

From: OTHER PERSON 1

Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2023 12:38 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: LICENSING APPLICATION 879353 ~ 18 Choumert Road

Dear Sirs,

I'm a long-term resident of Choumert Square. Thank you for alerting me to this application. Sadly, I wish to log an objection for these two reasons:

LATE NIGHT /EARLY MORNING DRINKING. At Police Liaison meetings, officers have identified this area of Choumert Road as a trouble 'hot spot' for anti-social behaviour - especially in the warmer months. While I think the efforts to improve the quality and range of independent businesses along this stretch of the road is laudable, I worry that any facility offering such late-night/early-morning drinking could contribute to increasing problems and put extra stress on over-stretched police resources.

SOUND TRANSFER. Over the years, the rear of many Choumert Road premises have been expanded right up to the rear of Choumert Square properties by incorporating what were formerly the Choumert Road open backyards. These new 'indoor' areas abut the rear walls of Choumert Square cottages which are only single-brick depth. Unless commercial properties undertake work on sound insulation, the transfer of sound from their premises comes straight into the living rooms and bedrooms of Choumert Square residents. A licensing application with the extended hours L'Attitude is requesting, should only be considered once those raising the request demonstrate that appropriate sound insulation has been installed. Thank you for our consideration.



From: OTHER PERSON 2

Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 3:23 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to Licence number 879353

To whom this may concern,

I would like to make my objection to the operating schedule for the application made under license number 879353 - L'Atitude, 18 Choumert Road, London SE15 4SE.

I am resident at [REDACTED] Choumert Road, London SE15 [REDACTED]. As we all know, this road, specially since Covid, has become one of the areas in Rye Lane ward with the high level of crime and disorder, public nuisance, and low level of public safety. Facts supported by the number of security/surveillance cameras (CCTV) that had to be added to the road, in the last couple of months, and innumerable meetings with Metropolitan Police officers and Southwark office representatives.

Allowing a business property (Bar) to be open until that late (23:00, from Sunday until Thursday, and 3:00 on Friday and Saturday) will not only increase that level of criminality, but will make Choumert Road a gathering place for people to come and stay until late at night (well beyond 23:00/3:00) causing disturbance and nuisance to the residents.

During Covid (2020 and 2021) it was recurrent the presence of people consuming alcohol on the road and with loud music coming out from their cars until the early hours of the morning. Allowing a business property to open beyond 23:00 while selling alcohol will reverberates this attitude futher more.

For those and other reasons, I object to the proposed opening hours. Sale by retail of alcohol to be consumed on premises should be restrained to be sold until 22:30, from Monday to Sunday. Closing time at 23:00, from Monday to Sunday, like any other businesses (bars) located in the area. Thanks.

With best regards,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: **OTHER PERSON 3**

Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2023 10:53 AM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: License objection / 879353

Hello,

I have heard that 18 Choumert Road (L'Attitude) are applying for a late night license (to stay open until 3am) and as such I am writing to object.

The residents on Choumert Square (and I suspect other neighbours near Choumert Road) have had to deal with late night parties on Choumert Road for years now that get rowdy, are seemingly impossible to police and keep everyone awake. We live on a quiet pedestrian street and 18 Choumert Road backs directly onto the residential houses, with from what I understand no adequate sound proofing installed in the commercial premise. I am on the other side of the street and can still hear when parties are taking place late into the early morning so I can only imagine what it must be like for my neighbours on the opposite side.

This is antisocial and unnecessary. There are much better suited locations for late night bars than Choumert Road which is in essence right in the middle of a residential neighborhood.

It is also the one street in the vicinity that is always full of litter and glass (due to parties spilling out onto the street etc.) and this would only exacerbate the problem.

Thank you for taking the time.

Kind regards,

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From: OTHER PERSON 4

Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 10:48 AM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: L'Attitude 18 Choumert Road

To whomever it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of the flat at [REDACTED] Choumert Road, [REDACTED] doors up from L' Attitude. I understand that they are a newly opened bar which is great to see in our area, making the street safer at night and being a spot for community.

