

Annex 4

IP Representations

****All residents who have made objections live in Oakthorpe Road, Chimes Avenue, Ecclesbourne Gardens and Grove Road****

IP1 Representation

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is xxxxx xxxxx and I live with my family at xxxxx xxxxx and directly opposite the Pavilion.

I called many times the council after midnight on weekends to complain about the loud noise from the music especially during the Summer when the doors are open. On weekends the situation is unbearable with loud voices, people leaving the premises arguing or laughing and talking loudly and leaving empty bottles and rubbish outside my house which I need to clean the next morning.

Some times there are arguments with police involvement resulting us to stay awake for a long time after midnight .

Sometimes during the week when they have meetings, or other big functions the cars are parked everywhere even on the double yellow lines ..

Other times massive buses blocking the road and the situation is terrible.

The pavilion is suppose to be a community centre but is more like a night club in a residential area.

Many times I thought to put my house on the market and find somewhere else to live .. It is very sad indeed to even thinking that way because I love my house and the pavilion is forcing me to move out.

It will be a disaster for our neighbourhood to extent the opening hours to midnight on week days and serve alcohol This is a residential area and We need to rest at night and go to work the next day.

How can we go to sleep with drunken people coming out of the pavilion, shouting and arguing right outside our bedroom window ?

It happens now on the weekends but if is every night we will become ill and driven to leave our homes .

Please do not extend the hours with alcohol license on weekdays and if is possible you need to review the existing license of alcohol and noise control outside of the centre on weekends .

I am writing to you and asking you to help and protects us by refusing the license.

Thank you

Yours faithfully
Xxxxx xxxxx

IP1 Additional Representation

Dear Sir/Madame

Following my July email I sent to you to object the extension of hours and alcohol at the Darji Pavilion I am sending this email today to object for the new hours proposal for the exact same reasons stated in my previous email.

The pavilion suppose to be a community centre and not a night club serving alcohol in a residential area.

The situation is terrible when people coming out of the centre on weekends and make noise and leave rubbish outside our homes. Many times I clean the empty beer bottles left on my side wall and many times people keep me awake from the noise with laughing and talking loud when coming out of the centre and go to their cars.

It is bad enough on weekends but If that happens on week days we won't be able to sleep until passed midnight and that will have a very bad impact in our work performance and wellbeing.

Can you please make sure you consider my fears and do something about it.

I am desperate to solve the massive problem.

Maybe we should involve our local MP to support the objection or take it further involving a court hearing Please help and let me know what you suggest and what is the best next step.

Thank you very much

IP1 Additional Representation no.2

I enclose herewith pictures I took on a week day just before midnight right outside my gate and outside the bedroom window.

You can see the cars parked on the double yellow line opposite the pavilion and right outside my house.

