

Environment & Regeneration Municipal Office, 222 Upper Street, London, N1 1XR

Report of: Service Director, Public Protection

Meeting of	Date	Agenda Item	Ward(s)
	4 July 2017		Bunhill
Licensing Sub-Committee			

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Subject:

PREMISES LICENCE NEW APPLICATION

FORA SPACE, GROUND FLOOR, 71 CENTRAL STREET,

LONDON EC1V 8BU

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This is an application for the variation of a premise licence under the Licensing Act
- 1.2 The premises currently holds a licence allowing:
 - Supply alcohol for consumption on and off the premises from 10:00 until 22:00 Monday to Sunday;
 - ii. Permit opening hours of the premises from 10:00 until 22:00 Monday to Sunday.
- 1.3 The variation application is to
 - i. To increase the terminal hour for the sale of alcohol by half an hour both on and off the premises to 10:00 until 22:30 Monday to Sunday;
 - ii. To increase the terminal hour for opening hours by an hour to 10:00 to 23:00 Monday to Sunday.

2. Relevant Representations

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Licensing Authority	No	
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Metropolitan Police	No
Noise	No
Health and Safety	No
Trading Standards	No
Public Health	No
Safeguarding Children	No
London Fire Brigade	No
Local residents	Yes – 11 Local Residents
Other bodies	No
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3. Background

3.1 Papers are attached as follows:-

Appendix 1:

application form and current licence;

Appendix 2:

representations;

Appendix 3:

suggested conditions and map of premises location.

- 3.2 The premises licence was granted on 13 October 2016.
- 3.3 The premises has been visited three times by the Licensing Team (10 March 17, 28 April 17, 8 June 17) and the premises was found to be complying with the conditions of the licence.

4. Planning Implications

4.1 No adverse observations have been received from Planning regarding this application.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 To determine the application for a variation of the premises licence under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.
- 5.2 These premises are located in the Bunhill Cumulative Impact Area therefore the Licensing Committee will need to consider Licensing Policy 2 which states that there is a presumption of refusal unless the Committee is satisfied that there will be no adverse cumulative impact on the licensing objectives.
- 5.3 If the Committee grants the application it should be subject to:
 - i. conditions prepared by the Licensing Officer which are consistent with the Operating Schedule (see appendix 4)
 - ii. any conditions deemed appropriate by the Committee to promote the four licensing objectives.(see appendix 4)

Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

6.1 The Council is required to consider this application in the light of all relevant information, and if approval is given, it may attach such conditions as appropriate to promote the licensing objectives.

Background papers:

The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy Licensing Act 2003 Secretary of States Guidance

Final Report Clearance

Signed by

Service Director - Public Protection

Date 22/6/17

Received by

Head of Scrutiny and Democratic Services

Date

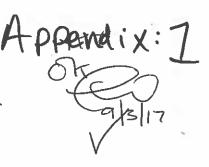
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E-mail: licensing@islington.gov.uk

WK/170006984

Islington Council



Application to vary a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

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Premises licence number 16944-131016				
Part 1 – Premises Details		,		
Postal address of premises or, i	f none, ordnance	survey map refere	ence or description	
Fora Space 71 Central Street				
Post town London		i.	Postcode	ECIV 8BU
Telephone number at premises	(if any)			
Non-domestic rateable value of	premises	£51,500.00		
Part 2 – Applicant details				
Daytime contact telephone number		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
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Part 3 - Variation

Part 4 Operating Schedule

Please complete those parts of the Operating Schedule below which would be subject to change if this application to vary is successful.

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b)	films (if ticking yes, fill in box B)	
c)	indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C)	e 🗆
d)	boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D)	
e)	live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E)	
f)	recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F)	
g)	performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G)	
h)	anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (if ticking yes, fill in box H)	
<u>Prov</u>	ision of late night refreshment (if ticking yes, fill in box I)	
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Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (please read guidance note 8).				
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Please identify those conditions currently imposed on the licence which you believe could be removed as a consequence of the proposed variation you are seeking.

N/A

Please tick as	appropriate
I have enclosed the premises licence	\boxtimes
I have enclosed the relevant part of the premises licence	
If you have not ticked one of these boxes, please fill in reasons for not including the licence or pa	rt of it
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Describe any additional steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives as a resu	lt of the
proposed variation:	01 1110
a) General – all four licensing objectives (b, c, d and e) (please read guidance note 9)	
Planning Permission has been granted for the extended hours and the 30 minutes extension for the alcohol and 60 minutes extension just for the restaurant area only will not impact on the licensing	
All existing conditions and measures will remain place.	objectives.
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b) The prevention of crime and disorder	
See a) above	

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IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION.

Part 5 – Signatures (please read guidance note 10)

Signature of applicant (the current premises licence holder) or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 11). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

Signature	Woods when
Date	8 March 2017
Capacity	Woods Whur 2014 Limited, Solicitors for the Applicant

Where the premises licence is jointly held, signature of 2nd applicant (the current premises licence holder) or 2nd applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent (please read guidance note 12). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

Contact name (where not previously given) and address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 13)

Andrew Woods Woods Whur 2014 Limited Devonshire House 38 York Place

Post town	Leeds		Post code	LS1 2ED	
Telephone number (if any)		0113 234 3055		100	
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If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail, your e-mail address (optional) andrew@woodswhur.co.uk



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Licensing Service Islington Council Public Protection Division 222 Upper Street LONDON N1 1XR Our ref AW/CC/FOR003-1-7/2500

Your ref

08 March 2017

Dear Sirs

Fora Space, 71 Central Street, London, EC1V 8BU Variation of Premises Licence

We act on behalf of Fora Space Limited, the operator of these premises and we are instructed to submit an application to vary the premises licence.

Accordingly, please find enclosed the following:

- 1 Notice of application
- 2 Premises Licence
- 3 Cheque in the sum of £315.00

We confirm arrangements are being made for the public notice to be advertised in a local paper and displayed at the premises.

We should be obliged if you would acknowledge receipt of this letter and enclosure and if you require any further information, please contact Andrew Woods at this office.

Yours faithfully

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PREMISES LICENCE LICENSING ACT 2003

Premises licence number

16944-131016

Date of original grant*

13 October 2016

*An annual fee associated with this licence is to be paid on the anniversary of the original grant date.

