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Friday 12th March 2010

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re. Objection to Licence Application no. 831500

My name is [REDACTED]; I live with my young daughter at [REDACTED] Walworth Road, directly above Moyo-Ma Restaurant.

After consultation of Moyo-Ma's licence application for late night opening on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, I wish to share my concerns with you.

First of all, the noise and anti-social behaviour from people using other local premises on Walworth Road is already a great nuisance to us and by us I mean myself and all the other local residents of Walworth Road and Liverpool Grove. Adding to it by allowing Moyo-Ma opening late is not a solution nor is it an option. Opening late will only re-enforce bad language, disorder, vandalism, and people urinating or vomiting on my doorstep.

Too often have I been woken up by drunk and disorderly people arguing and fighting in the vicinity, which is quite frightening and stressful. Sleep disruption and deprivation have meant that my health has suffered and as you can imagine, I am not alone in wanting to limit the disturbance from late night revellers.

Second of all, the houses and therefore the bedrooms are close to the road. At present, we are often disturbed by noisy passers-by at night. These are not necessarily the younger element but often customers who have left the local pubs, and like many do not realise that the volume of their conversation increases in relation to their alcohol intake. Even the more sophisticated Walworth resident is not immune from displaying inconsiderate behaviour after a good meal and a few glasses of wine. Many customers of Moyo-Ma will be "popping out" for a cigarette, chatting outside loudly in the middle of the night. It can also be intimidating when people convene in front of the door.

Finally, I can foresee an increase in traffic volume and over zealous drivers hooting in the middle of the night as a way of showing their appreciation to a good night out, which goes yet against the wellbeing of the local residents.

All this added noise is a concern when children are in bed and is therefore unacceptable. We do not want extra noise after midnight. Noise is not conducive to good neighbourliness.

Thank you and kind regards,

[REDACTED]