However, last weekend I'd like to make a complaint that they caused quite a lot of disruption on Friday as they stayed open with loud music with the bass turned up until 2am. This also continued on Saturday when they reopened during the day. Being [REDACTED] doors down, it felt as if the club was in my flat (I can almost hear conversations in the flats either side so the walls are paper thin) and I couldn't relax either night, and ended up staying at a friend's place on Saturday to avoid this. To work Monday-Friday and wanting to simply have a relaxed evening on Friday to recuperate this was quite a disappointment.

I understand that they have recently applied for licensing, and I would like to suggest that this be limited to a reasonable time (11 or 12). Again, I appreciate the opening of a new bar, but feel as if they can work with residents better to make a compromise that is beneficial to everyone.

If you could keep me updated with regards to this I would greatly appreciate it.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: OTHER PERSON 5

Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 10:18 AM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: L'Atitude Late Licence

Hi,

I am a resident at [REDACTED] Choumert Road, SE15 [REDACTED] - Very near to L'Atitude, 18 Choumert Road, SE15 4SE.

I am emailing regarding their proposed extended license (until 3am). Firstly, I already thought they had a late night license - I am often kept awake until 3am with the noise of the music at the weekend as they leave two large doors at the front of the building open and the bass reverberates across the whole street. Additionally there are no controls on the amount or volume of the customers they allow onto the street. There is often large numbers of people (15-20) outside at once - they have to shout loudly to hear over the music which is audible outside and are often singing/ chanting.

Choumert Road is an extremely volatile and noisy Street - a lot of the businesses (shops, restaurants) on this street play music until 5am during the summer and use their business premises as a place to host their friends. It's an absolute nightmare to try and exist peacefully on this street already without granting an extended licence to a club.

I am not usually one to interfere, however I run a pub in South London and feel I'd be happy with a controlled and reasonable amount of noise, but given my experience I don't feel it is reasonable at all and if they are not doing anything to control it now when they don't have a licence I am worried what it may look like when they do have permission granted.

I hope you can understand my concerns.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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From: OTHER PERSON 6

Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 12:46 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Late Licence - 18 Choumert Road SE15 - L'Attitude

Good morning,

I writing to you with concern over the proposed extension of opening hours for the bar L'Attitude located at 18 Choumert Road, SE15 4RE.

My address is [REDACTED] SE15 [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] side of my [REDACTED] flat looks down directly over L'Attitude.

My concerns are:

1. The bar already has no regard for it's registered opening times, regularly staying open 30+ minutes past it's listed closing time.
2. The bar regularly plays extremely loud, bass heavy music that reverberates up to my premises and many others in the vicinity. The front of their premises is not sound proofed, and they regularly leave their front door wide open. This noise prevents us from sleeping and forces us to use ear plugs.
3. They provide a doorman who does not keep the door closed or tell people to be quiet when exiting or entering the premises.
4. In an attempt to make the owner aware of the noise issue I went to speak to him towards the end of last year. He stated that he could 'stay open until whenever he liked and had unlimited late licenses'. He also stated he believed 'only 12 people lived in the street, so it did not matter how loud they were'.
5. Myself and my partner are registered paramedics working for the London Ambulance Service. We regularly have to get to sleep at 9pm in order to wake up at 5am for shift work. The bar has affected our ability to be properly prepared for our job.

I am sure you are aware of the long-standing issues with excess noise, drug use and anti-social behaviour on Choumert Road. The installation of a security camera appeared to sort the issue to the relief of residents, but they are now in despair again knowing their evenings will be constantly ruined by the noise emanating from L'Attitude.

[REDACTED]

From: OTHER PERSON 7

Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2023 3:34 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: L'Atitude @18 Choumert Road

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to strongly oppose giving the L'Atitude @18 Choumert Road a 3am license on the weekend and a 23:30 one during the rest of the week.

This would only add to the general lawlessness of the street and the unlawful booze and drug fueled street parties that happen all too often.

I am the landlord of [REDACTED] Choumert Road and my tenants and I have been complaining about the state of the street for almost 2 years to very little effect. Other eating establishments only have a 22:30 or 23:00 license and that seems to work well for them and the people who live and try to sleep in their homes on the street.