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description

FORA SPACE 71 CENTRAL STREET

Post town London
Telephone number

Post code

EC1V 8BU

Where the licence is time limited the dates Not Applicable

Licensable activities authorised by the licence Ground Floor

The sale by retail of alcohol

The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities

The sale by retail of alcohol:

Monday	10:00	to	22:00
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Tuesday	10:00	to	22:00
Wednesday	10:00	to	22:00
Thursday	10:00	to	22:00
Friday	10:00	to	22:00
Saturday	10:00	to	22:00
Sunday	10:00	to	22:00

Gaming Machine Provision:

Not Applicable

The opening hours of the premises:

Monday	10:00	to	22:00
Tuesday	10:00	to	22:00
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Thursday	10:00	to	22:00
Friday	10:00	to	22:00
Saturday	10:00	to	22:00
Sunday	10:00	to	22:00

Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/or off supplies

On and Off Supplies

Name, (registered) address, telephone number and e-mail (where relevant) of holder of premises licence

Fora Space Ltd 89 Wardour Street London W1F 0UB

Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number (where applicable)

09826907

Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol

Liam Daniel Nelson

Flat 16

Northmills Apartments

Lovelace Street

London E8 4FE

Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol LB Tower Hamlets - 17978

Islington Council Public Protection Division 222 Upper Street London

N1 1XR

T: 020 7527 3031

E: licensing@islington.gov.uk

Service Manager (Commercial)

Date of Issue

Annex 1 - Mandatory conditions

- 1. No supply of alcohol may be made under the premises licence:
 - a) at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence, or
 - b) at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.
- 2. Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.
- 3. All door supervisors shall be licensed by the Security Industry Authority.
- 4. The admission of children to the exhibition of a film shall be restricted in accordance with the recommendation of a film classification body as defined in the Video Recordings Act 1984 or Islington Council acting as the licensing authority where it has given notice in section 20(3) of the Licensing Act 2003.

There are further 'Mandatory conditions' applicable to licences authorising the supply of alcohol. A full list of the current mandatory conditions is available from the licensing pages on Islington's web site, www.islington.gov.uk. This list is subject to change by order of the Secretary of State and licensees and other responsible persons are advised to ensure they are aware of the latest conditions.

Annex 2 - Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule

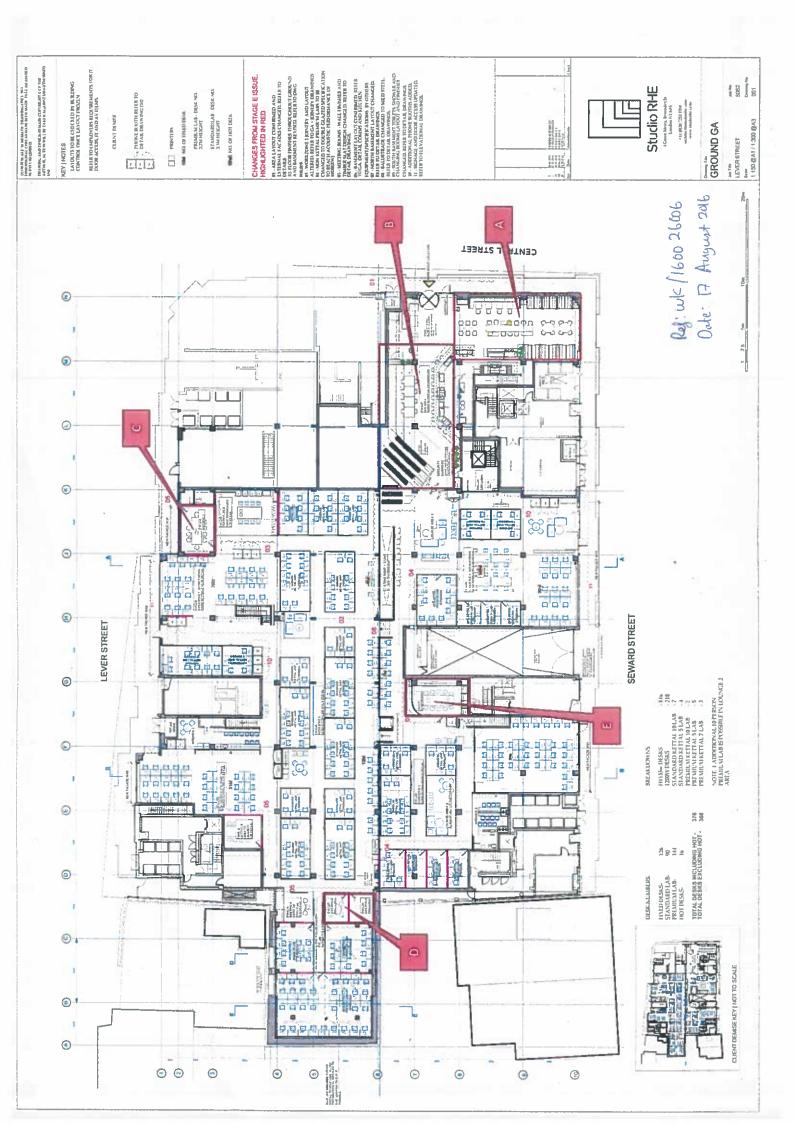
- CCTV shall be installed, operated and maintained in agreement with the Police. Maintained means that the system will be regularly serviced (at least once a year) and checked every two weeks to ensure that it is storing images correctly and a log kept and signed by a Supervisor to this effect. The system will provide an identifiable full head and shoulder image of everyone entering the premises and will operate in any light conditions within the premises. The system will cover the full exterior of the premises and shall record in real time, date and time stamped and will operate whilst the premises is open for licensable activities. The recordings will be kept for a minimum of 31 days and copies will be made available to an Authorised Officer or a Police Officer (subject to the Data Protection Act 1998) within 24hrs of any request free of charge. There will always be a member of staff on duty who can operate the system, to allow Officers to view recordings and if required by a Police Officer, provide a copy of images immediately free of charge to assist in the immediate investigation of offences. If the system malfunctions and will not be operating for longer than one day of business then Police must be informed.
- 2. There shall be no off sales other than to the area marked C, D and E on the attached plan ("the meeting room.").
- 3. The provision of off sales as set out in condition 1 to the areas marked C,D and E will be ancillary to the office use of the premises and alcohol will only be provided by way of off sales to the following::
 - a. Office tenants those persons with a minimum three month contract to occupy office space at these or other Office Group premises;
 - b. Club Room members those persons who pay a minimum membership of £150 per calendar month:
 - Virtual office members those persons who pay a minimum of £30 per calendar month and who pay a minimum charge of £10 per admission to the premises;
 - d. Persons attending a private pre-booked event or function, a list of functions to be kept at reception for inspection by the relevant authorities;
 - e. Directors and employees of the licence holder and its affiliated companies;
 - f. Persons who have pre-booked a meeting room and paid a minimum charge of £20 per visit;
 - g. Any guests of the above.

