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**From:** Jenny Wickham [mailto:~~Jenny.Wickham@peckhamryepark.co.uk~~]  
**Sent:** 08 March 2009 16:50  
**To:** Regen, Licensing  
**Cc:** Graham, Aubyn  
**Subject:** Cafe on the Rye - licensing application

~~Addressed to Jenny Wickham~~  
~~From: Jenny Wickham~~  
~~Location: Peckham Rye Park~~

Dear Ms ~~Wickham~~

I gather that an application has been made by the Cafe on the Rye, in Peckham Rye park, for licensing for entertainment and the sale of alcohol until 11 p.m. I have some concerns about this application as I feel that this cafe is a family place, where people take their children, and I am not in favour of mixing such a place with the sale of alcohol. We already have plenty of pubs in this area (which unfortunately mix the sale of alcohol with access by children) and I do not see the need for another licensed premises - there is much concern about excess use of alcohol in our society and I think that there is no need for any additional places to be selling it.

In addition I think there are considerable safety issues about a building in the middle of the park being used after dark, and particularly late at night - would you be able to guarantee that all customers could be safe leaving the park?

I hope that you will see fit to refuse this application and leave the cafe as it is.

Yours  
Jenny Wickham

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The Licensing Service  
C/O Southwark Environmental Health and Trading Standards  
The Chaplin Centre  
Thurlow Street  
London  
SE17 2DG

Licence Ref : 829319

On behalf of the residents of Rye Hill Estate (comprising of 450 households), the Rye Hill Tenants and Residents Association seeks to oppose the above licence application by 'Cafe on the Rye' on the following grounds;

- 1) The location of the café is in a public park. Granting a licence to open in the evenings, as a bar, would cause disturbance to the wildlife of the park whilst also subjecting the park to a certain amount of noisy, drunk and potentially anti-social behaviour. There will be an increased risk of vandalism to the park itself (which has in recent years had millions spent on it in conservation work) and the further risk of robbery to both customers, staff and the premises themselves, given the poor lighting of the park after dark.
- 2) Litter is also a concern. Glasses and bottles left on the park grounds themselves, especially if broken glass, would pose a serious risk to the public who use the park. Children/ pets/ and the various sporting activities on the park would be most at risk. We can not see any way in which the café's owners would be able to police or clear up broken glass outside of the premises, especially at night when the park has effectively no lighting.
- 3) The café was never built for the purposes of being a pub or bar. It is situated next door to a children's playground. Children should be able to play in a safe environment that is free from the noise and effects of a licenced premise.
- 4) The immediate area is already served very well by three bars, The Ivy House on Stuart Road, the Rye hotel on Peckham Rye and The Clock House on Barry Road (which is within sight of Cafe on the Rye). Both the Clock House and Rye Hotel also serve food in the evenings. There is no benefit to the area either environmentally, socially or economically in granting this licence.

Yours Sincerely,

  
CHAIRMAN

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**From:** Toni B [mailto:~~toni.bohn@peckhamryepark.co.uk~~]  
**Sent:** 09 March 2009 18:55  
**To:** Regen, Licensing  
**Cc:** Graham, Aubyn; Smeath, Robert; Laws, Evrim  
**Subject:** Drink licence in Peckham Rye Park License ref 829319

To Whom it may concern,

I am a local resident, dog owner and a member of the friends of Peckham Rye Park(FOPR), I visit the park daily, sometimes twice a day.

In regards to the alcohol license application for the Café in Peckham Rye Park, My concern is that the café is not in an appropriate location to stay open until 11pm every night; serving alcohol and providing entertainment.

Problems that spring to my mind are

- Getting safely to and from the premises. To walk across the common after an evening of drinking could lead to safety issues.
- Opportunists in the way of muggers/robberies etc.
- Visitors to the Café are more likely to drive rather than walk across the common, thus, resulting in an increase in drink-driving
- Vandalism to the park(Not everyone can enjoy an evening out sensibly) The park as been a victim of vandalism on numerous occasions, resulting in thousands of pounds damage.

Peckham Rye already has a variety of pubs/bars/restaurants and café's very close to the common and park area, a short walk down Peckham Rye and you have the Rye hotel and Nunhead lane which also has a selection of very nice pubs and bars, Not to mention Lordship lane which has an abundance of night life to suit many tastes.

I am not against the café applying for a license to serve alcohol within the normal opening times. I believe it would be rather pleasant to sit outside the café on a sunny afternoon with a glass of wine.

