

32 Southwark Bridge Road

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Sumner Street
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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: licensing application 829955

I am writing to express my concerns about the licensing application made by Mr Biagio Caroleo for a late drinks licence and a regulated entertainment licence at 32 Southwark Bridge Road.

I live in the flats on Sumner Street adjacent to this establishment and my flat, which is on the ground floor, faces onto the street where the entrance to 32 Southwark Bridge Road is.

The reason that I am concerned is that I fear that this late licence will cause a noise nuisance. The reason I say this is that the previous business at these premises, Bankside Restaurant, used occasionally to have late night events, with music. When this occurred, which was usually around Christmas time and perhaps twice monthly on other occasions, I was disturbed by the noise of music and the people who would gather outside to smoke.

Sumner Street at this point (where it joins Southwark Bridge Road) is hemmed in as there is a brick wall opposite (the Volkswagon garage) and noise reverberates.

I have no objection to noise until 11pm, but do not want to be subject to noise after this time, which I fear would be inevitable if this licence was granted.

I trust that you will consider my concerns.

Yours faithfully,

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Wednesday 1 July 2009

Licensing application number: 829955
Applicant: Mr Biagio Caroleo
Address: 32 Southwark Bridge Road

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am concerned about the licensing application for 32 Southwark Road, mainly due to issues of noise, particularly as the application seems to be for an entertainment and drinks licence until after midnight every day of the week. The entrance to this bar is right next door to the block of Sumner Buildings where I live.

The previous bar at that location was a persistent noise issue. Never such that I ever made a formal complaint about it, but I frequently felt that I should have done. The main issues were music from inside the bar and noise from people standing around outside.

The music previously was loud enough to keep me awake until it ended, just from the bass leakage from the bar. It was even worse if the doors were left open, as they often were, especially during the summer. The music used to end at midnight, at which point I could get to sleep. If such noise is allowed to continue until after midnight, it would be an extreme inconvenience for those of us who live next door to the bar.

The other problem is from people standing around outside the bar. This was often a problem before but given the current smoking ban and the lack of anywhere else for people to smoke other than on the street outside the bar, I can only assume that this would be an even greater problem than it used to be.

All of this is exacerbated because Sumner Street is generally a very quiet street so any persistent source of noise such as this is even more bothersome and out of place. I hope that you will consider these issues in coming to a decision about the granting of any such licence for this location.

Yours faithfully,



Conrad Scott

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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Planning Application for a restaurant at basement of 32 Southwark Bridge Road.

I am writing to declare my opposition to this planning application of Biagio Caroleo in its current format.

Firstly may I emphasise one major designation issue. Despite having the address of 32 Southwark Bridge Road – the entire restaurant site is on Sumner Street. In particular regard to this is that the entrance is some 40 metres into Sumner Street. The entrance is on the same side of the road as Sumner Buildings.

The end wall (west side) of the Bankside restaurant is only about 6 metres from the beginning wall of the nearest block of flats of Sumner Buildings. The only entrance and exit door of the restaurant is an additional 10 metres distant.

Because of the close proximity of the entrance to the first block of flats the granting of a licence with such late opening hours is completely unreasonable. Residents should be entitled to a quiet environment by 23.00 every night of the week. I personally go to sleep at this hour as I get up at 06.10 to get ready to go to work.

I live in a flat in the block behind the first adjacent block. We are able to hear loud music from the restaurant – especially when the door is open. We can also hear street noise from people using or leaving the restaurant. Smokers need to come outside on to the street to smoke.

The restaurant is in a location with very little available parking. So when users arrive and depart by car or taxi they will be dropped off at this entrance area. Particularly at departure time the exodus of people is a potential source of noise and disturbance for us local residents. The noise travels in via the six metre gap between the restaurant building and our buildings.

In principle I am not against a restaurant in the building. Unfortunately its close proximity to 50 of the 100 flats in Sumner Buildings is a big dilemma for this applicant site as a restaurant. People have been living in these flats for 78 years and hopefully the flats will last another 78 years. The use of the basement of 32 Southwark Bridge Road as a restaurant came many years later. Biagio may want to have another go at making this restaurant economically successful. I wish them luck. But I am opposed to anything in the licence that will make difficulties to our domestic rights and entitlements.

Yours Faithfully

Paul Murphy