- 4. A list of the names and addresses of members shall be kept on the premises at all times together with a book showing the names and dates of attendance of any guests introduced by members. Both the list and the book shall be produced on demand for inspection by the police or an authorised officer of the Council.
- 5. The sale of alcohol in the area marked A will be to persons who are taking a table meal and ancillary to the table meal (the restaurant).
- 6. The sale of alcohol in the area marked B will be to a maximum number of 50 persons with seating provided all customers.
- 7. No drinks shall be taken outside the premises other than to any area licensed by Islington Council and to persons who are seated in such areas.
- 8. An area shall be identified for smokers outside the venue and smokers shall be monitored and encouraged not to cause noise disturbance and a maximum number of smokers set in relation to that area.
- 9. Dedicated licence taxi/mini cab service will be available within the premises for customers.
- 10. Signs shall be displayed at the exit reminding customers to leave quietly and respect the neighbours.
- 11. There shall be no waste collections or deliveries between 23.00 and 07.00 Mondays to Saturdays and none between 22.00 and 09.00 on Sundays and Bank Holidays.
- 12. There will be table service in the area marked A.
- 13. Alcohol sales in the area marked B shall only be to members of Fora and their guests.

Annex 3 - Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority

Annex 4 - Plans

Reference Number: WK/160026006 Date: 17 August 2016



Appendix2 REP1,

Williams, John

From:

Sent:

01 April 2017 20:16

To:

Subject:

Licensing
Fora space

Re application for license

Extension by Fora at central street EC1V 8BJ Dear sirs I would like vigorously object to yet another application for license extension. I was at the hearing in 2016 when we were given assurances that there would be no come back for more license extensions. There were several conditions applied to the previous license that are not mentioned in the application. We have tred to be friendly and understanding but there needs to be consideration for the residents here as well. We are tired of being plied with these requests. There are children in the surrounding flats and many of people live just 3 m above Fora and will be disturbed by the noise. We do not want more drinking and smoking outside our homes and things will likely get worse not eh summer. We requests that this application is turned down on the basis of noise and that they already have sufficient license for food and drinks. Yours sincerely

Williams, John

From:

Sent:

07 April 2017 11:51

To:

Licensing

Cc:

Tomashevski, Katie

Subject:

RE: Objection New Application: Fora Space, 71 Central Street, Islington, London,

EC1V 8BU Ref:WK170006984

Dear Licensing Committee,

I object on my and on behalf of Worcester Point Residents Association (WPRA) to the licensing variation application by Fora Space (WK170006984):

- 1) to extend the hours of the sale of alcohol until 22:30
- 2) to extend the sale of alcohol off the premises above than alcohol sale to Fora members and their guests.

On 13 October 2016 the Licensing Sub-Committee D gave licensing permission to supply alcohol for consumption on and off the premises from 10 am to 22 pm Monday to Sunday with permission for opening hours until 22 pm and with condition that off the premises sale should be only to Fora members and their guests. The reason of restriction in the letter (20 October 2016,WK/160026006) was given as "The Sub-Committee was concerned about the negative impact of the licensing objectives of the noise and public nuisance given the close proximity of residential premises with children."

Since the last decision (13 Oct 2016) the close proximity of residential premises with children has not changed, neither have the crime and disorder and public nuisance incidents improved on Central Street in front of Worcester Point (the immediate neighbourhood for above application). None of our points in our original objection (see below this email) has been changed.

In fact, staff and guests of Fora space(Palatino restaurant) have been gathering in front of the restaurant's door, next to main entrance door to Worcester Point, smoking and speaking loudly adding to the already high noise pollution affecting the residents and also littering the street since the opening of the restaurant in December 2016. The negative effect on residents will be even greater in the summer months when residents have their windows open.

If the application for extended hours/condition would be successful this time then Fora would very likely to apply for even later opening hours.

We urge the Licensing Committee to refuse this application and stick to their own decision (just about six months ago) made on the basis of the council's existing policies.



Sent: 04 September 2016 20:04 To: licensing@islington.gov.uk

Subject: Objection New Application: Fora Space, 71 Central Street, Islington, London, EC1V 8BU

I object on my and on the behalf of Worcester Point Residents Association (WPRA) to) to extended hours, late night opening, recorded music and off premises licence in the Licence Application by Fora Space, 71 Central Street, Islington, London, ECIV 8BU.

This letter represents the views of those members of the WPRA whose opinions we were able to canvass and should be read in conjunction with any separate letters of objection or support that individual residents may submit.

Planning permission for P2015/4230/FUL (Change of Use of ground floor and part basement level from conference centre (Sui Generis) to office (B1a) use, with associated flexible A1/A3 use at ground floor) was granted on 10 December 2015 subject to several conditions.

Condition 9 concerns the opening hours of A1/A3unit and states:

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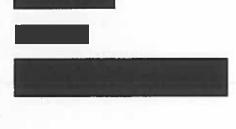
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We also request cafe owners / managers to hold 6 monthly meetings with residents/neighbours - to ensure proper management of the site.



Licensing Act 2003 representation pro-forma

Should you wish to comment on the licence application please use this form to help you. Please feel free to attach additional sheets.

You do not have to make any comment, and comments may be made in support of as well as against the application, providing they refer to one or more of the licensing objectives (please see the guidance notes for further advice).

Premises Name and address <u>Fora Space</u> , <u>F1</u>	(entral Street
Your Name:	
Interest: Home owner and resident	
(E.g. resident, business, TRA Chair, Councillor, solicitor)	
Your Address:	
Email:	
Telephone	

Please comment on the licensing objectives below relevant to your concerns or observations, you may also wish to include suggestions how your concerns could be addressed:

Public Nuisance

Substantial amount of nuisance has been recorded since opening of the restaurant/bour of Fora space. In particular, a large number of customers leaving the restaurant at or around 10 am and the taxi drivers waiting for them further increased the noise at nights.