Kind Regards

Toni Bohn

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**From:** ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
**Sent:** 30 March 2009 10:18  
**To:** Graham, Aubyn  
**Cc:** Smeath, Robert  
**Subject:** Fwd: Drink licence in Peckham Rye Park

Dear Sirs,

As local residents (Colyton Road, bordering the park.) we would like to voice our opposition to the Park Cafe's application for a drinks and entertainment licence.

The cafe has been an obviously successful and popular new facility for the many park and common users.

The extension of its use into the evening, and as a sales point for alcohol, however seems entirely inappropriate.

The area is already so heavily provided with evening venues that it is impossible to see that it would provide an extra service.

On the other hand, attracting people into the park area at night will result in noise and disturbance to residents along the Rye.

It is notable that the Strakers Road car park is locked at dusk at present, presumably to prevent its anti-social use.

The logic of this should be continued, and the park left in peace at night.

Colin Rae and Susan Millin.

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Rodney Stone

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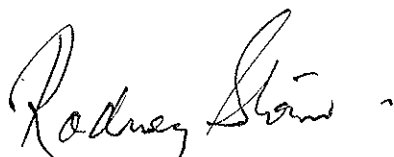
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Members Room, Town Hall


Dear Sirs

Licensing Act 2003  
Application for extension of Premises Licence  
Cafe On The Rye, Strakers Road, SE15 3UA

May I submit that I am not in agreement with the proposed licence for late night supply of alcohol and entertainment. As a resident in the immediate vicinity I consider it would entirely change the present character of the cafe, which is very pleasant, and would be unsuitable for it's location in the middle of the Common/Park. I think it would be likely to give rise to unfortunate behaviour and undue disturbance beyond the control of the proprietor.

Yours faithfully





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Southwark Council Licensing Section  
Attention: Cllr Aubyn Graham  
Cllr Robert Smeath  
Cllr Evrim Laws

31 March 2009

Dear Sirs

**Re: Drink Licence on Peckham Rye Park  
Reference Number 829319**

We write to register our objections to the application for an alcohol and entertainment licence at the Café in Peckham Rye Park on the following grounds:-

1. There are already many late-licensed premises in the immediate vicinity of the Café, eg The Clockhouse (family pub), The Herne Tavern, the two or three pubs and all the cafes and restaurants in Forest Hill Road, bars, cafes and pubs in North Cross Road as well as in Lordship Lane.

2. Noise, forms of vehicular pollution

The noise levels and other forms of pollution, from pedestrians and vehicular traffic are currently very high (even by inner city standards). There would be an inevitable and significant increase in these levels with the increased volumes of people especially later on in the day. This would also inevitably be exacerbated due to the level of alcohol consumption and smoking etc. particularly when people are leaving the venue late at night.

3. Litter

In addition to the forms of pollution in Item 2 there would also be an inevitable increase in various forms of litter, including bottles, cigarette butts, paper etc. people getting sick in the park.

4. Safety and Anti-social behaviour

4.1 This could potentially increase the crime rate in the area as the Café is quite secluded. At night, with or without security lighting, the perceived and real threat to personal safety would be intolerable. In recent weeks the area has experienced some of the worst crime London, including gun crime and murder. Women in particular would be vulnerable when walking back to the main streets.

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- 3.2 With the probability of bottles (some broken) being left lying around, this is potentially dangerous to the public, particularly the early morning cyclists and dog walkers, as well as mothers and babies with their pushchairs.

Please register the above objections.

Your sincerely

  
Taseer Ahmad

Angela Hill

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From:

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~~LONDON SE12 8BA~~

29 March 2009 18:05

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Licence Section  
LB Southwark  
Southwark Town Hall  
Peckham Road  
London SE15

Dear Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Re: "Café on the Rye", Peckham Rye Common, Strakers Road, SE 15:

I am a local. I can see to park from my front window and I use the park on a weekly basis. I wish to object to the above application on grounds of, (a) the prevention of crime and disorder, (b) public safety, (c) the prevention of public nuisance, (d) the protection of children from harm.

When the council agreed to replace the café in Peckham Rye there was never intention that this would be a licence premises in this park. To agree one now would be disingenuous. Furthermore, there is only one other municipal park in Southwark where there is a premises licence. This is Potters Field and Patters Field is a Town Centre and an international tourist area; next to Tower Bridge, City Hall and the museum ship HMS Belfast.