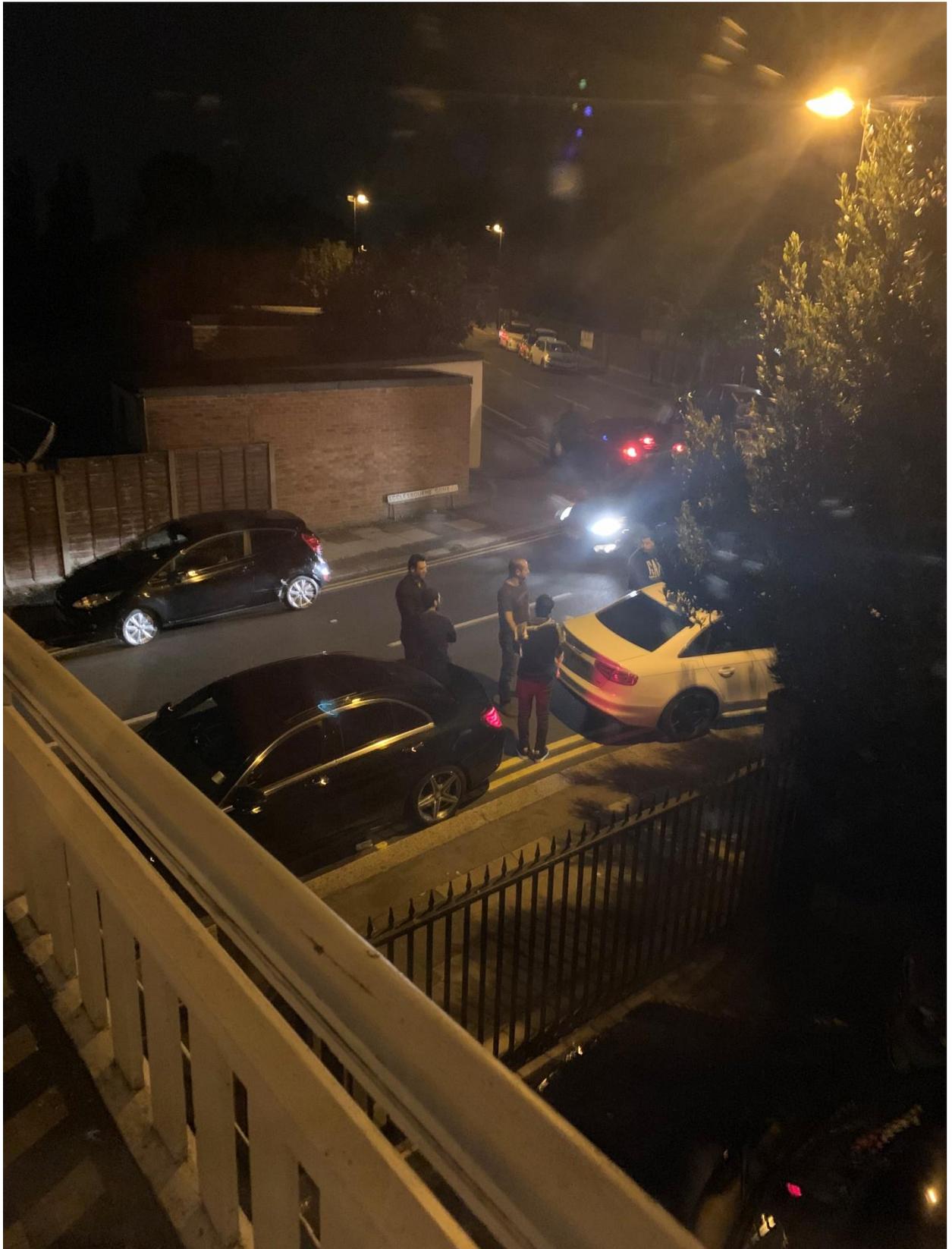
The people were talking and laughing very loud after leaving the pavilion going to their cars standing there for ages creating too much stress to myself and my family.

That happens every weekend pass midnight and during the week days some days up to midnight .

The situation is unbearable.

I wish I could represent myself and bring the evidence to the hearing.

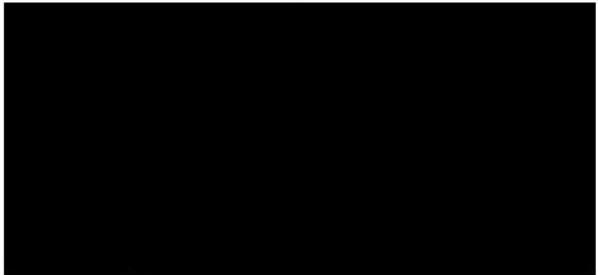
I will also be very great full if you can present my emails to the hearing.







IP2 Representation



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BEING GRANTED PTO.

THANKING YOU

IP3 Representation

I wish to object to the above application under the Licensing Objectives of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder, and the Prevention of Public Nuisance.

Increasing the hours for alcohol sales and performance of live music, recorded music and dance to 1.00am on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and midnight for the rest of the week, will certainly disturb the peace of this predominantly residential area. The residents in Oakthorpe Road, Ecclesbourne Gardens and Riverway already suffer from noise and disturbance when the Darji Pavilion closes 1.5 hours earlier; an extra hour and a half available for the consumption of alcohol and the playing of music will undoubtedly increase that suffering.