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Please see my attach for further details

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I wish my Identity to be kept anonymous Yes/No -

We will treat representations as anonymous where there is a genuine reason to do so; if you wish your name and address details to be withheld then please explain the reason:

Copies of this representation will be sent to the applicant, or their agent/solicitor, including name and address details (but other personal contact information such as telephone numbers and email addresses will be removed) unless you have specifically requested anonymity. Copies of this representation will be included in a report that will be available to the public and will be published on the internet; however the published on-line version of the report will have name and address details removed.

Signatur	e					
Date	7	A	pril	201	7	

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Return to:

Licensing Service

London Borough of Islington

3rd Floor

222 Upper Street London N1 1XR

or send by email to:

licensing@islington.gov.uk

Licensing Service

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London N1 LXR

Re: Fora Space, 71 Central Street, London, ECIV 8BU, response to Letter ref: WK170006984

Date: 7 April 2016

Dear Sirs.

I am writing to you as a flat owner and a resident at Worcester Point with regard to your Letter ref: WK170006984 which acknowledges that a request for an extension of the current license made in respect of the foregoing premises.

I strongly object to this planning application for the reasons set out below.

Firstly, the planning application relates to the premises which are located within the Bunhill Fields Conservation Area. There will potentially be a detrimental effect upon the amenity of the area in terms of noise, nuisance and disturbance due to the new license application hence this planning application which seeks to extend the sale of alcohol hours adds to the cumulative impact and threatens the residential character of the area. An increase in the alcohol sale hours will no doubt increase the noise and disturbance caused to the residents and will create a precedent for the other premises in Central Street and Bunhill Fields Conservation Area which will in turn have a cumulative impact to the whole area.

This concern has been raised by a large number of residents numerous times during the previous planning and license applications made by Fora Space Limited ("Fora"). Accordingly, Fora amended its previous application and sought for a license approval strictly on the basis of reduced sale of alcohol from 10 am to 10pm. Similarly, during the license hearing held on 13 October 2016, the Sub-Committee underlined that the longer alcohol sale hours would likely to add to the cumulative impact considering that the residents and families with young children live only three meters away from the Fora's entrance. This is well-recorded in the minutes of the 13 October 2016 meeting which also notes that no proper investigation as to the noise levels, amount of people smoking near the premises, and the volume of the pedestrian flow have been made by the applicant. For this reason, the Sub-Committee granted the license permit on the basis of a strictly limited 10 am until 10 pm alcohol sale hours.

License previously granted on the basis of a large number of conditions and there is no reference in Fora's new application to these conditions such as no sale of alcohol to non-members in the bar area or the limitation of the 'off premises' for the consumption of alcohol. It is noted that the existing license is for the 'on and off premises' whilst the description of the 'off premises' has been well-

defined for the existing license, it is not clear from this application whether the same definition would apply. It is extremely important that all caveats/restrictions to Fora's existing license are maintained.

Having observed the restaurant as a resident of the Worcester Point and having been to Fora's restaurant; please see the acts and omissions below which are all collectively against the conditions of the existing license and /or the requirements of operating a restaurant /bar in a special policy area, in particular, the Bunhill and Clerkenwell Cumulative Impact Area of Islington:

- Fora's staff consuming alcohol outside the restaurant at the street as late as midnight.
- Fora's staff smoking and speaking loudly under our balconies as late as midnight.
- Fora's customers and staff who stand in front of our building entrances blocking our entrance
 and also leaving their cigarette ends/butts in front of our entrance door. Having a large
 number of non-residents in front of our building entrance may cause potential risks for the
 public's safety.
- Fora's customers consuming alcohol after 11 pm (i.e. after the license operation hour of the restaurant)
- For a serving alcohol in the bar area to the customers of the restaurant which are clearly not members of Fora.
- Drinks are served to non-sented customers and the customers walk around the bar and restaurant area with their drinks.
- Fora's staff leaving their non-sealed bin bags next to our entrance doors which stay there for days.
- Fora's failure to identify and maintain a dedicated smoking area next to the entrance of its
 restaurant although it was recorded during the 13 October 2016 license hearing that this was
 essential for reducing the nuisance to the residents.
- The cab drivers waiting the Fora staff at nights causing noise nuisance.
- Fora is not closing the restaurant exactly at 11pm.
- The trucks delivering the goods for Fora blocking the disabled parking space.
- Fora's staff storing significant amount combustible material such as coal outside the restaurant next to the people smoking. This imposes a risk on the public's safety.

Attached photographs are a number of documentary evidence of these incidents. CCTV records of Worcester Point and witness testimony can also be provided.

