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Westfield Road
Croydon
CR0 3RH

5th May 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Objection to application number 848075, Ali Baba Snack Bar.

I am making this objection in writing on behalf of my mother ██████████ who resides at ██████████ 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.

The basis for this objection is the problems faced by local residents who have experience of noise nuisance and other issues from the existing Frank's Café.

This objection covers 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 the existing Frank's Café some years ago, this was certainly not the case. Indeed, when I was still a resident of ██████████ 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 on the levels earmarked by Ali Baba. The Police had to be called to attend the car park after being contacted by worried residents. It seems that the venue attracts people to the area who are intent on being disruptive. The sounds of the mopeds reverberated terribly in an area which is proposed to have great numbers of people with music and gaiety.

ii Public Safety. The semi-open air nature of the venue/premises, with its easily mountable walls, 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. As alcohol and legal highs are to be consumed at Ali Baba, it is only a matter of time before someone scales a wall and experiences a significant injury or falls to their death.

iii The Prevention of Nuisance. The current 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. 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. Ali Baba will only add to this. My Mother does not feel able to relax at home during current 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. She has no quiet enjoyment of her home during opening hours. My mother is registered disabled and spends a lot of time at home.

Frank's Café has caused many problems to local residents and it is fair to extrapolate that Ali Baba's Snack Bar will not be very different. In fact it can be argued that the introduction of an additional Café/Snack Bar will be a greater hindrance and nuisance to local residents as there will be twice the noise pollution and nuisance to a semi-open air venue, this will be utterly intolerable.

As there already current objections lodged against the issuing of another license to the existing Frank's Café, it is fair to say that residents are experiencing great dissatisfaction with this type of venue.

It is also noteworthy that as the venue is semi-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 licences for the Cerise Road Multi-Story Car Park. I imagine that Surveyors and Engineers were instructed to conduct tests to determine the likely disruption to local residents compared to the legally safe limits. Please advise.

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

Yours faithfully

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