The noise emanates not only from the loud music, particularly the incessant drumming, but from the patrons arriving and leaving the premises. They may very well be advised to be considerate of the neighbours when departing, but this does not mean they will. Groups of people often loiter outside, particularly on Oakthorpe Road, waiting for their friends and during that wait, will often be sitting on the fences of the houses, talking loudly and carelessly dropping litter and cigarette butts on the footpaths. Most residents have their bedrooms at the front of their houses, so that sleep is often disturbed by the general chatter and by cars starting and revving their engines. There is not enough parking on the Pavilion grounds, so that cars are often parked in the surrounding roads.

It is a condition of their present license that doors and windows are kept closed but not locked during any amplified music entertainment. This stipulation is not always adhered to. The front and side doors are often left open for air, since they do not appear to have installed air conditioning, so that not only noise, but cooking smells permeate the area. On Sunday, 7 July 2019, for instance, all the doors were open in the afternoon during some noisy celebration taking place.

For the reasons mentioned above, I wish to object to the granting of this Variation of Premises License. It can also be noted that the Darji Pavilion is a purely commercial business in this residential area, available for rental to any organisation and offers no added value to the local community.

IP3 Additional Representation

I still object to the extension of hours for sale of alcohol and playing of music, notwithstanding the change of hours.

IP4 Representation

Dear Sirs,

I have just heard the above Community hall have applied for late night opening every night until midnight, plus a licence for alcohol.

I am devastated that this could possibly be granted. They are a thorn in our sides at present with all the loud noise, the cars etc., hooting when they leave, the rudeness & loud swearing that goes on when we are endeavouring to get some sleep. They sit on our walls & talk, sometimes using foul language & eating food. In the morning we are left with cans, sometimes half full of drink, plus empty food containers which we have to clear up.

This road has a lot of elderly people living here, including myself & my husband. Some of them are far from well and could do without all this commotion. On the other end of the scale are families with young children and all of us need sleep. Most people work & have to get up early too.

We are also now a cut through to the North Circular Road, which means we endure lots of traffic quite early in the mornings. There is also the constant coming & going of traffic in and out of the Mosque.

This often causes hold ups in the traffic and again we suffer hooting & swearing at other times of the day.

I beg you not to grant the above amendments to the licence they already have. It will make our life really unbearable. Please think how you would feel if you lived in what was once a lovely quiet road.

It has already changed considerably and not for the better.

Thank you for reading this and I can only hope you can grant our request.

IP5 Representation

My name is xxxx xxxx and I am a current resident of xxxxx and am strongly opposed to the application by the Darji Mitra Mandal to allow their premises to remain open until midnight Monday to Thursday and 1am from Friday to Sunday and serving alcohol until 1am.

We live in a residential neighbourhood and request that it stays this way. The Darji is already a public nuisance with current opening hours causing:

1. Countless noise complaints from attendees spilling out onto the street before/ during and after their events
2. In general events utilise loud music and drums to aid their celebration. Even with the doors closed these drums can be heard from our house with the windows and doors shut

3. The carpark is not adequate to handle current attendees turning the street into a carpark. Numerous occasions people park over single yellow lines boxing us into our own driveway

4. Children playing on the street are often in high danger of cars not seeing them in the dark of the evening.

If this permission is granted it would be in objection to your four Licensing Objectives:

1. Prevention of crime and disorder

Allowing party goers to consume alcohol until 1am on any night of the week heightens the opportunity for violence and disorder. We are often met in the morning with smashed bottles on the road and vandalism to our cars. This will only increase the frequency of these events.

2. Public Safety

The Darji Mitra Mandal is on a busy road where cars drive quickly around blind corners. The addition to late party goers who would be intoxicated until 1am increases the chances of people be hit by cars.

3. Prevention of public nuisance

- To reiterate my opening statement this is a residential street in a quiet neighbourhood. It is ludicrous to think that the new permit would allow the venue to serve alcohol and host parties until 1am on a Sunday evening when the majority of the neighbourhood will need to get up for work in the morning.

- The noise produced by the music from bands, drums, people outside the venue and people spilling onto the street already keeps us awake at night (Often beyond the current 10.30pm curfew). I could not imagine having to wait until midnight on a Wednesday evening to get some sleep before waking up for work at 6am to commute into the city (which is where the majority of the community works)

4. Protect Children from Harm

- Again my concern here is the cars driving fast in the early hours of the night and the precedence of children playing outside the venue being put in harms way.

