

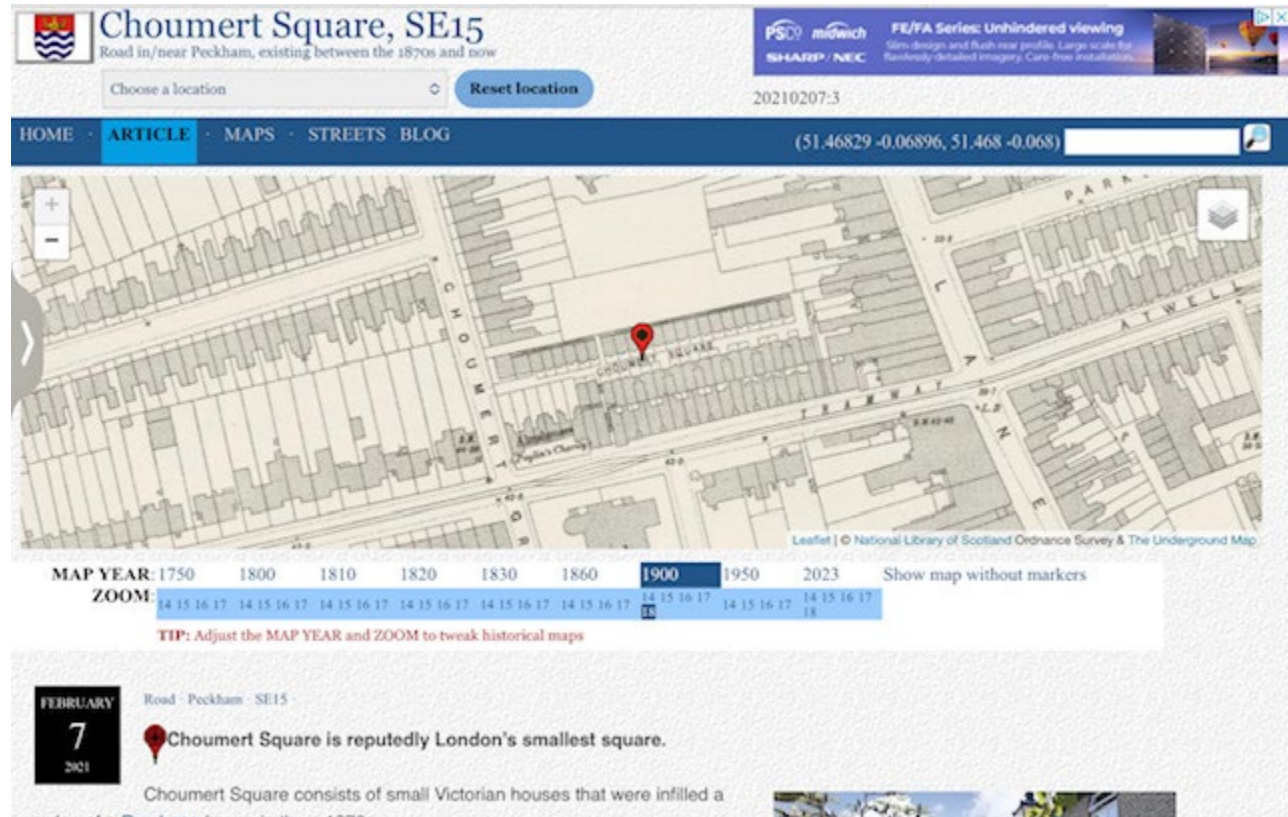
OTHER PERSON 1

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 7:42 AM
To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>
Subject: Application 879872

Re- application 879872 - a resubmission for licensing for L'Attitude, a culture bar at 18 Choumert Road. SE15

My name is [REDACTED], my address [REDACTED]. My email as above.

My concern about the above application is that there is no mention of any soundproofing to be done; All the houses within Choumert Square which are on the south side -numbers 25 to 46 - all share a rear wall with the corresponding properties on Choumert rd. I attach a plan to show this; back in the 1870s when our houses were built this wall was a yard wall, solid, single brick, no insulation. Now that some of the Choumert rd properties are putting in planning applications to become late night entertainment venues, they really must ensure that that back wall is properly sound insulated, otherwise there are going to be a lot of sleepless, disgruntled residents 'over the wall' !