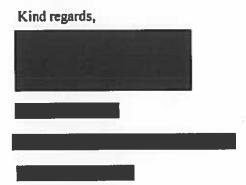
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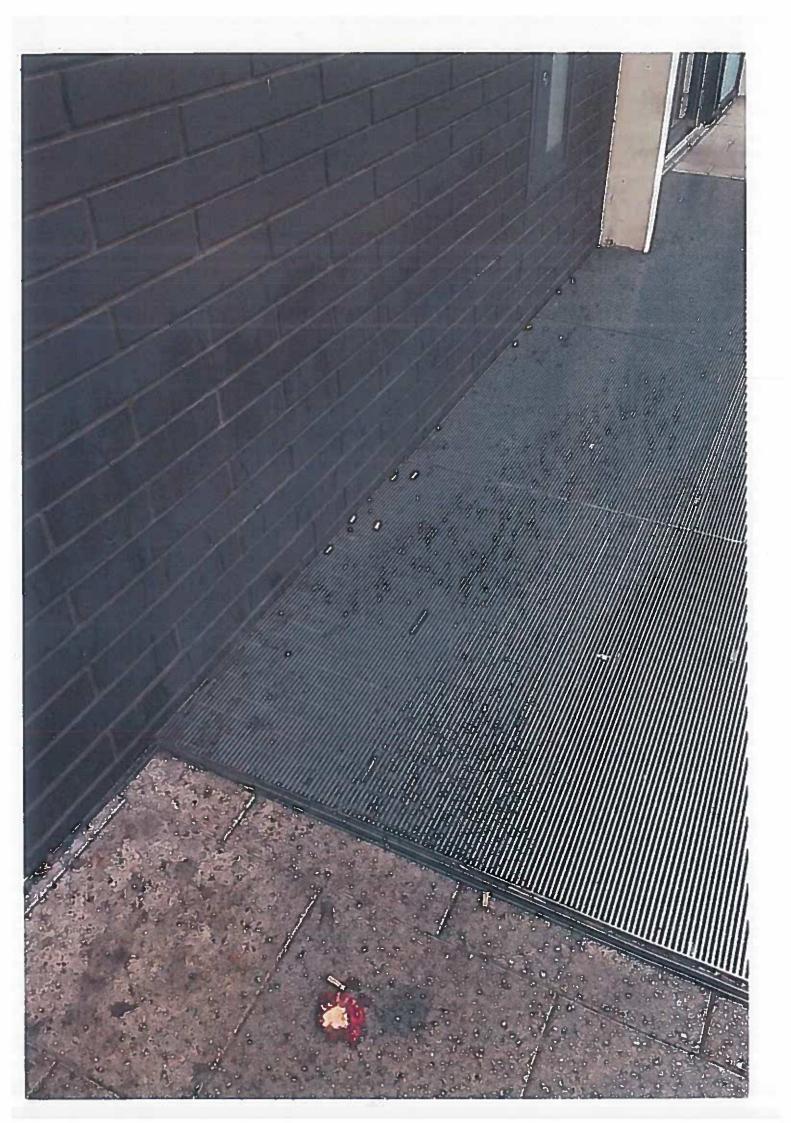
Secondly, taking into account that residential nature of the Central Street; the longer alcohol sale hours would cause unreasonable interference with the public's enjoyment of their homes. This is because, at present, most of the customers start leaving the restaurant around 10pm and there is a period of 1 hour to reduce the number of group of leaving all at the same by using one single entrance door. The new proposal will reduce this to only 30 minutes and the customers are likely to leave at later than 10.30pm. Similarly, in the previous license hearing, the Sub-Committee also noted the high level of noise that will be created by Fora's customers given the close vicinity of residential premises and pointed out the importance of limited operating hours to minimise this.

Thirdly, there were frequent crime and disorders incidents on Central Street recently. For example, on 1 April 2017, the police officers had to take a number of drunk customers out of a pub and these customers were still shouting outside the pub as late as 1.30am. For this reason, it is important to control the alcohol related violent behaviour and there should be a strict consultation with the police for extending any alcohol license.

Apart from the foregoing concerns, as the residents of the Worcester Point, we were given a number of promises by Fora, such as corporation with the residents, after the recent license application hearing however Fora has made two applications in respect of its operating hours and license hours within a period of 6 months. Hence, we question the motive behind the acts and statements of Fora considering their original license application was for even longer operating hours. It appears that Fora will constantly issue new applications in a piece-meal manner until all their applications in one-way or another are approved. As the residents, we believe that the LB of Islington will put this to end by maintaining its previous decision which has set the sale of alcohol hours to 10am-10pm.

To sum up, I have serious concerns that Fora's new application will have a detrimental impact upon residential amenities and result in increased amount of public nuisance, risks on the public safety and the crime and disorder in Central Street.









