

Sent: 13 November 2023 10:36

To: Licensing <Licensing@reigate-banstead.gov.uk>

Subject: Opposition to variation of premises - 12 Chipstead Station Parade -FW to DM and PM

To: Licensing Department

Reigate & Banstead BC

Town Hall

Castlefield Road

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Dear Licensing Officer,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the application for a variation of The Grape Variety Premises on 12 Chipstead Station Parade, Chipstead, CR5 3TE, submitted by Mr Thomas Johnson. My concerns are as follows:

I was unaware of the initial license approval, and as result I did not have the opportunity to voice my concerns. Despite attempting to retrospectively oppose the license as per your instructions (Licensing@reigate-banstead.gov.uk) sent on 28th September 2020, my attempts to contact the license line officer were ignored, denying me the chance to address my grievances.

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- The noise level from the bar is already unbearable and has adversely affected my ability to sleep. This disturbance had led me to seek medical attention in the past, including visits to my GP and the use of sleeping tablets. The extension of the premises would exacerbate this issue, further compromising not only my well-being but that of other people living around 12 Chipstead Station Parade

- The patrons leaving the bar are often loud and disruptive, extending well beyond the permissible hours, especially during weekends. This disrupts the tranquillity of the neighbourhood and hampers everyone's ability to enjoy a peaceful living environment. I previously reported this through the noise app , as advised by the council.

- The persistent noise compelled me to frequently seek refuge at other family and friends and not being able to enjoy my own living space. The noise is often so loud that I cannot switch off or listen to anything else indoors.

- I would like to bring to your attention that the situation has worsened with the bar's decision to work with pop-up catering businesses such as pizzerias on Thursday, that prepare their food on fire right under my window. This has given rise to increased health and safety issues due to smoke entering my flat. The windows are now fumigated and blackened, causing occasions where I find it challenging to breathe. The introduction of this additional disturbance further adds to the already compromised living conditions.

In conclusion, the extension of the bar premises would undoubtedly exacerbate the personal issues I am already facing due to the existing disturbances. I urge you to consider the negative impact on my quality of life and the well-being of the neighbourhood before approving this extension. Elderly people and also family with very young children live next to the bar and the quality of our lives is diminished.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will carefully weigh the concerns raised and make a decision that prioritises the welfare of the community.

A hard copy of this letter has been also sent to the Reigate address above.

Sincerely,

Aura Burghiu

Chipstead Station Parade

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