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Our reference: MD/2887/16  
Date: 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

**Tropical 186 Old Kent Road London SE1 5TY**

This application for a licence variation to Tropical Restaurant was received by Southwark Council on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

The current application is for the following extension of hours  
Opening Hours- 1200hrs to 0230hrs Fri-Sat  
Sale of Alcohol - 1200hrs to 02.00hrs Fri-Sat

The premises falls within the period for Southwark Councils New Licensing Policy 2016 to 2020.

This policy details a schedule of closing times for licensed premises depending on their geographical location and the business type.

The guidance suggests for this location being a residential area and the venue being a restaurant the latest terminal hour is 2300hrs daily, therefore the premises current opening hours are very generous with a closure time of 0030hrs and sale of alcohol until 0000hrs.

There is also an outstanding police investigation into a violent incident involving the DPS and partner whilst on duty at the premises which brings into question his credibility to manage. In regards to this current police investigation we object to the application in full.

Submitted for consideration

**PC Mark Lynch 246MD**  
Southwark Police Licensing Unit

# MEMO: Licensing Unit

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**To** Licensing Unit                      **Date** 17 November  
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**Subject** Re: Tropical, 186-188 Old Kent Road, London, SE1 5TY –  
Application to vary a premises licence

I write with regards to the above application to vary the premises licence submitted by Carlos Armijos under the Licensing Act 2003, which seeks to extend the following licensable activities:

- To extend recorded music, performance of dance and anything of a similar description to live music, recorded music and performance of dance (indoors) on Friday and Saturday from 00:00 to 02:00 the following day
- To extend Late Night refreshment (indoors) on Friday and Saturday from 00:00 to 02:00 the following day
- To extend the supply of alcohol (on the premises) on Friday and Saturday from 00:00 to 02:00 the following day
- Overall opening times shall be extended on Friday and Saturday from 00:30 to 02:30 the following day

Non Standard Timings requested for all activities are:

From the start of permitted hours on New Years Eve to the end of permitted hours on New Years Day

The premises is a *'Bar/Restaurant with a South American cultural feel and cuisine'*.

This premises is situated in **a residential area**.

Under the Southwark Statement of Licensing policy 2016 - 2020 the appropriate closing times for Restaurants, Cafes, Public Houses, Wine bars or other drinking establishments is 23:00 hours and Night Clubs (with sui generis planning classification) are not considered appropriate for this area.

I therefore submit this representation with regards to crime and disorder and public nuisance as the later operation of the premises and of people leaving the premises later a night would impact upon local residents living nearby and in the surrounding streets. The management would have no control of patrons that have left the premises if it were allowed to open later and the possible impact of any rowdy and anti-social behaviour or crime and disorder.

Southwark's Statement of Licensing Policy 2016 – 2020 can be found on the following link:

[http://www.southwark.gov.uk/downloads/download/4399/licensing\\_act\\_2003 -  
\\_southwark\\_statement\\_of\\_licensing\\_policy\\_2016 - 2020](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/downloads/download/4399/licensing_act_2003_-_southwark_statement_of_licensing_policy_2016_-_2020)

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**Date:** 17/11/2016

Dear Sir/Madam

**Premises Licensing re:**

186-188 OLD KENT ROAD, LONDON, SE1 5TY

**Summary description:** Variation

**Date Received:** 21/10/2016

The site is subject to planning permission 12/AP/3234 that conditions the terminal hour of the restaurant to 23:00. There are three flats immediately above the restaurant and the hours condition is to protect their residential amenity. Allowing the hours to be extended beyond 23:00 and the Licensing statement hours of midnight is not justified and objected to on the grounds that it is likely to result in nuisance for those living in the vicinity.

Yours faithfully

Gavin Blackburn

Senior Enforcement Officer

**From:** Sharpe, Carolyn **On Behalf Of** Public Health Licensing  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 09, 2016 10:57 AM  
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**Cc:** Public Health Licensing  
**Subject:** RE: RE: Variation - Tropical, 186-188 Old Kent Road

To whom it may concern:

**Re: Tropical, 186-188 Old Kent Road, London SE1 5TY**

On behalf of the Acting Director of Public Health for Southwark (a responsible authority under the Licensing Act 2003) I wish to make representation in respect of the above.

The representation is made in respect of the following licensing objective(s):

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Prevention of public nuisance
- Public safety

**General Comments**

The applicant requests to vary his current license and extend the hours of alcohol sales from an end time of 00:00 daily to an end time of 02:00 daily. I have concerns regarding the hours of alcohol sales requested. Southwark's statement of licensing policy recommends an end time for alcohol sales of 23:00 daily for this type of establishment in this location. Given the applicant already holds a license to sell alcohol until 00:00 daily, I believe they already are in possession of a very permissive license.

**Recommendations**

- I recommend that this application for a variation is rejected outright

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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*on behalf of Dr Jin Lim, Acting Director of Public Health*

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