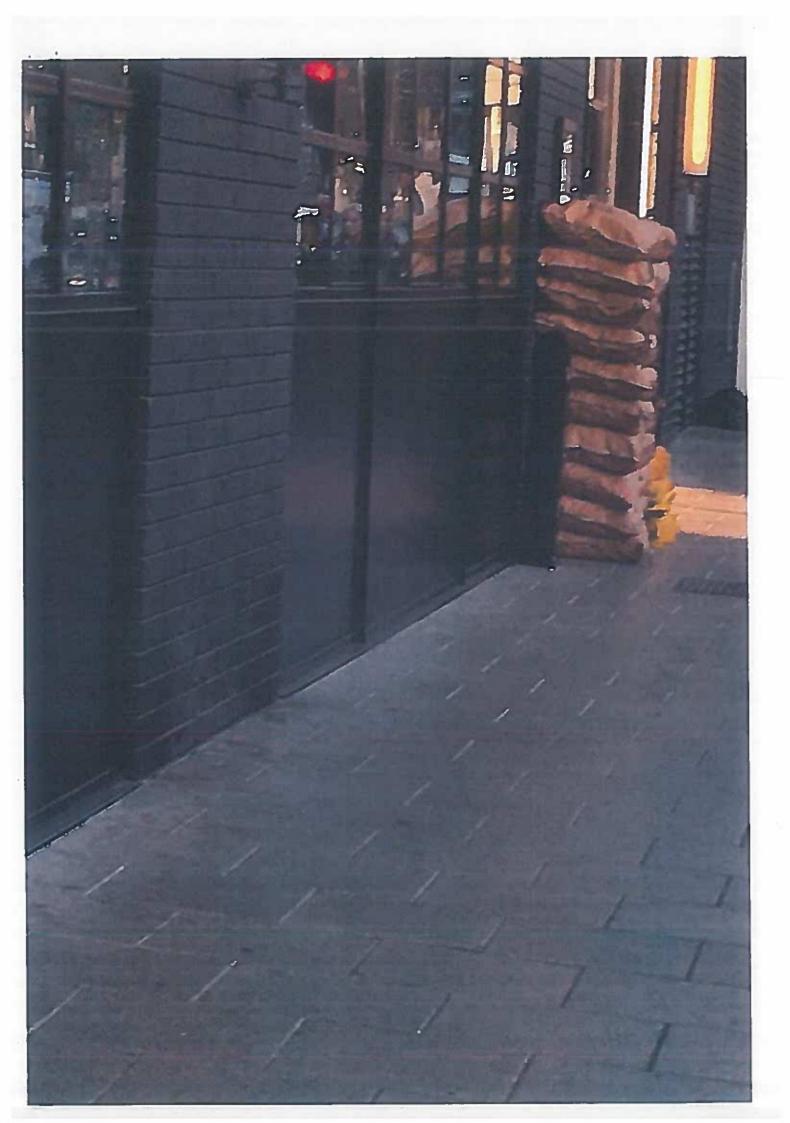


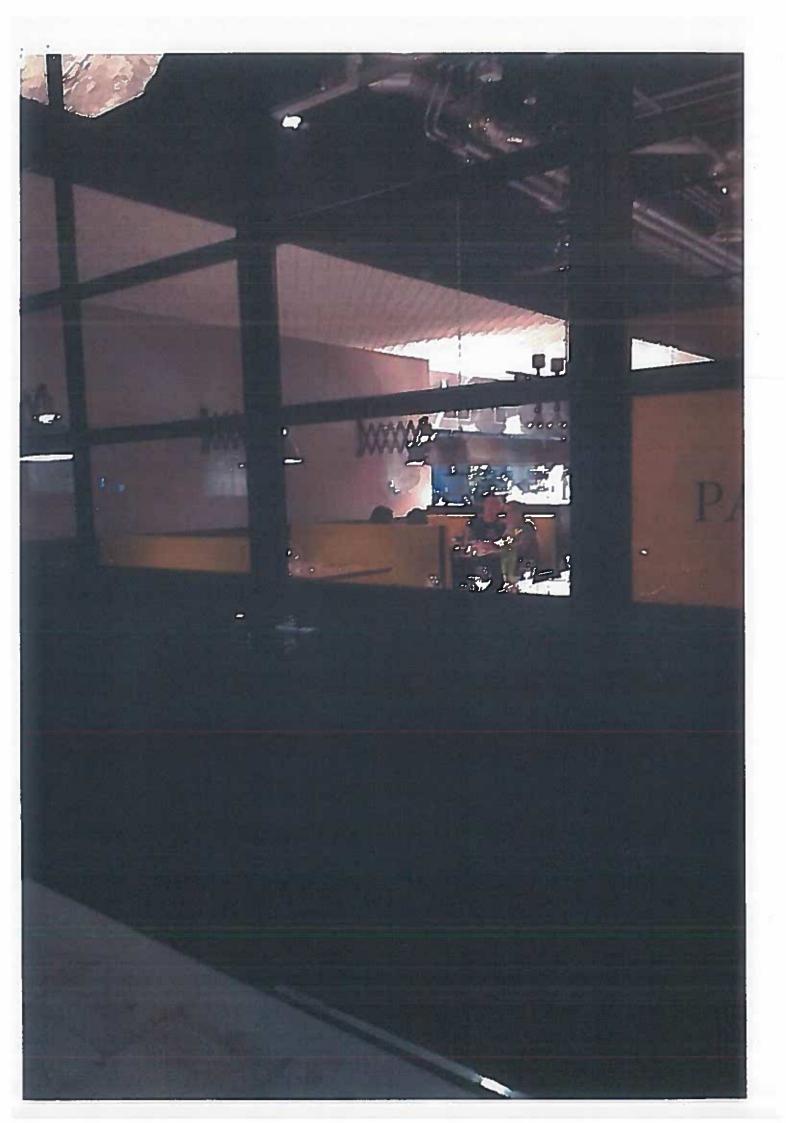












From:

Sent:

08 April 2017 11:18

To:

Licensing

Subject:

WK170006984. - Fora space 71 Central street, ec1v88U, licensing application

Objection deadline

Dear Katie/Licensing Service

I write to object to the licence application variation from fora space.

The grounds for my objection are the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

The circumstances have not changed since the previous licence application was put to the council i.e. the close proximity of residential homes. Also, since the opening of the restaurant last December, we have already experienced several times staff and guests gathering around the entrance smoking and loudly speaking which in the summer months, when windows are kept open, will be unbearable for residents above.

Although my family and infant son are, luckily, on the other side of the building on 1st floor, the category of "residents above" does include young children and infants and this is the reason why I have have taken the time to express my objection, and that of my family. I can only hope the financial interests of the leaseholder are. It allowed to trump the health (and safety) of vulnerable residents.

Sincerely yours,

From:

Sent:

09 April 2017 16:49

To:

Licensina

Subject:

Application for extended licensing hours, Ref. WK170066984

Dear Sir or Madam

<u>Palatino- Fora Space,71 Central Street, Islington, London, EC1V 8BU – Licensing Application Ref:</u> WK170066984

I am writing to OBJECT to the Licence Application by Fora Space, for 71 Central Street, Islington, London, EC1V 8BU to extended licensing hours.

First and foremost nothing has happened since the Licensing Committee's decision in October 2016 which would justify to change the Committee's decision not to allow extended licensing hours.

This objection is made in accordance with your guidance on grounds of:

The prevention of crime and disorder.

The prevention of public nuisance

Public Safety

The protection of children from harm

Planning permission for P2015/4230/FUL was granted on the change of use to a restaurant subject to several conditions and all these conditions should continue to be upheld.

To grant this application would have adverse impact on residents who live in Worcester Point, Dance Square and those along both Seward Street and Central Street. This is primarily a residential area with numerous family homes with children. In Worcester Point itself many of the flats have bedrooms, living areas and balconies directly above the restaurant and many of the Dance Square family homes are directly across the road from the premises in question. The noise level in the street has already increased with the extra footfall from customers and staff and from increased traffic flow from drop-offs and pick-ups. If the licensing hours were to be extended beyond the current evening restriction of 22.00 this is likely to cause late night disturbances to residents. Extended licensing hours may cause public nuisance and higher incidences of crime and disorder. Large gatherings of people outside the licensed premises later at night may cause concern for public safety for both adults and children resident in the area.

The Condition (9) that you have applied to the change of use in the above planning application concerns the opening hours of A1/A3 units and states:

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I would urge you to reject this application and maintain your original decision of six months ago to limit licensing hours for the above mentioned property.

Yours sincerely

From:

Sent:

10 April 2017 14:42

To:

Licensing

Subject:

Licence Application Variation WK170006984 - objection

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am submitting an objection to the application made by Fora Space, 71 Central Street, Islington, London, EC1V 8BU, to extend their alcohol sales hours until 10.30pm, 7 days a week (ref WK170006984 Licence Application Variation), as per the letter received from you by the residents of Worcester Point EC1V 8BJ.

The council has recently approved the latest in the bombardment of planning applications made by Fora Space (P2016/4469/FUL), that extends opening hours in the restaurant to 11pm.

Since the restaurant opened in December the residents facing Central Street have already experienced negative impact on our lives, as we predicted we would in our objections to earlier planning proposals. Each night, people stand in groups and smoke and chatter directly beneath our bedroom windows, getting increasingly louder with each drink taken. These are the only windows we have so we should not reasonably be expected to have them closed permanently, and whilst closing them cuts out the smoke, the noise nuisance is muted but not removed. The fact that Fora Space allows this to happen shows how little consideration they have for the welfare of their neighbours.

