#### PART C

# Representations against the Premises Licence (in support of the review) Continued

#### **IP14** Representation

Sent: 20 May 2020

#### **REVIEW OF THE PREMISES LICENCE**

I write in connection with the above; I am a resident of xxxxx.

#### **Prevention of Public Nuisance at the Premises**

Whilst the premises internally appears to be largely controlled, the customers of the Cafe Bar who congregate, often in large numbers, outside the premises immediately after being served coffee and alcohol fill the pavement regularly making it difficult for pedestrians to pass. The customers routinely intimidate female members of the public often using offensive and inappropriate comment, even to teenage girls. My daughters will routinely try and avoid walking past due to fear of intimidation.

Smoking control outside and adjacent to the premises does not exist

Recently during the COVID lockdown the customers have flagrantly abused the rules about congregating on pavements around the premises making it difficult for others passing to comply with the 2m rule.

The customers often get into arguments with local residents and on a few occasions customers have been seen urinating on local roads and back service lanes.

Routinely the customers park vehicles (largely vans and pickups) on Alderman's Hill or adjacent roads such as Grovelands Road, ignore issues of parking restrictions, junction visibility and pedestrian safety.

The cafe bar management appear to have little regard for customer behaviour and nuisance arising immediately outside or adjacent to the premises, or their sense of place in the community and this predominantly residential area.

#### Crime & Disorder

I am not aware of any evidence linking the premises to crime

I call on the council to influence change during this review license and if the license
is renewed ensure rigid conditions of operation are imposed, made public and
monitored.

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#### **IP15** Representation

**Sent:** 21 May 2020

I am a resident of xxxxx (no.xxxxx) and I would like to provide representation for the review of Broomfield Coffee Bar's club premises certificate. I object to Broomfield Coffee Bar being granted a premises licence/club premises certificate for the following reasons:

#### Unsociable, obstructive and intimidating behaviour by customers.

Pre lockdown, crowds of men would gather pre and post work, blocking the pavement outside the bar smoking while commuters have to walk through their plumes of smoke. I've often had to walk on the road as customers refuse to move aside for passers by.

Alongside this is the unpleasant and intimidating gawping at female passers by which I have also experienced personally.

#### • This largely operates as a bar, not a food establishment.

The existing license states that:

- 3. Alcohol shall only be sold ancillary to a meal purchased at the premises.
- 4. Alcohol shall only be served to people taking table meals or waiting to be seated for a meal.

I rarely observe food being consumed in this establishment. Customers come here to drink, socialise and watch sport on the big screen. Occasionally I have witnessed alcohol being consumed outside the premises.

#### • This business adds little to no value to the local community.

Not used by locals, it attracts a contingent of male customers, mainly tradesmen, who arrive in large polluting vehicles (vans and trucks) that cause congestion and often park illegally (blocking residential drives, parking over white lines, on kerbs and over double yellow lines).

Recently I and many neighbours have been contacting Enfield Council on a daily basis to send out traffic wardens to fine cars parked on the double yellow lines opposite the bar.

This has become an increasing problem since the bar opened for takeaway services post lockdown, as customers flock to buy drinks and loiter outside/opposite the bar in large crowds, not respecting social distance rules. Unfortunately, few are penalised for illegal parking as they move their cars before the attendants are able to issue a ticket.

The car belonging to the bar's owner has also been spotted parked on the kerb over double yellow lines blocking visibility for drivers exiting Grovelands Road.

Additionally, the area outside the bar has recently become flooded with boy racers, speeding up and down Aldermans Hill, parking illegally on double yellow lines opposite the bar, doing burnouts. I have video evidence if required (too large to attach to this email). One driver was also seen putting a fake parking ticket on his car to deter wardens.

# • Bar owner has done little to encourage social distancing outside its premises post lockdown.

The lack of social distancing outside and opposite the bar has been truly disturbing. When lockdown was announced and shops, including Broomfield Coffee Bar, closed at the end of March, there were no crowds or issues with social distancing on Aldermans Hill. On 10th April, the day Broomfield Coffee Bar opened for 'takeaway', I had to walk through a crowd of five outside the bar to get to the grocery store three doors down. And the crowds have continued to increase ever since. I and many others on our street have continually reported to the police the issue of crowds gathering after buying takeaway drinks from this establishment. Men congregate outside or in the vicinity of the shop, making no effort to social distance or allow others walking past to do safely. The owner himself has also been spotted socialising with these groups.

#### • No respect for our conservation area controls.

The outside seating area was expanded late last year/early this year without applying for the necessary planning permission.

#### **IP15 Representation Continued**

**Sent:** 21 May 2020

Dear licensing,

I would like this to be formal representation. Thank you for sending the grounds on which representations can be made and accepted.

I have highlighted a number of examples below which relate to:

#### Public safety:

- The lack of social distancing outside the bar, some groups including the bar owner himself.
- Illegal parking practices by the bar owner and his customers.
- Prevention of public nuisance and crime and disorder

- The consumption of alcoholic beverages outside of the bar's permitted licence conditions.
- Bar customers doing burnouts.

As I mentioned, me and my neighbours have been calling 101 to report the lack of social distancing in around the bar, but they do not have the capacity or resources to do anything about it.