- **prevention of crime and disorder and public nuisance:** Peckham Rye has had serious incidents of vandalism, anti-social behaviour in the past and to allow the sale and consumption of the park would attract more people who have alcohol and drug dependency. They could not be kept in the premises because the premise is too small for the number of people already using. I am aware of groups of people gathering under tree in the park late in the even, where police has to be called out to deal with incidents of anti-social behaviour, drug mis-use and nuisance being caused by such groups. This area of the park is an open common. Motorist can drive on and off the park at any point. There are no previsions to see groups under the influence of alcohol of the park late at nights. Last summer there were serious incidents in Peckham Square, where groups of people were gathering and drinking the area. There was at least one murder where it is reported people were coming from pub in the area. The car park next to the Café in Peckham Rye has just been fenced of with gates which close a 06:00PM in response to anti-social behaviour in the part. Once people leave the area of the café they are on their own to leave the park quietly of cause nuisance. Neither the council warden's services nor the police have the resource to prevent or deal with crime in the park if this licence was granted. I do not see how the licensee can stop people taking their drink outside the building if they are smokers.
- **public safety:** the park is use by a substantial number of young children, older people and families during the day and evenings, seven day per week. There will be more vehicles driving in the park and it is more likely drivers will be under the influence of alcohol. There is a One-O-Clock Club for children right next to the premises. Disturbance from the Café by drinking customers would be dangerous and unsafe for families in the



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One-O-Clock Club. There is a danger that vulnerable people will be more exposed to assaults in this park by people under the influence of alcohol leaving these premises.

- **the protection of children from harm.** Peckham Rye park is situated in a residential area. It is surrounded on all four sides by family homes. A majority of the people using this park are families and sporting young people. No fewer than 500 young people per day use the park at weekends and the evenings are also very popular as a training area for team sports. There is an adventure playground, the One -O-Clock club, children play ground, skate board park and a paddling pool is planned. The Café also attracts many families with very young children throughout the day. There is one school near the café and another new school is being built. These young people including Six Form students will have to walk through the park to get to some lessons. Having groups of people sitting in this area consuming alcohol would be distracting and harmful to children and young people. There is also the danger that some of these young people who look older will want to purchase alcoholic beverages in the park. The park and the availability of alcohol have also been known to attract people who prey on young children. Local people had problems with this not so long ago in Holly Grove Park SE15.

For the above reasons this licence must be refused.

Yours truly,

Aubyn Graham

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From: ~~Southwark Council~~  
Sent: 24 March 2009 18:25  
To: Regen, Licensing  
Subject: Application for Premises Licence - Cafe on The Rye, Strakers Road SE15UA

To Kirsty Read, Senior Licensing Support Officer, Southwark Council  
We consider that it would be most inappropriate to grant a Licence for Supply of Alcohol, Late night Refreshment and Regulated Entertainment (09:00 - 23:00 daily) in respect of the above premises. The Park and Common are used extensively by families and often by unaccompanied children to play football, cricket and other games while nearby is the "One o'clock club" for young children. To introduce alcohol and regulated entertainment with its attendant risks of rowdy behaviour into this relatively safe and compact recreational area, would change its character and be most undesirable.  
Alcoholic refreshment is already close by at the "Clock House PH" in nearby Barry Road and at the "Herne Tavern PH" at the Colyton Road end of Peckham Rye.

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These representations are made by Mr G R & Mrs M M Feeley, ~~Southwark Council~~

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Yours faithfully

Joan M. Taylor (Miss)

→ (JOAN M TAYLOR)

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From: ~~XXXXXX, XXXX~~  
Sent: 06 April 2009 13:26  
To: Regen, Licensing  
Subject: FW: Drink Licence PRP

-----Original Message-----  
From: Graham, Aubyn  
Sent: 04 April 2009 08:41  
To: ~~XXXXXX, XXXX~~  
Subject: FW: Drink Licence PRP

Dear Mr. ~~XXXXXX~~

Please see below

Cllr. Graham

-----Original Message-----  
From: art4noise [mailto:~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~]  
Sent: 31 March 2009 09:14  
To: Graham, Aubyn  
Cc: Smeath, Robert  
Subject: Drink Licence PRP

Dear Councillors

I hope this representation although a little late will be considered by your good selves.