If the Darji Mitra Mandal wants to open Commercial hours they should move to a commercially zoned area.

Could you please confirm receipt of my letter and keep me abreast of the progression of this licensing application. I am happy to represent these beliefs in any forum necessary.

IP6 Representation

I xxxxx xxxxx of xxxxx live directly opposite the Pavillion. This road is already used as a rat run, suffers on a weekly basis from congestion from the local mosque where the residents and mosque have issues in relation to parking and abuse hurled at mosque attendees every Friday prayer. The road has a number of facilities on it including an old people's home, school, large mosque, park and is a heavily used road where no traffic measure were ever introduced.

I have lived at this location since 2004/5 and have had to come out to deal with fights where I have also called the police, experienced noise until midnight and beyond and recall several petitions by neighbours to put a stop to late night noise. The council would be called often to assess noise and those who booked the venue would often ignore any noise restrictions.

The venue is surrounded by residents - being situated adjacent and surrounded by several residential roads. It is highly inappropriate to allow any extension that introduces noise and possible disruption and/or violence into such a setting and along a busy rat run road with limited parking and no speed measures. This borders on irresponsible. 80% of crimes are alcohol related and should be considered in context with a local mosque and any community tensions and the safety of old people travelling to and from the mosque for prayer times that could coincide with this.

If such a measure was ever to be granted then the local authority and of the owners of the Pavillion should pay for triple glazing on all windows for all neighbouring properties and place noise mitigating measures including sound proofing the premises entirely and externally placing such measure as conifers along its entire boundary and increase its car parking level with lay-by facilities for coaches that often deliver guest; contribute to road traffic flaming measures, upgrade its CCTV presence internally and externally with a direct connection to the local police and limit events to every other Friday and/or Saturday.

There are several wedding venues within 10 minutes from this including one by Palmers Green triangle (5 min walk), two wedding venues close to the civic centre and one on the north circular near IKEA (all within 10 mins drive). I completely accept the use of the Darji Pavillion as a religious hall for festivals and to hire out for occasional community events but not to monetise the hall at the detriment of the local residents, local school children, families and local communities.

IP6 Additional Representation

I have seen what appears to be a new notice and a change of hours. The new notice repacked the old notice in exactly the same position and may be perceived by many to remain to be the old notice. Can a letter be sent out to all neighbours to advise the change please.

With regards to the requirement to be open everyday up until 11:30 and serving alcohol is not appropriate.

Firstly - the Darji Pavillion has rarely shown restraint in terms of noise and finishing on time. The hall is hired out for private functions and rarely will the occupants of those private functions adhere to the closing requirements and the clean up operation will occur after that time.

Secondly and more importantly is the issue of alcohol. Alcohol driven crime and anti social and violent behaviour will ensue from this. I have personally had to call the police and have dealt with violent fights occurring outside my property. I have had Group of travelling communities use the front garden as their toilet facility and use my car as a bed. Not even the police were able to control this crowd whom openly held bare knuckle fighting in the middle of the street.

Thirdly - given the proximity to a old people's home, residents, school, playing fields and mosque there is already a huge amount t occurring on this street and now to add a commercial entity and alcohol to the detriment of local residence is unacceptable given the proximity of several other commercial halls within a few minutes of this location.

If the hall is used for religious functions, weddings on weekends, albeit noisy during the day then that is acceptable and even this already causes a lot of parking issues alongside the mosque but to add alcohol and the potential for events every day would create issues for parking, potential fights with local mosque, noise nuisance, anti social behaviour and increase road traffic issues. This venue is situated not on a high street or industrial estate but in the heart of a residential area and on a road used as a rat run and neighbouring a mosque, playing field and school.

I am against the original and amended proposal

IP7 Representation

Thank you for the below update.

My husband was the one that submitted the original objection but I would like to add my voice to this.