#### Photo evidence attached

1 - Bar owner's car parked illegally (on kerb and double yellow lines)



2 - Bar owner (on right in hoodie) opposite bar not social distancing



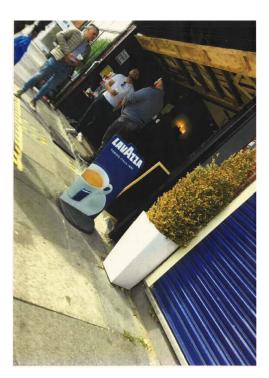
3 - Crowd outside bar not social distancing



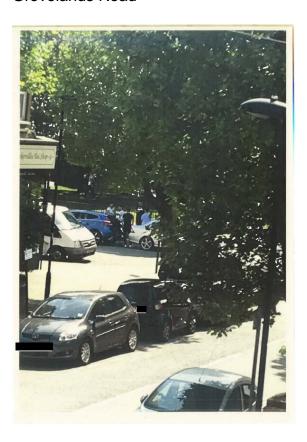
4 - Crowd outside bar not social distancing



## 5 - Crowd outside bar not social distancing



# 6 - Crowd opposite bar and boy racer parked illegally (double yellow lines) on Grovelands Road



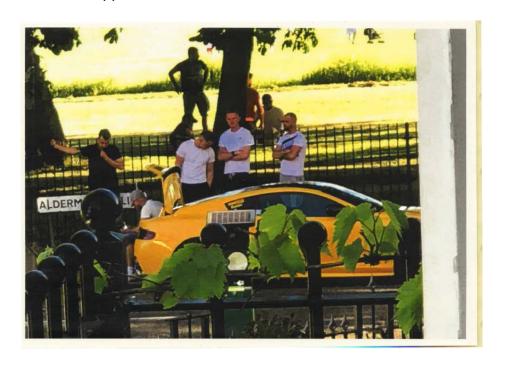
### 7 - Crowd opposite bar not social distancing



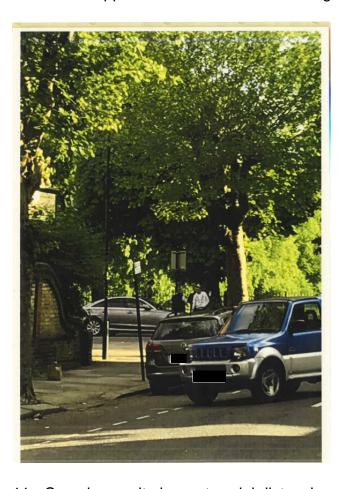
## 8 - Crowd opposite bar not social distancing



## 9 - Crowd opposite bar and on corner of Grovelands Road



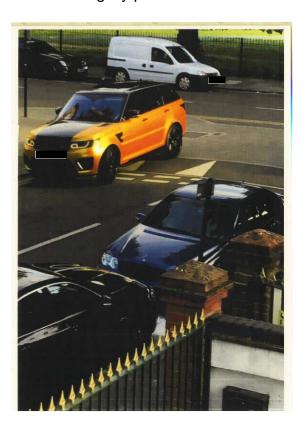
## 10 - Crowd opposite bar not social distancing



11 - Crowd opposite bar not social distancing



12 - Car illegally parked



13 - Boy racer recorded doing burnouts - also not social distancing



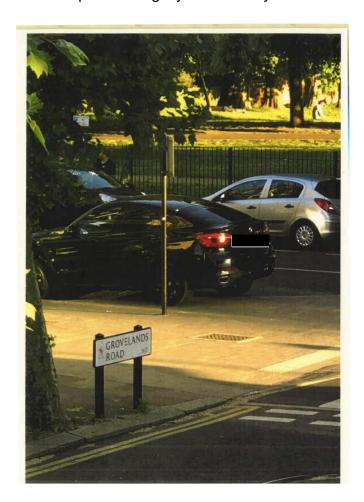
14 - Boy racer recorded doing burnouts and parked illegally on Grovelands Road



15 - Row of cars parked illegally on double yellow lines



16 - Car parked illegally on double yellow lines outside bar



17 - Van parked illegally on Grovelands Road



#### **IP16 Representation**

Sent: 21 May 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the renewal of the license at Broomfield Coffee Bar.

The proprietor and clientele are constantly flouting the rules regarding the use of their outdoor area. They take over the entire pavement smoking and drinking alcohol and make it virtually impossible to pass by without feeling very intimidated. Every time my xxx year old daughter walks past they also make her very uncomfortable. Since lockdown they have made no effort at social distancing. Whilst I appreciate this does not directly affect the license renewal it shows how they have no consideration for the local community and potentially passing on the virus.

On more than one occasion I have been leered along with my children. The worst experience was walking past with my xxx children at 4pm on a Friday evening and shouted at asking "what the fuck was I staring at?" Apologies for the foul language but I wanted to make it clear exactly how intimating they are. I called the police and made a formal complaint against them which the police followed up. This incident occurred on Friday 10th April, the police reference number is RCG-1335-20-0101-C.

These men are completely taking over the area purposely travelling to the area and gathering in large groups that makes it very uncomfortable just by walking past them. You have the power to change the atmosphere in this area which is slowly changing in a very negative way. Please do not let renew their alcohol license or outside license so they at least they will be confined to only inside the cafe.

Please find this email a formal representation to object to the license for Broomfield Coffee Bar and their premises license.

This is in relation to the following points:

- Prevention of public nuisance:
- Public safety, and
- Protection of children from harm

With regard to the last point I refer to the incident that occurred on 10th April which I reported to the police as I feared for my safety and the safety of my xxx children aged between xxx and xxx. Police reference RCG-1335-20-0101-C.

I live on xxxxx so have no choice but to walk past this premises on my way home from supermarkets/train station/bus stop etc. and every time I walk past it I am made to feel very uncomfortable.

The constant flouting of the rules regarding their outside area and taking over the pavement is directly related to points 1 and 2. To put it bluntly I should not have to walk in the road to walk past a cafe safely.