

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2017/18 REPORT NO.

COMMITTEE :
Licensing Sub-Committee
29 November 2017

REPORT OF :
Principal Licensing Officer

LEGISLATION :
Licensing Act 2003

Agenda - Part	Item
SUBJECT : Application for a New premises licence	
PREMISES : Oakwood Park Cafe, Pavilion Cafeteria, Oakwood Park, Oakwood Park Road, LONDON, N14 6QB.	
WARD: Southgate	

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT:

- 1.1 IP7 has replied to the applicant's response to the local resident objections, which is seen below in Annex 6.

Annex 6

From: Anelia Andreeva
Sent: 21 November 2017 00:44
To: Ellie Green <Ellie.Green@Enfield.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: IP7 - Oakwood Park Cafe, Pavilion Cafeteria, Oakwood Park, Oakwood Park Road, LONDON, N14 6QB. [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Dear Ms Green,

Thank you for your email.

I confirm that I would like for my objection to the granting of the above licence to remain in place.

Although I have read the response provided, this in no way dissipates my concerns previously stated.

Whilst I appreciate the fact that the UK is a diverse country and that each parent is responsible for the upbringing of their own children and how they wish to introduce them, or otherwise, to alcohol it does concern me when that freedom of choice is removed and the availability of alcohol imposed on all those who do not wish this to be the case. I do not believe that having alcohol being sold in such close proximity to a children's playground (the only one in a vast radius), and a meeting point for parents and children of a whole spectrum of ages and ethnic backgrounds, is healthy for the upbringing of the generations to come. I believe in the freedom of everyone that has come of age to make their own decisions as to their own attitudes towards alcohol however when this becomes so trivial that children as young as two, three, four, five... would see it, and its resultant behaviour, on the way to an afternoon walk in the park or playtime at the playground, it would, in my opinion, send the wrong message to our young ones. In time, I fear, the park will become a place frequented by those attracted by the provision of alcohol. As a community I feel that we should be looking out for the best interests of everyone including our children, who do not have a say in this proposal, rather than the profit-making aspirations of a single individual. Should

children's prosperity be at the forefront of the applicant's interests (as stated in his response) I should believe that there would be a variety of avenues to pursue at the Oakwood Park Café that would provide for the combination of both – benefiting the community as a whole whilst remaining profitable.

With regards to the point raised about installing CCTV on the premises - this not only addresses my fears precisely but actually reinforces them. If there were no concerns around what the provision of alcohol may bring around then surely they would be no need for a CCTV in the first place. In other words – CCTV would only be installed due to the increased vulnerability surrounding the premises with the introduction of alcohol. As we are all aware, there is no CCTV currently on the premises as there is no perceived need for this. Should the applicant wish to install CCTV for added security within the vicinity of the café without applying for an alcohol licence I would have no objection for that but to state that he would install a CCTV because there would be alcohol on the premises only goes to validate the fears that we have been so far voicing.

Regretfully I shall not be able to attend the hearing next Wednesday however I would like to reiterate that my objection to an alcohol licence being granted should still remain in place for the reasons above.

I trust that you would find this in order but should you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Anelia Rousseva