



5th May 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Objection to application number 847994, Frank's Café.

I am making this objection in writing on behalf of my mother [REDACTED]; who resides at [REDACTED] Cerise Road, SE15 5HQ. I do not at this time give any consent for my mother to be identified in any way to the Applicants.

I am happy for you to contact either myself or my mother regarding this objection. My address is listed above.

This objection is based on three areas:

i The Prevention of Crime and Disorder As a local resident my mother has noticed that there are more visitors to the premises/multi-storey car park outside of trading hours. Prior to the arrival of Frank's Café some years ago this was certainly not the case. Indeed, when I was still a resident of 7 Cerise Road, I can recall that the upper levels of the car park remained empty, without any issue or disorder. This sadly is not now the case. On Sunday 3rd May 2015, the car park was used by a number of youths on very loud mopeds racing up and down the levels. The Police had to be called to attend the car park after being contacted by worried residents. It seems that the premises attracts people to the area who are intent on being disruptive.

ii Public Safety. Whilst visiting my mother I have often seen revellers peering over the top of the upper wall of the very top of the car park. This means that they have access to the walled area which is easily mountable. As alcohol and legal highs are consumed at Frank's Café, I believe this poses a significant risk to public safety. There are innumerable accounts of intoxicated and/or high revellers believing that they are able to fly or thinking they are far more acrobatic than their reality dictates. It is only a matter of time before someone scales the wall and experiences a significant injury or falls to their death.

iii The Prevention of Nuisance. Noise nuisance is unbearable during the opening hours of Frank's Café. Cerise Road is a quiet residential area. The structure of the multi-story car park with its concrete design means that sound reverberates in a manner that becomes truly unbearable to those nearby. I have personally witnessed and experienced this on countless occasions, with a number of neighbours coming out of their homes to gather on the pavement to vent their frustrations. During the summer on hot nights, it is not unreasonable to have one's window open to promote ventilation. This is not possible when the noise from Frank's Café enters my Mother's home via the open window. Consequently, my Mother is forced to keep her windows closed and use an electric fan. This helps to maintain a bearable temperature within her bedroom, which is at the front of the house. It is my understanding that each person is legally entitled to the 'quiet enjoyment' of their own home. This is not at all possible when Frank's Café is open. The music and noise from the venue does not dissipate away from local homes. It means that my Mother does not feel able to relax at home during opening hours as the noise nuisance is so great. Her home has double glazing throughout, even her external doors are double glazed as are most homes on the road. The noise is still apparent from Frank's Café. Also, my Mother's garden is overlooked by Frank's Café revellers. She has no quiet enjoyment of her home during opening hours. My mother is registered disabled and spends a lot of time at home.

It is also noteworthy that as the venue is open air the music volume increases considerably to allow it to be heard by revellers. This of course means that unabated music is being pumped into the homes of local residents as both my Mother and I can attest to.

It would be helpful to see the test results that Southwark had completed on noise nuisance prior to considering granting the existing licence for Frank's Café. I imagine that Surveyors and Engineers were instructed to attend the Cerise Road Multi-Story Car Park to conduct tests to determine the likely disruption to local residents compared to the legally safe limits. Please advise.

To allow Frank's Café to remain open at all is purposely negating my Mother's right to enjoy her home in the way she would like to. Further insult is added by proposing that she should not be entitled to any day free from this nuisance. To allow Frank's Café to open for seven days a week until after midnight is unconscionable, as it causes such distinct and detrimental levels of nuisance.

I will be happy to respond to any queries you may have.

Yours faithfully

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PARTY 2

[REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2015 4:52 PM
To: Regen, Licensing
Subject: Objection - Franks Cafe

Dear Southwark Licensing,

I wish to make an objection to granting the following licence application:

Ref: 847994

Frank's Cafe Limited

Levels 9-10

Peckham Multi-storey car park

SE15 4ST

I strongly object to the noise and disorder that results from the activities this establishment and have witnessed how Frank's have pushed their boundaries further each year without any due regard for the disturbance they cause to neighbouring residential surroundings.

I forward a separate email I sent last year to the manager of Frank's and Cllr Jamille Mohammed after a particularly noisy and stressful evening. Note I had no response from Frank's Cafe Limited.

I object in regard to the following:

The protection of children from harm

I have a young child who finds it very difficult to sleep when the revellers at Frank's are in full swing - his bedtime is 730pm and during the Summer months we often sleep with open windows. We have to put up with noise for hours in the evening - this is so stressful and upsetting for us as a family and just unacceptable for residents to put up with all Summer, 7 nights a week, until the wee hours of the morning.

The prevention of crime and disorder

The prevention of nuisance

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This is totally inconsiderate of Frank's and I urge the Council to consider the plight of local residents and give them some opportunity for peace and quiet in the evenings. I understand Frank's is a successful organisation and brings 'vibrancy' to Peckham, but at the cost of what? The people who live, work and actually contribute to the local economy and community?

I would like to see:

1. Ideally an end to Frank's licensing
2. Failing that - a return to limited hours of operation - [Thurs - Sat](#) - it's not fair to have to put up with this noise on any night, particularly Sunday until midnight!
3. No music, PAs, sound systems or microphones after [10pm](#) please, even after closing hours, we have to tolerate drunken, loud, echoing noise from people as they descend the open levels of the car park and leave to go home.

I request and urge the Council to take into account objections to this application regarding noise - however few there may be. Just because people are not vocal, does not mean people are not fed up and very upset about this issue.

Many thanks

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█ [Cerise Road](#)

[London](#)

[SE15 5HQ](#)

Sent from my iPad

PARTY 3

From: Regen, Licensing
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2015 5:15 PM
To: Jerrom, Charlie
Cc: Mills, Dorcas; Tear, Jayne
Subject: FW: Planning objection - Ref: 847994

[REDACTED]
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