The amended times do not change the fundamental issues here, namely:

- Doors are left wide open which means that noise including music, drumming and that of party goers is not contained (nor is there any attempt to).
- Children are sent outside to play and are running around and screaming past 11 (last night being one example).
- Just because the license ends at a certain time, it doesn't mean that people quietly go home- people loudly loiter, carry on conversations etc for quite some time and there is traffic noise as people try to maneuver around all of the illegally parked cars.
- Cars park on both sides of the road, on double yellow lines, on T junctions and in front of residents driveways. I have several times been yelled at for pointing out that I cannot get into my own home if a car is parked outside my gate. The infrastructure is simply not there to support that many people in a residential area.
- The local street ends up littered with smashed bottles, cigarettes etc.
- There are drunken confrontations which are not only a nuisance but do not make residents feel safe.
- When I have tried to make a noise complaint, the council does not pick up the phone or reply to web complaints and the owner/ manager (who's number is on the signage) say they will sort it out but simply don't.

I am happy to answer any questions but please note that I strictly oppose this application.

If the signs were more prominent to those affected but don't walk past that fence (i.e those who's properties back on to the canal) I dare say there would be twice as much outrage.

IP8 Representation

Dear Sir/ Madam.

We object strongly to proposals to extend hours even later than 11.30 pm at above address even to 1 am! for consumption of alcohol and its obvious noise nuisance associated with this.

1. This is a residential area already over burdened with various noise nuisances around.
2. The disturbance the proposal WILL inevitably cause is an infringement to human rights of working people in the area who need to rise at say 7am to go to work.
3. The proposal offers no benefit to the residents of the area.

Please do NOT allow this. Thank you, on behalf of the residents.

IP8 Additional Representation

Dear sir or madam. You will recall that I have already given disapproval of the above site to extend times of operation for reasons of public nuisance. I note that there is now a fresh request from them. I hope that regardless of the slightly reduced times you will keep my original disapproval as still standing on grounds of high potential of noise pollution and other related neighbour disharmony issues to the general residential area.

IP9 Representation

Darji Mitra Mandal of the UK has applied to the London Borough of Enfield for an extension of licence permit.

- Alcohol Sale up to 1.00.a.m., Live Music, Recorded Music and performance of dance for the following times. Extension by 1.5 hours to people attending Event/Function within the hall premises only-Monday to Thursday 11.00.a.m. To Midnight, Friday/Saturday/Sunday 11.00.a.m. To 1.00.a.m.
- Premises Darji Pavilion Community Centre, 28, Oakthorpe Rd, London, N135JL.
- Representations in writing to London Borough of Enfield Licensing Team, PO Box 57, Civic Centre, Silver Street, Enfield, EN1 3XH or email licensing@enfield.gov.uk by 1st August 2019.
- There is a need to address 1 or more of the 4 licensing objectives.
 - 1] the prevention of crime and disorder
 - 2]public safety
 - 3]the prevention of public nuisance
 - 4]the protection of children from harm

Objections.

Noise of people inside and around premises, car doors shutting, noise of car engines as arrive and leave.

Alcohol consumption can lead to drunkenness, loud behaviour and aggression.

This is a residential area in the streets around the Darji Pavilion and people need quiet for undisturbed sleep so they are ready for work in the morning and are able to relax on weekends and children need undisturbed sleep in preparation for school and for their general health.

The extension to the license could lead to congestion in the surrounding streets due to parking and queuing of traffic as cars are leaving the premises

The area around the Darji Pavilion is a residential area already under stress.

Oakthorpe Rd and surrounding streets suffer from cars queuing to get onto the North Circular, parking restrictions due to events and festivals at the MCEC Mosque and the Pavilion which cause parking on residential streets, parking of clients' cars from Art Motors on the North Circular Road. Furthermore, football matches in the sports field on Saturday and Sunday mornings mean that spectators and participants park in the local area.

The proposed development of the former care home on Oakthorpe Road can only bring more traffic alongside the previous development of Truro House and flats in its grounds.

There is already a high volume of traffic in an area adjacent to the North Circular Road which brings pollution. This can only add to the pollution.

There are problems in the area due to congestion of traffic on narrow roads resulting in arguments between drivers as they have to reverse to let traffic through.

Sometimes cars ferrying people to events park illegally on double yellow lines making it difficult for car drivers to see as they turn the corner from Chimes Avenue into Oakthorpe Road.