OTHER PERSON 2

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 6:21 PM

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

Subject: 879872 - L'Attitude 18 Choumert Road SE15 4SE

Dear Wesley,

879872 - L'Attitude 18 Choumert Road SE15 4SE

I am writing to object to the second application by L'Attitude - I come from a creative background and very much support the idea of a creative hub, but I am concerned that this appears to be an application for a Club and Music Venue under the name of a creative hub, with live music, dance performance and recorded music until late in the evenings and till 01:00am Fridays and Saturdays

As you know we have had lots of problems over the years with late night noise from both Choumert Road and Rye Lane, both of which back directly onto the houses and outdoor spaces in Choumert Sq. and I have a feeling the the applicants are not aware that the party walls between Choumert Road and Choumert Sq are single brick thin. Over time the properties in Choumert Road have infilled in their back yards (many or all without building control approval or planning permission) to extend internal floor space and have built up against the rear boundary walls of Choumert Sq without any sound proofing. Many Choumert Sq residents work from home and/or have small children sleeping at the back, some residents even have ground floor bedrooms at the back, so the noise, even up to 11.00 (let alone 1.00am), can be pretty intolerable. It would therefore seem wholly inappropriate to extend the hours beyond the existing licensing hours and to have the proposed range of activities that have been applied for which will no doubt create unacceptable levels of noise to adjacent properties.

In addition to this it seems unwise to do **anything** that exacerbates the existing problem of late night noise, increases late night footfall and encourages further street gathering in Choumert Road (which as you know, despite being reported by many to the noise teams, often go on till 4.00am - especially in the summer when people need to sleep with their windows open).

I am in principle supportive of independent businesses in the area especially with the challenging times we find ourselves in but it is clear that this application will cause noise disturbance and create a risk of increased crime and disorder on the street that is associated with late night drinking.

Yours

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

OTHER PERSON 3

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 12:25 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: 879872 L'attitude cocktail bar 18 Choumert rd.

[REDACTED]

I wish to voice my observations regarding the proposed change of hours with regards to the premises involved.

My main concern will be based on the proposed live music as this would be more difficult to regulate as opposed to recorded music.

On top of this the premises does have bi-fold doors/ windows, the licensee won't be happy closing these in the warmer months...hence there's a possibility of excess noise coming from uncontrolled activity.

I've lived here for 40 years and the commercial uses of gradually been extended to the point where the residents feel the periods of lower activity are becoming less.

My options for moving out are limited, I also have a couple of health issues which means I'm already suffering from disturbed sleep, late night music will add to this .

I'm also not entirely convinced that restricting the number of people, client's or otherwise can be controlled or contained in or about the proximity of the premises, so far with the recent TENS the client's have not always remained within the premises or on the areas that are within the control of the licensees so we have already endured late night disruption, on top of the pre-existing anti-social behavior that can erupt at random times.

I've no other place to sleep as my bedroom is pretty much [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] so I'm in [REDACTED] The Landlord will not enhance the windows without a consequent rent increase.

Unless the council can suggest that they might share in any costs to improve the existing sound insulation we don't have many options.

Finally with the best will in the world the potential for crime and disorder does increase the later and longer a premises remains open. I have noted the suggested 1a.m finish it remains to be seen as to the effectiveness of the earlier closing time. If a 1a.m close is confirmed can the licensees still apply for TENS, as this would mean they have the best of both worlds, and defeats the object of a proposed 1.a.m closing time.

Thanks for your service and consideration of my opinion.

Regards [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

OTHER PERSON 4

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 2:55 PM

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

Subject: Licence applications 879872 and 879901: objection

Hello

I am emailing to object to the grant of these licences.

I live in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the two premises on Choumert Rd that are applying for licences.

I am particularly concerned about the proposals in the licence applications for recorded and live music throughout the day and until late at night seven days a week at both premises.

This will have a serious negative impact on residents of Choumert Square unless extensive soundproofing is performed on the premises and the businesses are required to keep doors and windows closed.

[REDACTED]

OTHER PERSON 5

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 4:12 PM

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

Subject: Licensing Application 879872

Re: Application 879872 - a resubmission for licensing for L'Attitude, 18 Choumert Road

To Whom it May Concern

I am writing to object to the resubmission for licensing of L'Attitude at 18, Choumert Road on the grounds of extreme noise nuisance. The hours of activity are now reduced from their original request which asked for an extension until 3 a.m. but it still looks at operation until midnight and sometimes 01.00 a.m. The key issue for me is one of sound transfer. L'Attitude, like all of the businesses on Choumert Road, shares a rear party wall of only one house brick's thickness with the residences of Choumert Square behind. Choumert Square is a quiet, pedestrianised laneway with 46 small houses that is part of the conservation area.

