

OTHER PERSON A

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, April 10, 2023 5:16 PM

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

Subject: Koma Restaurant application

I live very near this restaurant. I am glad to see the business thriving. However I wish to object to the plans to increase the opening hours and supply of alcohol on the premise due to the impact that these changes would have on the surrounding area

This will doubtless lead to more noise on Macleod Street with customers talking in the street when they leave the premises, car doors shutting, shouted goodbyes, car leaving the area.

Residents already experience noise pollution from late night premises on the Walworth Road, this increases in summer months and can make sleep very difficult.

Most late-night/early morning rowdiness is fuelled by alcohol consumption so people leaving after group events where alcohol has been consumed increases the risk of early morning rowdiness and anti-social behaviour. We already have people using the streets as urinals (the smell when the weather warms up at the Walworth Road ends of both Sutherland Walk and Macleod Street is extremely offensive, and vomiting after drinking too much. This would potentially increase.

there would be more noise from delivery scooters. The riders often park in Sutherland Walk or Macleod Street .

If music is played loudly on the premises this also adds to the disturbance and stress experienced by local residents. We know that noise has an impact on health and wellbeing and that it is important that everyone has the right to a quiet night's sleep.

Previously an application for extended hours for the ice-cream business (321-323 Walworth Road) was successfully defeated, that business was not selling alcohol. The more late-night establishments there are the more difficult it is for the Police to prosecute street crime

If this planning consent were granted it could mean future businesses could operate in the extended hours

The increase in late-opening businesses causing nuisance will affect the sale value of houses in Sutherland Walk/Square/Macleod Street.

Please acknowledge receipt of this message, and confirm my objection has been recorded.

OTHER PERSON B

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 10:29 AM
To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>
Subject: Licence Application No 879799 - Objection

Objection to Licence Application No 879799 11th April 2023

[REDACTED]

I would like to state that I do not have any issues with the restaurant or how it is currently trading and welcome it extending the food options on Walworth Road. My comments are regarding the impact late night trading has on our lives.

1. For previous requests for extended licences the Police and the licensing authority objected. The Police on the grounds of public nuisance and crime and disorder and they cited ongoing issues with crowds, antisocial behaviour, and serious violence; the licensing authority objected to the application stating that they are excessive in relation to the hours recommended in the Southwark statement of licensing policy. I agree with these observations as our streets have been blighted with these issues for years.
2. Section 28 of the Licence Application, Cumulative impact area, notes that the restaurant is in a residential area and notes that under the Southwark statement of licensing policy 2021 - 2026 the 23:00 is the recommended closing time for restaurants and cafes, public houses, wine bars or other drinking establishments, off-licences and alcohol sales in grocers and supermarkets. Without explanation the Licence Permission changes these hours to 00:00 and 01:00 by stating that the restaurant is in the Elephant and Castle major town centre area, which seems disingenuous considering the distance from E&C.
3. The addition of another late-night premises in this area is likely to increase the level:
 - a. of late-night disturbance on the adjacent residential streets particularly from the food delivery bikes as they speed off to their destinations; when people return to their parked cars after an evening out on Walworth Road, they often bang the car doors, talk very loudly as they part (this is also true of groups of pedestrians), switch on loud car music systems and often rev their engines and sound their horns. The disturbance is greatest when these noises are intermittent

- b. food and other waste dropped onto the streets, from both pedestrians and car users.
 - c. General anti-social behaviour such as urinating in the street and open flower beds.
 - d. Intoxicated groups roaming in the area causing distress to others.
4. In general, the restaurant owners/applicants do commit to measures to police activities on their premises, but these precautions cannot extend to the behaviours when the customers leave and once on the streets it is generally not possible to identify where they have come from therefore responsibility for antisocial behaviour from any particular business will not be possible.
5. The limited parking in the area will be put under even greater pressure as parking is not permitted outside the restaurant.

This late licence if granted is likely to adversely affect everyone in the living close by particularly those on Mcleod Street with noise from customers returning to their cars late at late night, more demand for parking later into the evening and extended hours that the take-away delivery bikes come through our streets. We trust that the licencing committee will take cognisance of the impact on residents living on the roads off Walworth Road and not just take number of objections as a measure of the views of the local population as it is self-evident that not all residents see, read, or are in a position to submit comments to licensing and planning applications. We trust that our local officials take a holistic view of all applications to ensure a healthy local environment for all.

RESPONSE TO APPLICANT PERSON A

O'Callaghan, Barry

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 April 2023 17:00
To: O'Callaghan, Barry
Subject: Re: Applicants response to your representation

Thank-you. Customers may leave the premises quietly but have loud conversations in the street which disturb residents. I do not believe a late night licence is appropriate or acceptable for a business in this location.

On 12 Apr 2023, at 15:02, O'Callaghan, Barry
<Barry.O'Callaghan@southwark.gov.uk> wrote:

Please find the response from the applicant in this matter highlighted below

For your information as there are two outstanding representations this application will now be heard by a hearing of the Licensing sub committee

We deal with statutory time limits and will normally arrange a hearing within 20 working days which with the early May and coronation bank holidays takes it to 11th May

The hearings are normally virtual via teams but the applicant does have the right to an in person hearing

This is only a provisional date and I will send an official invitation once the date has been set by our constitutional team who administer the hearings

Regards Barry

Hi Barry,

I would like to address this representation.

I would to say that the restaurant already has been supplying alcohol since 2020 with the last leaseholder when the premise license was granted.

We also have been supplying alcohol but always accompanied by food since August 2022 and we have been following the previous conditions set such as supplying alcohol only to individuals over 18, asking and making sure the customers leave quietly to avoid noise disturbing the area, having CCTV cameras in place to deter any antisocial behaviour and can be used by the police to help prevent crime and the music is played in a low volume as we aim to set a family environment. We also take into consideration the affect to our neighbourhood before launching any sort of activity. We have also received representation from the police to set out conditions to minimise public disturbance and prevent antisocial behaviour in the area, which we have accepted in full.

As a result, we haven't had cases or disturbances of antisocial behaviour in our immediate area and the customers enjoy the relaxed and casual family atmosphere that we have created.

With that said, we hope that this would be enough so that the representation can be withdrawn.

Kind regards,
Maria Bucheli

Barry O'Callaghan

Principal Licensing Officer

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