Park. This usually peaks even more to 365 crimes around summer time (records from July 2021).

Recently there have been 2 incidents of alcohol related malicious woundings in the Park. Another licensed shop, Costless Superstore, within close vicinity at 135/137 Commercial Way, shut down amidst safety concerns, due to the increased crime rate and theft close to the store. This illustrates the reality of the Police and local residents' concerns.

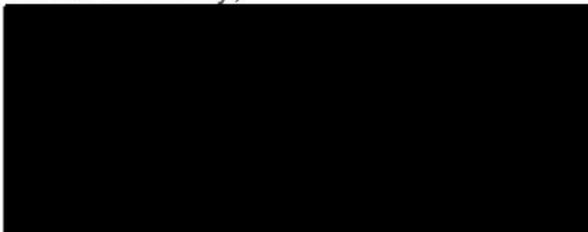
## **Public Nuisance.**

Having another off-licence in the area which is open until 11pm will unnecessarily draw people from a wider area at unsociable hours. The signage will be visible from a distance, which will add to the additional draw of pedestrians and vehicles.

The convenience store, James Store, which is directly next to the shop already has limited parking in front of the store which often causes traffic issues when people try to park outside it. The same will happen at the shop acquiring the license. This will in turn increase road safety issues and have serious public safety implications as this store is also on a tight corner at a narrow crossroad. This could be dangerous at night if people are being drawn to this area to find an off-licence.

Thank you for taking the time to seriously consider these objections. The petition has been attached below with signatures of local residents who are also objecting for these reasons outlined above.