In the approval of the planning application in October 2015 (P2015/4230/FUL) it was stipulated in Condition 9 that the approved hours until 10pm were "to ensure the operation of any cafe/restaurant units do not unduly and/or cumulatively impact on the amenity of neighbouring residential amenity (sic), in accordance with Policy DM4.2 of the Islington Development Management Policies 2013." The council has ignored their own policy and approved hours until 11pm in the latest planning application (P2016/4469/FUL). Serving alcohol until only the current allowed time of 10pm at least means that by 11pm the street has started to quiet down and residents can get to sleep. Extending alcohol sales to 10.30pm will enourage patrons to stay longer and extend the noise nuisance and second-hand smoke inhalation. We are also fearful that this is just part of a slow creep by Fora Space towards a midnight or early hours alcohol sales licence, followed by a licence for outdoor seating and serving of alcohol.

I was disappointed to read in the approval of planning application P2016/4469/FUL that the council believed a precedent already existed for long opening hours. The previous occupants of the space, the conference centre, held evening and late evening events as an exception, and the premises were on Lever Street. I fail to see how this is equivalent to a restaurant operating 7am to 11pm every day on a different street. Now residents of Central Street, in addition to all the other anti-social noise pollution inflicted on us in this location, can look forward to this additional nuisance 7 nights a week, 52 weeks a year. It is a distressing turn of events for everyone living here.

I write this objection with no hope whatever of it being heeded. In all of the 29 "consultations" I have received since living here, the number decided in favour of residents is.....ZERO.

Yours sincerely,





From:

Sent

10 April 2017 22:10

To:

Licensing

Subject:

Premises License Application Variation - Fora Space, 71 Central Street, EC1V 8BU

Dear Sir or Madam.

I am writing to object to the application to vary the license at Fora Space, 71 Central Street, EC1V 8BU.

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From:

Sent:

10 April 2017 22:12

To:

Licensing

Subject:

Objection to Fora Space

Hi - I object to the extended hrs application for Fora space. Nothing has changed since the last application. This is still a residential neighbourhood and there are families living above the restaurant....thanks

From:

Sent:

10 April 2017 23:34

To:

Licensing

Subject:

Objection to Fora application for extension to current licensing hours - Worcester

Point, Central Street, London EC1V 8AZ

Attachments:

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Dear Sirs,

We wish to register our strong OBJECTION to the latest request made by Fora to extend their current licensing hours from 22.00 to 22.30, and to seek to vary the definition of 'off premises' as it applies to the licensed location. The grounds of our objection are as follows:

- This is the latest in a series of similar applications from Fora to keep extending their licensing hours. These have already been considered at length by Islington Council, who have previously decided to only grant a licence until 22.00 and to require Fora to meet a number of conditions given the residential nature of their immediate environs. This decision was only made four months ago. Since this license was granted we can see no changes that would warrant this further application by Fora, and as such we encourage Islington Council to stand by its latest decision and accompanying conditions, and to request that Fora desist from making any further vexatious applications which spuriously take up Council officers time.
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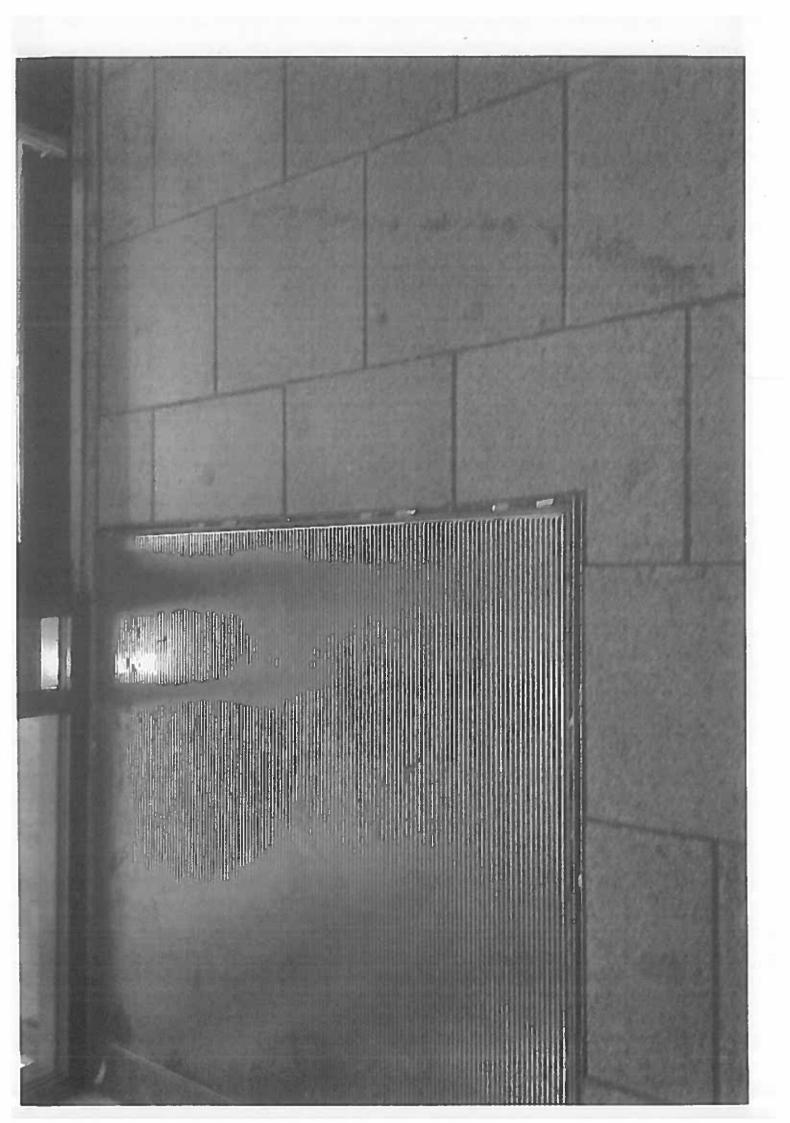
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With many thanks for your time and support,









From:

Sent:

11 April 2017 11:59

To:

Licensing

Subject:

Re: Objection to Fora application for extension to current licensing hours -

Worcester Point, Central Street, London EC1V 8AZ

Attachments:

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Dear Sirs,

Further to our email last night, the attached photo taken 15 minutes ago clearly shows 4 of Fora's restaurant team again smoking directly outside our front door. Again we make the point that any grant of off premises dining on the street in front of the current dining room will make this situation worse, with the chefs and staff being joined by diners and users of the Fora communal work space all smoking directly outside our door.

