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From: James Durcan [REDACTED] >
Sent: 08 December 2021 11:09
To: Breese, Robert
Subject: Re: Barbie Green Licensing Application

THIS IS AN EXTERNAL EMAIL

Dear Mr Breese,

I am writing to object to the Licensing application by Daisy Green in relation to the Barbie Green premises in London Wall.

My grounds for objection are that the proposed expansion of the license is likely to result in public nuisance, particularly to local residents. This public nuisance would be prevented if the application were refused.

This is the third time in three years that Daisy Green has made a licensing application in relation to these premises. One might believe that Daisy Green are hoping that the Licensing Panel will succumb to continuing pressure and / or that local residents will give up the battle to preserve their neighbourhood against public nuisance. It is disappointing that the restaurant, which is much used by local residents including myself and my family, should submit this application without any consultation with local resident groups.

Residents were strongly opposed to the granting of an off sales license in 2019 and pleased when the Licensing Panel denied that application. In 2020 Daisy Green tried again and received permission for off sales Monday to Friday 11am to 6pm. Those restricted hours reflected a realisation that off sales later in the evening or at weekends, coupled with the proximity of seats and benches nearby, could easily result in substantial public nuisance. (Residents already suffer from skateboarders using that space, particularly at weekends.) The current application to expand the off sales license until 8pm in the evening and on Saturdays and Sundays raises very real concerns that it could lead to public nuisance. It seems odd that a restaurant whose opening hours on a Sunday, according to its website, are 8.45 am to 5pm wants a license to make off sales until 8pm. Is the restaurant proposing to cease serving food and on sales of alcohol at 5pm but continue making off sales until 8pm?

The proposal to serve on sales of alcohol from 9 - 11 am in addition to the current hours of 11am to 10.30 pm also raises concerns. Currently Barbie Green attracts those seeking a coffee and something to eat in the mornings. By serving alcohol through the morning there is a real risk of changes in the customer base that could result in greater public nuisance, particularly at weekends.

The restaurant appears to have recovered well from the problems caused by the pandemic to the extent that it now curtails the times available for lunch or dinner to 90 minutes or 100 minutes. From a commercial perspective that is entirely understandable but, extending the off sales license until 8 pm, would create a greater probability that diners would continue drinking off the premises with greater potential for public nuisance.

I would like to be notified of the date of the hearing as I, and other residents, would like to attend and present our objections in person.

James Durcan

Chair

Andrewes House Residents Group

