

SUPPLEMENTARY 1

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Thursday, 12 September 2024

**Agenda Item 3. Licensing Act 2003 - Application for a
Premises Licence: Aroma, 951 Green
Lane, Dagenham RM8 1AD**

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Subject: Outbuilding at rear of Barclays

Dear Licencing

We, Cllr Andrew Achilleos, Cllr Yusuf Mukhtar and myself Cllr Glenda Paddle contact you again today regarding the upcoming **Licensing Sub Committee hearing for premises licence application, Aroma, 951 Green Lane, Dagenham RM8 1AD.**

It is our belief that there are elements missing from the reports which need to be fully investigated and included as material considerations in any hearing. Namely, the additional permanent structure which has been erected next to the premises seeking license.

This is a chipboard structure listed in the licensing document as a “garden” but is hardstanding with a planned usage as a ‘shisha bar’. We were led to believe that this was a license application for change of use to a restaurant and permitted sale of alcohol.

There is no mention of the ‘shisha bar’ operating. Not only this but as can clearly be seen, and as has been pointed out by residents, the area is now built over drain covers and blocks access to drainage systems for the whole row of shops. Was planning permission granted for this structure? We not only have drainage concerns, but also concerns about the use of hot coals in a chipboard structure constituting a fire risk.

Residents, who have also submitted objections, have been monitoring the site and have identified a number of other concerns such as the poor lighting and lack of parking at the access point to the ‘shisha bar’ which has an entrance to the rear of the property as detailed in the attached photographs. Times and dates are provided for all of these.

There are also increased safety risks with on street parking at the front of the property. This is already an issue with cars parked out front daily, as you can see in the photos provided by residents. There is a blind spot from the bus stop and pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles would have difficulty anticipating vehicles exiting from, what is, an unnatural pavement route for cars.

Add to this the significant anti-social behaviour already in existence at this location with recent incidents reported at the Fiddlers, outside the Golden Fish, located just opposite this site. We have grave concerns that the applicant is already showing flagrant disregard for the rules, and a lack of both responsibility and accountability for their actions – such as parking and erecting a permanent structure prior to licensing approval.

We would ask that this all be investigated thoroughly, then raised with the committee formally with enough time for them to digest the additional information before a decision can be made.

We attach a Power Point presentation with the relevant photographs and times and dates taken.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email.

Glenda
Councillor Glenda Paddle, Cllr Andrew Achilleos and Cllr Mukhtar Yusuf
Whalebone Ward

Licensing Sub Committee Hearing for Premises Licence Application Images

Aroma, 951 Green Lane,
Dagenham RM8 1AD

Image taken: 1656hrs on 2nd September 2024



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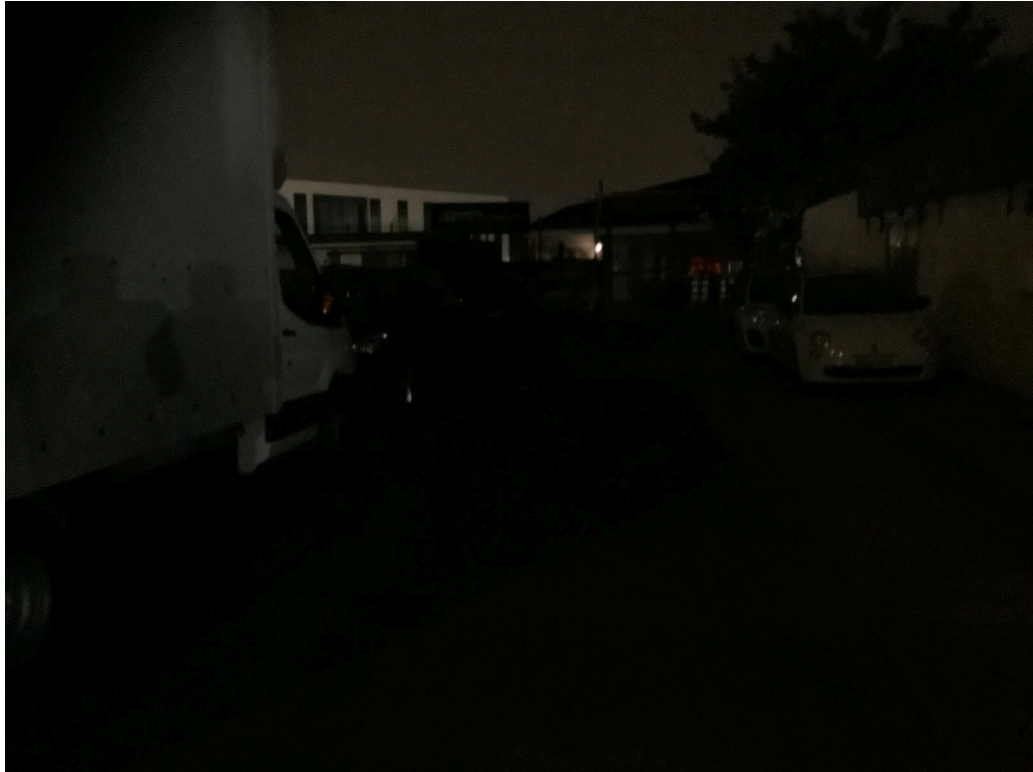
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