

Item B1

Green, Mary

From: Green, Mary
Sent: 10 November 2006 14:58
To: 'Bowers, Mark'
Cc: Craig Silver; EricSearle (E-mail); Simon Throup; Richards, Paul; Fordham, David; Hart, Jan
Subject: RE: Burger Van/Drayton Park

Dear Mr Bowers

Thank you for your email and attachment.

I note that the letter attached to your email is dated 24 October 2006 and already addressed to Paul Richards in Street Trading Division. Nonetheless, I shall forward a copy on to colleagues in that Division. The letter will be copied to Members of the Committee, with their agenda, in due course.

Yours sincerely

From: Bowers, Mark [mailto:MarkBowers@eversheds.com]
Sent: 10 November 2006 14:34
To: Green, Mary
Cc: Craig Silver; EricSearle (E-mail); Simon Throup
Subject: Burger Van/Drayton Park
Importance: High

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Dear Mrs Green,

Many thanks for your response of yesterday.

I attach a copy of another letter of complaint from a resident of Drayton Park for the Committee and for your street trading department.

Yours sincerely

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10/11/2006

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London Borough of Islington
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For the attention of: P Richards (Street Trading)

24 October 2006

Dear Mr Richards,

I am writing to you in respect of a burger van which is situated directly outside my home, 100 Drayton Park, Highbury, London N5 1NF on every Arsenal home match day. The van in question is placed on the pavement less than 10 feet from my building.

The effect of this is that I and my neighbours are subjected to the constant noise of the operator's generator, fans sitting on our wall whilst eating their burgers and then dropping their litter and the stench of fried food.

I do not believe that the van is licensed to be pitched outside my building and I find it very offensive to have to endure the smell of the burgers and fried onions every match day, particularly when I am sitting on the communal roof terrace right above where the van is pitched.

Given that Arsenal has plenty of food outlets both in and around the ground, there is no need for any further operators, licensed or otherwise, on Drayton Park.

I have emailed the council on several occasions about this but to date I have had no response. I am informed that you are the person that I should liaise with.

I would be grateful if you could please investigate this situation and have the van removed and ensure that it stays away from 100 Drayton Park. You will appreciate that I and the other residents pay a considerable amount of council tax and would like to think that the council do take enforcement action against those who cause a nuisance to residents.

I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Victoria Bowers

Green, Mary

From: Green, Mary
Sent: 09 November 2006 11:23
To: 'Bowers, Mark'
Cc: Craig Silver; Cait Mulleague; EricSearle (E-mail); Simon Throup (home); richard@riversda.demon.co.uk
Subject: RE: Licensing Regulatory Committee Meeting 28 November 2006

Dear Mr Bowers

Thank you for your email, which I shall forward to colleagues in Street Trading Division for attention.

The Licensing Regulatory Committee will review the siting of pitches around the Emirates Stadium at their meeting on 28 November, at 10 am, at Islington Town Hall. The meeting will be open to the public.

I shall ensure that a copy of your email is copied to Members of the Committee with their agenda.

Yours sincerely

From: Bowers, Mark [mailto:MarkBowers@eversheds.com]
Sent: 09 November 2006 11:13
To: Green, Mary
Cc: Craig Silver; Cait Mulleague; EricSearle (E-mail); Simon Throup (home); richard@riversda.demon.co.uk
Subject: Licensing Regulatory Committee Meeting 28 November 2006
Importance: High

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I am writing to you with regard to the above. I am a director of a management company which runs the residential building known as 100 Drayton Park. This building comprises 84 flats. I wish to make it known to the committee that the burger vans parking on Drayton Park during Arsenal football games are causing a nuisance to residents.

A number of residents, me included, have written to the licensing department of Islington Council but have received no response. It is clear (from the attached letter as 1 example) that the burger van parked immediately outside 100 Drayton park is causing a nuisance. It should not be licensed and it should be moved. Equally, the council should take enforcement action if needed and it should monitor the situation and act on behalf of the residents who pay their council tax.

Given that there is plenty of food outlets in and around the Arsenal stadium (run by Arsenal) there is no need for these vans to be on Drayton Park. In any event, I believe that they are operating illegally without a requisite licence and not on a designated pitch.

Please ensure that this is brought to the attention of relevant persons and that it is put before the committee.

Yours sincerely

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4th November 2006

Edward Greening
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cc: P Richards (Street Trading)
T Debone,
K Dawson

Dear Mr Greening

Arsenal Burger Van outside 100 Drayton Park

I live at flat 9, 100 Drayton Park, have spent a lot of the last 3 months travelling, and have only recently come to experience a match at the new stadium.

I was shocked to discover there is now a burger van parked right outside my bedroom window (literally just over 4 metres from where I sleep).

I feel that it is wholly inappropriate that the van be parked right outside residential property – especially when the property has no front garden and is therefore set right up against the road.

The stench from the van is quite overpowering. I cannot open my windows – and if I leave my flat before a match and forget to close the ventilators, I find that my bedroom smells of fried food.

Furthermore – the van is powered by an extremely noisy generator. The noise prevents me from reading, working and sleeping in my own home. Last Wednesday (1st November) the van set up at approximately 5.30pm and was still running at 11.20pm when exasperated and unable to sleep with the noise, I finally had to resort to ear plugs. (Note that the match would have finished some time between 9.15pm and 9.45pm.

I suggest that as an alternative, the burger van could be parked on the opposite side of Drayton Park. There is a wide section of pavement opposite the traffic island, on which there is plenty of space for the van. This would be much further from any residential property and would cause considerably less disturbance in terms of both noise and smell. Furthermore, I suggest that all the vans should be obliged to switch off generators by a reasonable time in the evening.

I have spoken to a number of my neighbours at 100 Drayton Park, who are also extremely disturbed by the noise and smell. They have demonstrated their support by signing this letter. (Note that flat 10 has already made a separate complaint to the council)

Yours sincerely,

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	SIMON FORRESTER	FLAT 59
	Julie Ellis	FLAT 58
	RON NATARI	FLAT 7
	Chew Chan	flat 7
	Jenny Ricles	Flat 8

POST-SCRIPT: As I have passed this letter around to my neighbours, one has raised an extremely relevant point: the van has 2 gas canisters and sits on an incline sloping towards the flats. To keep the van + canisters in position it is popped up by a couple of wooden crates. - this represents a serious fire hazard.