There seems to be no overview in the planning for this residential area or consideration to the quality of life of its residents.

Yours sincerely,

Xxxxx xxxxx

IP10 Representation

This is regarding to an application for variation of premises at Darji Mitra Mandal, 26 Oakthorpe Rd, N135JL

I wish to raise my objections to this application.

I live at xxxxx xxxxx along with my xxxxx year old grandson. I believe it would be detrimental to his health and well being if music was allowed at these premises at such a late hour.

I live only a few yards from these premises and have to put up with present noise levels so please do not make it worse.

Also people with cars are a public nuisance problem, due to constant noise of closing car doors and shouting and hollering of drunken revellers.

This place was built as a community hall, it was never intended to be a venue for weddings and the like.

IP11 Representation

I wish to object to the proposal to extend the licensing and opening hours of the Dharji Mitra Mandal in Oakthorpe Road, N13.

The Mandal is in the middle of a residential area. The proposal to extend the licensing (and function/opening times) will cause noise pollution for local residents. The venue is used mostly as an event hall - with loud music playing, congestion of vehicles and on occasion, an increase of rubbish on the streets. It's not just the noise arising from the centre (music) that causes a problem for residents, but people tend to stand outside the location to have a break from the event/smoke a cigarette, and can be noisy - even when visitors go to their cars once the venue has closed can disturb residents. There is very little consideration given to residents, and to extend the licensing hours of the centre will cause even more disturbances than currently experienced.

Even most pubs on the high street where there is not such a concentration of residential dwellings do not open such hours - presumably due to potential problems such as noise and drunk people wandering the street committing criminal offences and other anti social behaviour. It is only right that the logic behind limitation of pubs' opening hours are considered in this application.

There is also an ongoing problem with visitors parking in the area. Visitors to the centre (and also to the nearby mosque) do not always respect residents' rights to park on driveways, and a number of times deliberately block garages and dropped kerbs. Calls to enforcement agencies rarely result in removal of offending vehicles,

and where removal is the preferred course of action (rather than the issue of a ticket), this usually means a waiting time of over an hour, meaning residents are forced to either abandon their travel plans or seek alternative methods of transport. Even recently when a car blocked our dropped kerb and we could not take out our car from our garage, a call to the vehicle removal office said that we were "fifth" on the list and no estimate of time of arrival of the vehicle to remove the car blocking our drive could be quoted.

Residents in this area have long suffered with increased traffic, pollution, noise and congestion, and the problems keep getting worse, with very little acknowledgement or support from Enfield Council. These proposals go against Council's initiative for quieter neighbourhoods and safer streets. I would therefore urge the Council to consider the effects and impact on granting this extension requested by the Dharji Mitra Mandal, not only on local residents, but on the wider community and respectfully ask the Council to refuse the application.

IP11 Additional Representation

If the Council was minded to grant the application as per the request, I think there could be a number of conditions/solutions attached/imposed - obviously depending on views from other residents:

For example,

To counter the noise:

- After a specific time (eg 9.00pm), the doors to the venue must remain closed;
- Given the hot weather experienced recently, and if large events are being held (with many people in attendance) there must be adequate ventilation in the centre so people do not need to open doors to get fresh air, especially if music is playing;
- Drinks must not be taken outside the venue: all alcohol must be consumed on the premises;
- A person responsible for the venue should be on-call to attend premises in event of excessive noise (noting that the Council does operate an out of hours noise service);
- Sale of alcohol should stop about an hour/30 mins before the event concludes.

To counter parking issues/congestion:

- Controlled parking/parking charges should be applicable to all non-residents - this would reduce the numbers of cars parking in the area and blocking drives, congestion etc;
- Perhaps the local mosque could offer their car park for use during events (and vice versa);

- There should not be any events/prayers going on at both venues at the same time;
- Any quicker assistance from the Council to remove obstructing vehicles would be appreciated;
- Installing CCTV to ensure people do not park illegally.

The problems experienced locally have increased over time, and I think it is only right that representatives of both the mosque and the centre have a role in any resolution and take some responsibility in trying to address the current issues.