

Annex 7

IP3 Representation

From: IP3

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Dear Enfield Council Licensing Team,

My partner and I have heard via neighbours that the pub, the Hop Poles at 320 Baker St, a couple of hundred metres from our home, XXXXX Canonbury Rd, has applied for a variation in its licence to extend opening times in order to supply alcohol, late night refreshment, performance of dance, and live music on Saturdays and Sundays beyond its current time of midnight and as late as 2.00am. We are horrified at the thought of the application being granted and we wish to submit our objection.

We in the neighbourhood, that is the densely populated area of mainly terraced houses, and flats immediately around the Hop Poles pub (Primrose Ave, Rosemary Av, Kenilworth Cresc, Canonbury Rd, Priors Mead, Tenniswood Rd, Weardale Gdns, Lavender Rd, Lancaster Rd, and Baker St) already put up with the noise nuisance caused by the pub having a late licence until 12.00 on Saturdays and Sundays, especially during the many months of warmer weather when we have to have our windows open when in bed at night. The music itself can often be heard coming from the pub, particularly the constant thump, thump of any bass, and then there is the noise of the patrons leaving from 11ish onwards after a few drinks, often in small groups, talking, laughing loudly, sometimes shouting while walking past our homes. (The police have attended the corner of Priors Mead/Canonbury Rd to break up noisy arguments/fights following a late night session at the Hop Poles.) Then there is the slamming of car doors belonging to vehicles inevitably parked outside our houses and in our streets because there is insufficient space in the pub car park, and the driving off noisily.

To inflict this noise nuisance on us even further into the early hours of the morning, possibly every week end, by granting the Hop Poles an extended licence would be extremely unreasonable.

We residents of this part of Enfield already have to contend with the noise nuisance of another SEVEN pubs within a kilometre of the Hop Poles (not including those in Enfield Town) None of these seven pubs are allowed to serve drink or play music much beyond midnight. And several of these pubs, which happen to be located in the Local Heritage residential area - Cricketers, Crown and Horseshoes, Moon Under the Water - are not allowed to cause noise nuisance beyond 11 pm.

Additionally, Enfield Town is already served by several late night drinking, dancing and music venues in its town centre, where the surrounding buildings are largely commercial and sparsely populated, so that noise nuisance has much less of an impact. Adding the Hop Poles to this list would be an anomaly.

Taken on its own, the above in itself should be sufficient to support our objection to an extension of the Hop Poles license, but sadly it should also be looked at in the context of the already existing anti-social living conditions in and around Canonbury Road: as well as dealing with the existing Hop Poles licencing hours, we have to contend with extremely heavy traffic volumes (including two major - W8 and 191- bus routes at the junction of Baker Street and Lancaster Road, causing noise and horrendous air pollution; noise pollution from rat-running traffic in Canonbury and Tenniswood Roads; noise from sports cars from Yiannimize on Baker Street revving and speeding; noise and pollution from drivers parking and dropping off at the 12 hours per day walk-in NHS Hub in Tenniswood Rd; noise and pollution from drivers parking and dropping off at the local schools, particularly Chace secondary school whose playing field is just at the back of Canonbury Rd; the noise of several hundred school children letting off steam in their break time; the noise when these children leave school and walk down Canonbury Rd, and then join pupils from other nearby schools to congregate at the bus stops on Lancaster Rd. (The problem of extensive litter in the street dropped by school children and occasional fly tipping in Priors Mead is for another day!) We are also dreading the several months of noise pollution that will shortly start 50 metres from our front door with major building work on a 'four-new-homes' project.

It does not help that I suffer from a chronic neurological illness and have to spend most if not all of my day at home and sitting in the garden on a mild day sometimes becomes intolerable because of the noise. Plus I suffer from several sleep disorders, so that when the bedroom window is open, on some days even the noise of very early morning traffic on the M25 will wake me up. Having extended licencing hours at the Hop Poles pub would make it even more difficult to get a reasonable nights sleep.

We urge the Council to please decline the Hop Poles' application for a variation in its licence.

Thank you for taking our views into consideration.
Yours faithfully,

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