L'Attitude is asking for a license to show films and present live performances with live and recorded music. All of that sounds great in theory, I don't object to the business itself, but without proper sound insulation, it will make living in the adjoining houses behind absolutely unbearable, unable to sleep at night and unable to work from home during the day. There is absolutely no mention of sound insulation in this application, which would also need to be high spec to cope with the proximity of so many residences and the relative fragility of the structures in question. For your information, the businesses on Choumert Road used to have an open yard area between the shops and the rear walls of the Choumert Square houses, which acted as a 'buffer zone'. Over the years the businesses all extended their ground floor premises right up to the Choumert Square rear walls, often with quite flimsy structures, getting rid of the 'buffer zone' between the two sets of properties and causing some considerable issues around drainage, and smell and noise pollution.

I know from experience that the sound transfer is considerable between the Choumert Road businesses and the Choumert Square houses on the south side. Fortunately for me, the sound transfer from what used to be a café behind [REDACTED] was only every two weeks but when the live jazz performances took place they might as well have been happening in my living room! I couldn't have coped with it day in, day out.

This application has got to be turned down without a plan for effective and proven soundproofing at the rear.

Regards

[REDACTED]

OTHER PERSON 6

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 8:05 PM

To: Regen, Licensing <Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]

Subject: LICENSING APPLICATION [879872]

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for alerting me to the re-submission of a licensing application for the above premises [879872]. I'm reassured to see a reduction in the proposed hours of operation, and as someone working in the Arts I actively and wholeheartedly support local cultural initiatives. But I'm afraid my objections, as stated before, still stand – even more so with the fuller description of proposed activity: showing films, recorded and live music, and dance performance alongside drinking and eating. My reasons remain two-fold.

1.SOUND TRANSFER/FAILURE TO RECOGNISE FRAGILE INFRASTRUCTURE.

There is no mention at all of the need for/ or provision of any form of sound insulation to prevent any effect on the lives of those living close by. The application mentions only that the flat above the premises is unoccupied. That flat is NOT the only adjacent residence: there are residences behind the premises, in Choumert Square, and sound transfer through to them is equally important to avoid.

I've [REDACTED] [REDACTED] laneway for almost forty years. When I first moved here, most Choumert Road premises had backyards which created a buffer between the shops and the rear walls of Choumert Square cottages. Those cottage walls are only a single-brick deep.

Over time many Choumert Road premises have extended their interior ground floor territory by putting a `roof` over their yards: this extended `indoor` area now directly abuts the rear walls of Choumert Square cottages behind. Because the wall is so thin, activity and noise in Choumert Road premises travels directly into Choumert Square living rooms, and where Choumert Road covered yards have opening skylights, when they're in use for ventilation the sound travels straight into the first floor bedrooms of the Square cottages.

This application like others in the row, seems to have no understanding of the unique sound transfer issue. And therefore, through ignorance of the fabric of this evolved `party` wall, there's no demonstrable awareness of the impact their proposals will have on the houses -and lives- of those directly behind. The unique adjacency of the properties, created by default over time, should mean that any commercial premises wishing to incorporate social activity onsite **must** be told about the sound transfer issues, and must include crucial sound insulation in their plans.

As a historic precedent, may I refer to **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE – 20 JUNE 2019**
LICENSING ACT 2003: SIX YARD BOX PECKHAM, 34 – 36 CHOUMERT ROAD,
PECKHAM, LONDON SE15 4SE 1. Decision.

In 2019, when Six Yard Box was applying for a Licence in the same stretch of Choumert Road, the response included reference to “*one flat above the premise, for which a course of **soundproofing** in the floor has been laid*” and further added “*there would be no amplified music that could effect local residents and in any event, **soundproofing works** would be carried out before the premises officially opened.*” Something similar should be acknowledged in the application L’Attitude submits. And I therefore believe granting their request should only be considered once they demonstrate the recognition that appropriate and necessary sound insulation is essential. Without that, commercial and residential properties with such a unique adjacency can’t happily co-exist.

2. 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.

Thank you again for your consideration.