As a resident of Colyton Road and overlooking Peckham Rye Park I can say that I can regularly hear drunken behaviour in the park late at night after the pubs close and that the addition of a licensed premise in the park itself will only lead to an increase in this behaviour and perhaps to more vandalism than we have in the park at the moment.

I'm sure the view is that everyone who goes to the Cafe on the Rye in the evenings will be civilised and extremely well behaved sipping their bottled beer and wine and listening to folk music, but sadly that will not be the case. When the Cafe first opened its doors it was packed out and you couldnt get in without tripping over a baby buggy or a small child and the same thing will happen if this license goes through the place will be packed no one will be able to move so drinkers will spill out into the park and the noise will increase as the door to the cafe will have to be open all the time.

Also as the cafe was funded by part of the lottery grant for upgrading the park does the council see some money back that can be reinvested in the park and will the Cafe pay for the extra lighting required to light the access paths to the cafe to make it safe for women on their own?

Yes we are against this application

Regards

Peter Baldock

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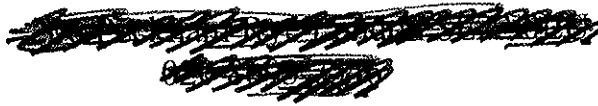
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Ward Councillors  
Peckham Rye

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Dear Councillors                      Café on the Rye

We write to object to the application for a new premises licence for the supply of alcohol, late night refreshment and regulated entertainment at the Café on the Rye. The open location of the café, with no obvious boundaries, is particularly unsuitable for licensed premises. There will be a risk that glasses and litter will be left in the surrounding area which, in the winter, is poorly lit. Its proximity to the Park will increase the likelihood of vandalism there. There are other more suitable licensed premises nearby. For example the Clockhouse in Barry road has space for drinking outside within a defined area, and in a street environment.

Yours truly

*Edward & Jennifer Salmon*  
Edward & Jennifer Salmon

Copy to Southwark Council Licensing Section









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Licensing unit,  
Chaplin Centre,  
Thurlow Street,  
London SE17 2DG

25 March 2009

Ref: 829319

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing with reference to the application for an alcohol and entertainment licence for the café in Peckham Rye Park.

As a resident of Colyton Rd, which overlooks the park we are very concerned that this application has been sought and believe that it would be of no positive benefit to the community.

There have already been problems in the park with arson, vandalism and disorder, resulting in the newly built bowling pavilion being burnt to the ground.

There was an incident during the recent snowfall where a large gang of youths roaming round the park caused trouble, attracted by people out enjoying themselves. Anti-social behaviour would be further encouraged by the availability of alcohol.

The Southwark fireworks on Nov 5<sup>th</sup> could apparently not be held on the Rye as it would have been difficult to control large numbers of people. Encouraging people to the area for entertainment would surely be a serious policing problem.

By openly encouraging people to visit the park outside of park opening hours this would surely lead to many more incidences of crime & disorder and public safety for residents. The park would have to be policed at night in order to ensure safety which would add to public finances.

The park is well used by football teams and is very busy at the weekends. Many visiting football players park along Colyton Rd, which becomes busy, congested and noisy until the park closes at dusk. With the park being open until 23.00 the parking and noise of cars and customers would affect residents until midnight and beyond.

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As a parent of two children now aged 10 and 12 we have made great use of the park as they have grown up. The swings, 1 o'clock club, football pitches, skateboard park, adventure playground (when it was open) have all been fully utilised.

As our children got older we were looking forward to them being able to visit the park alone including the café, to buy drinks & ice creams. It is unfortunate that the drinking culture in Britain, unlike Europe usually means that a licensed premises is not somewhere for children to 'hang out'. The threat of anti-social behaviour in the park in general would also be greatly increased.

With the growing problem of alcohol misuse in teenagers it seems irresponsible to apply for a license. Surely there are many other places an adult could go in the immediate vicinity to enjoy a drink eg. The Clockhouse, The Herne and many others. Teenagers would also be tempted to buy alcohol in the café or if not bring their own to the park where it would be deemed acceptable to be drinking. This would also lead to problems of litter.

The work on the adventure playground and new centre is surely being built for children. There is an obvious focus on providing resources for children. However encouraging consumption of alcohol by making it available from 09.00 – 23.00 daily in the immediate vicinity will be counter-productive and possibly damaging.

Due to all of the above reasons I object to the granting of a licence on all four grounds and feel it would very damaging to the local community. I hope these objections are taken into consideration.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Ruis

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