Yours Sincerely,

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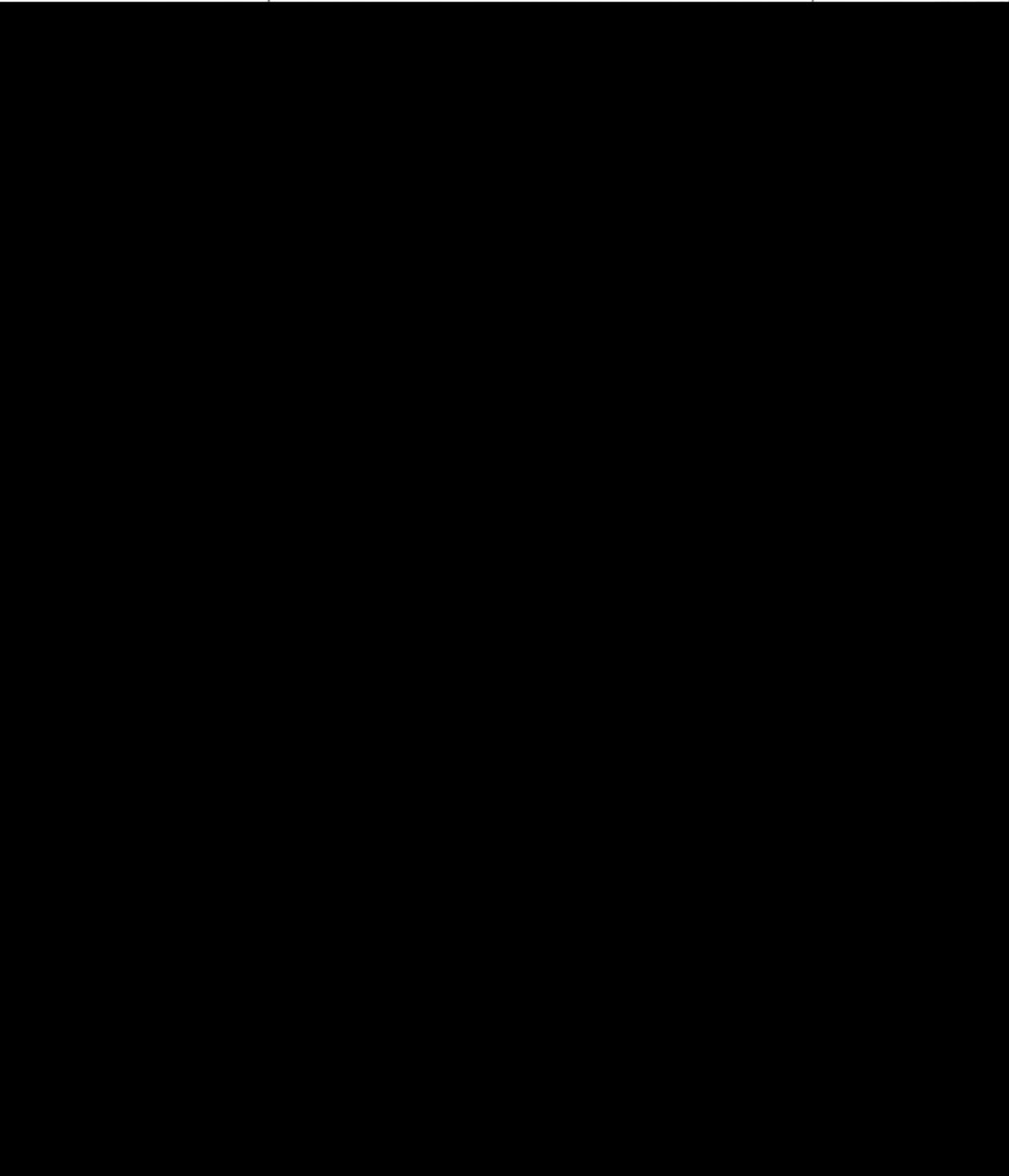
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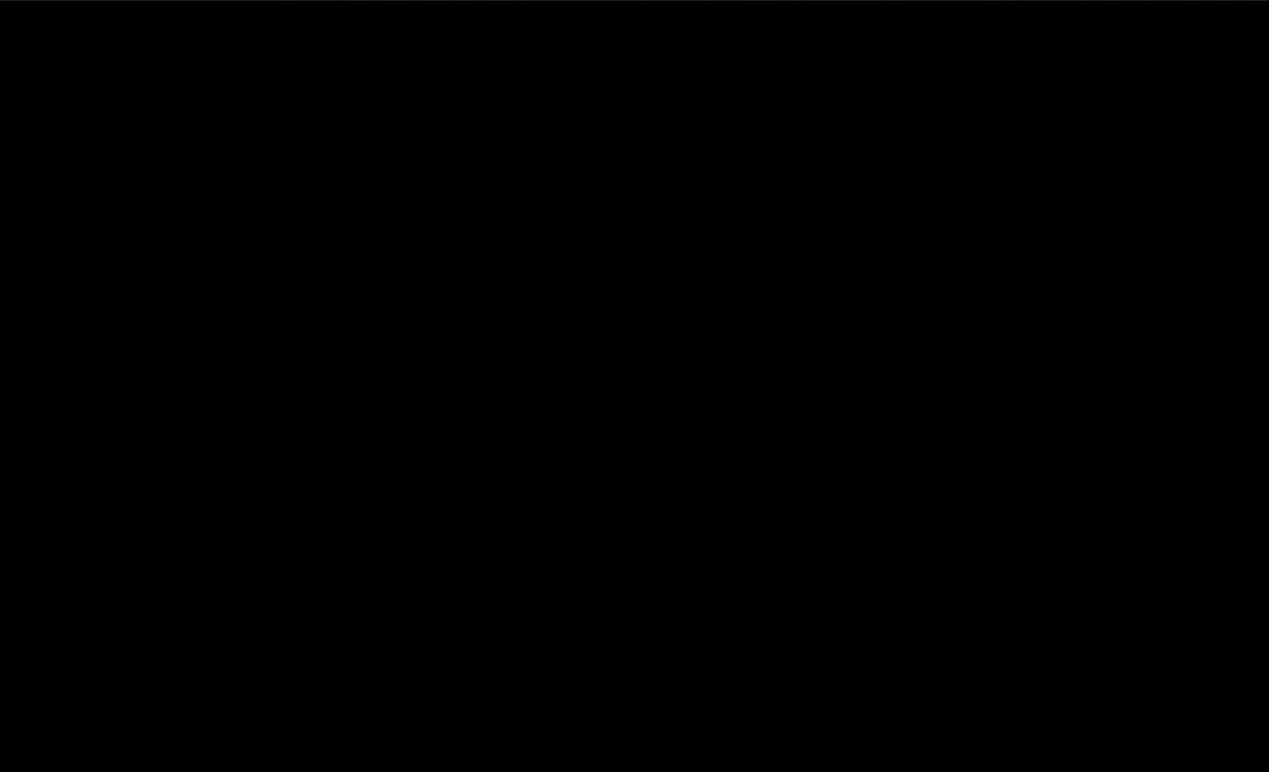
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## **Party 148**

**From:**

**Sent:** Friday, February 11, 2022 12:24 PM

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

**Subject:** Objection of Premise License (No. 876573)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object the Premise License (No. 876573) filed by Jeyendran Alakendran for the property at 97-99 Commercial Way, SE15 6DB.

First of all, the occupier has placed the notice stating they have applied for the license at an inappropriate place. As you can see in the images attached, it is far above head height and eye level which is not visible to majority of the public.