Many thanks for you help,

From:

Sent: 10 April 2017 22:33
To: licensing@islington.gov.uk

Subject: Objection to Fora application for extension to current licensing hours - Worcester Point, Central Street,

London EC1V 8AZ

Dear Sirs,

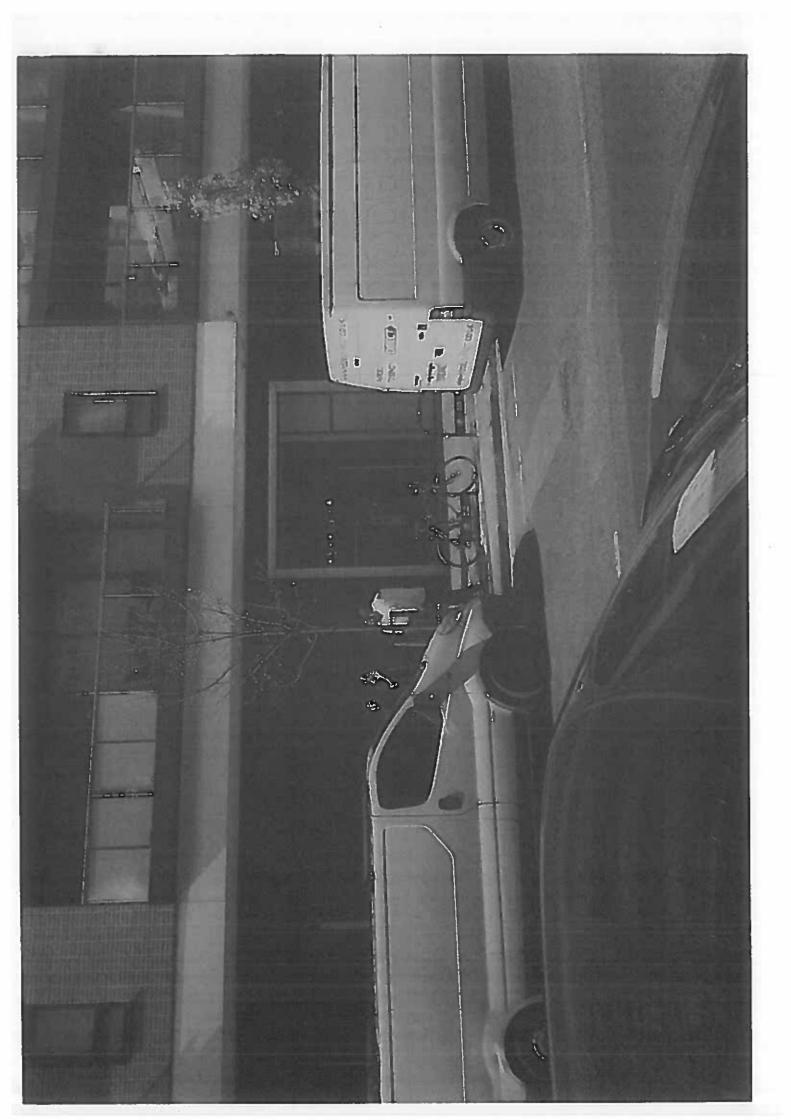
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From:

Sent:

11 April 2017 13:51

To:

Licensing

Subject:

Objection to WK170006984

Dear Katie Tomashevski,

I'm writing to Islington council once again to object to the negative impacts being created by the recent applications in my residence, Worcester Point. We are already suffering from the many issues and nuisance caused by the previous applications the Council granted permission. It seems that the wellbeing and interest of the residents are not being respected.

I am the owner and resident of flat 88 Worcester Point and I'm objecting to licensing ACT 2003 - WK170006984, requesting for an extension of operating hours of alcohol sale ON and OFF the premises as it will have a major and negative impact for residents. The letter sent by Islington Council to the residents Ref WK170006984 (with the requested changes), has no details or explanation on what ON and OFF premises are and if there is an expansion of the off premises areas.

I would like to highlight that:

- The application will extend the nuisance and noise in the area; my balcony is located on Central Street, just above the entrance of the restaurant and I'm not particularly happy to have people talking, drinking and smoking outside till late. This is not the environment you want for a residence area, especially for kids.
- The application goes against previous granted conditions on application P2015/4230/FUL (Dec 10th 2015).
 - © Condition 9: "The ground floor unit (A1/A3) hereby approved shall not operate except between the hours of 07:00 and 22:00 on any day. To ensure that the operation of the unit do not unduly impact on residential amenity and/or cumulatively impact on the amenity of neighbouring residential amenity, in accordance with Policy DM4.2 of the Islington Development Management Policies 2013." The permitted delivery times attributed to B1/A3 being between 10am 4pm Monday Friday (paragraph 10.32).
 - Ø Licensing Sub-Committee D granted license permit for the A1/A3 unit on the 13th October 2016 with restricted opening hours from 10:00 am until 22:00 pm. Among the reasons the Sub-Committee noted policy 18 for the protection of amenity for residents.

Again, I want to highlight that if you again grant permission to Fora, soon they will set tables outside (on the side walk) and will continue to ask for an extension of the hours to better serve their clients. However I want to remind you that the Council should be looking after the residents wellbeing and rights, as this is a residential area.

In addition, I would like to bring to your attention that Fora has been operating outside the granted permission submitted on Plan P2016/4469/Ful as they are already selling alcohol after the 10pm hours and they are never closed by 11pm.

Your attention to the	above matters is ver	y appreciated,				
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Objection to WK170006984

Dear Katie,

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I am the owner and resident of flat 88 Worcester Point and I would like to object to the licensing ACT 2003 - WK170006984, requesting for an extension of operating hours of alcohol sale ON and OFF the premises as it will have a major and negative impact for residents. The letter sent by Islington Council to the residents Ref WK170006984 (with the requested changes), has no details or explanation on what ON and OFF premises are and if there is an expansion of the off premises areas.

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- The application will extend the nulsance and noise in the area; my balcony is located on Central Street, just above the entrance of the restaurant and I'm not particularly happy to have people talking, drinking and smoking outside till late.
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- Finally, I would like to bring to your attention that Fora has been operating outside the granted permission submitted on Plan P2016/4469/Ful as they are already selling alcohol after 10pm and they are never closed by 11pm.

Your attention to the above matters is very much appreciated,

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