A club making noise, selling alcohol and most likely drugs until 3am will be a disaster.

This must not happen and destroy the last vestiges of civility on the street.

Yours.

[REDACTED]

From: OTHER PERSON 8

Sent: Monday, February 13, 2023 11:03 AM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: 879353 - L'Attitude - Objection

Hi,

I would like to raise an objection to licence application 879353 - L'Attitude.

My concern is that the Choumert Road premises, including L'Attitude have extended their internal floor space to absorb former open yards - right up to party walls with Choumert Square without any soundproofing. Noise to 23:99 is bad enough, considerably worse if hours extended to 3am.

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Date: 13/2/23

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: OTHER PERSON 9

Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 2:37 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>

Subject: Licensing Application no. 879353 - L'Attitude at 18 Choumert Road, Major Variation: Premises Full Variation

14 February 2023

To Whom it May Concern

I am writing to object to **Licensing Application no. 879353** on the grounds of Prevention of Public Nuisance and concern for Public Safety.

L'Attitude bar is a ground floor cocktail bar at 18 Choumert Road wishing to significantly extend its opening hours.

The shops and other businesses of Choumert Road have over the years extended their internal space to cover what used to be open yards. As a result, all their rear walls, including that of l'Attitude, have become shared, party walls with the homes on Choumert Square, a street of residential terraced houses that is part of the Holly Grove Conservation Area. This party wall is one brick's thickness, and the result is considerable noise transference. There has been no sound proofing put in place at L'Attitude and their operations are already causing a considerable nuisance even within the existing opening hours, but extending them until 3am will cause profound disturbance to the residents of the homes in the vicinity of the bar.

There have been a series of problems with late night noise from premises on Choumert Road and Rye Lane, often in complete disregard of their various licensing conditions. For example, regarding 18 Choumert Road, a late party just before Christmas resulted in people gathering in the street, creating noise and aggressive confrontations until the small hours, despite having a set condition that the doors should close at 10 pm. Repeated requests for more enforcement of existing regulations have proved unsuccessful; officials find it difficult to patrol all late-night activity in the area, so enforcement fails.

In conversations with local police, residents have been made aware that Choumert Road is regarded by police as an area 'hot spot' especially in the summer. It has become a road to avoid walking through late at night because of public drunkenness, drug culture and frequent aggression, so I would also suggest that it is unhelpful to be encouraging more people to drink until late, exacerbating the already existing noise and nuisance.

Regards

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted contact information]

From: OTHER PERSON 10 - Dobson, Cllr Esme
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2023 4:37 PM
To: Beswick, Claire <Claire.Beswick@southwark.gov.uk>
Cc: Tear, Jayne <Jayne.Tear@SOUTHWARK.GOV.UK>; Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Licensing application 879353 (L'Attitude)

Dear Claire

Further to your email, I have spoken to Jayne Tear who has clarified the procedures.

I would like to represent a resident who lives on Choumert Road in her objection to this licensing application as she does not want her name and address to be made public.

She is objecting on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance in terms of noise and litter. She reports that there is already considerable obstruction to rights of local residents to enjoy peace and sleep on weekend nights. For example they are regularly woken up by people on their way home from other bars shouting and screaming in the street and leaving litter. Her child who sleeps in the front of the house regularly complains that she cannot sleep or is woken up by noise from the street. She reports that the noise usually reduces by 1am and that it would be intolerable if this were to continue until 3am and beyond.

I don't believe the extension of this licence would be in compliance with our current policy.

I hope this additional information makes things clearer now.

Kind regards

Esmé Dobson
Councillor for Rye Lane ward

From: Dobson, Cllr Esme [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 9:04 PM
To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>
Subject: Licensing application 879353 (L'Attitude)

Dear Sir / Madam

A resident has asked me to make a representation on her behalf to object to the extension of the licence for the above premises on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance.

Many thanks and best wishes

Esmé Dobson
Councillor for Rye Lane ward