Secondly, I am the occupier of . This business has been around for 50 years and I have operated this business for the passed 20 years. With the recent pandemic, my business has been struggling, with fewer customers and electricity and water bills increasing too. If another shop was to open then I fear that my business will have to close down; which will be disappointing to locals who have been coming for the last 20 years.

Additionally, I was the previous owner of at the end of Commercial Way. I had to shut this shop and remove the premise licence a couple years ago due to increased crime rate and hooliganism around the area. Increased thefts and incidents not only diminished sales of superstore but also affected activity. I believe another premise licence open until 11pm in close vicinity will increase the crime rates in the area and attract more people at late hours. The short term gain of more sales will be overshadowed by the decrease in customers long term with increasing crime.

I hope that you will consider my points when making your final decision.

Kind regards,



Our Ref: dd/ja/LON1-8

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

**Conciliation statement – Re Premises licence application**

**Londis, 97 – 99 Commercial Way, Peckham, London, SE15 6DB**

As way of introduction, we write to you as we are solicitors acting on behalf of the applicant who has applied for a premises licence at the above address. We understand you have made an objection to the application and would like to contact you regarding this matter.

We had representations from three responsible authorities; Police, Licensing and Trading Standards. These bodies are the main source of advice on crime and disorder, public nuisance and safety relating to licensed premises and they asked for certain conditions to be added to the licence application before they would agree to approve the licence. We have agreed these conditions and the Responsible authorities are now content with the premises and its operating schedule and hours as applied for and have all withdrawn their representations and raise no further concerns.

The licensing authority have asked if we could prepare a statement to advise you of the agreement made with Police, trading standards and Licensing officers and let you know the conditions which, if granted, will be placed on the licence. These conditions assist the premises licence holder to ensure they fully promote the licensing objectives and that the premises is run within the legislation. All concerns are taken seriously by our client and should you have further questions we would be happy to address them with you.

We therefore attach a copy of the operating schedule now agreed as the operating conditions attached to the application and hope that this allays any concerns which you may have had in the running of the operation.

Please contact our office by telephone on [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED] to arrange a meeting or just to have a conversation with us and/or the new operator and we will gladly arrange this with you.

We hope that, after reading the attached conditions that you may be able to withdraw your representation to the application and that we can come to an agreement with you regarding this matter and we look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Yours sincerely

D. Dadds  
DADDS LLP

**Dadds Solicitors**

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## **Updated schedule of operating conditions – agreed with Trading Standards, Police and Licensing officers**

1. All alcohol sales shall be sold in sealed containers for consumption away from the premises.
2. Beers and ciders sold at the premises shall not exceed 6.5% alcohol by volume except for the specific brands listed below that shall only be displayed for sale behind the counter and shall not be available for self-service by customers: -
  - Nigerian Guinness (7.5%ABV)
  - Jamaican Dragon Stout (7.5%ABV)
  - Lion Beer/Stout (8.8%ABV)
  - Guinness Original 7.5%
3. That a CCTV system be installed at the premises and be maintained in good working order and be continually recording at all times the premises are in use under the licence. The CCTV System must be capable of capturing a clear facial image of every person who enters the premises
4. All CCTV footage be kept for a period of 31 days and shall on request be made immediately available to officers of the police and the council.
5. A member of staff should be on duty at all times the premises is open that is trained in the use of the CCTV and able to view and download images to a removable device on request of Police or council officer.
6. That all staff are trained in their responsibilities under the licensing act 2003 and training records to be kept and updated every 6 months and shall, upon request, be made immediately available to Officers of the Police and the Council.
7. No alcohol to be stored or displayed within 2 metres of the entrance/exit unless behind the staff counter
8. clear legible signage shall be prominently displayed where it can be easily seen and read, requesting that alcohol sold as 'off sales' should not be opened and consumed in the vicinity of the premises.
9. The premises shall operate an age check 'Challenge 25' policy whereby customers purchasing alcohol who look or appear to be under 25 years of age will be asked for an approved form of proof of age to verify their age. Approved forms shall include a driving licence, passport or a PASS approved proof of age card such as the Southwark Proof of Age (SPA) card.
10. All staff involved in the sale of alcohol shall be trained in the age check 'Challenge 25' policy. A record of their training, including the dates that each member of staff is trained, shall be available for inspection at the premises on request by the Council's authorised officers or the Police.
11. Age check or 'Challenge 25' signage shall be displayed at entrances to the premises, areas where alcohol is displayed for sale and at points of sale to inform customers that an age check 'Challenge 25' policy applies and proof of age may be required.
12. A register of refused sales of alcohol shall be maintained in order to demonstrate effective operation of the policy. The register shall be available for inspection at the premises on request by Council authorised officers or the Police.