

**IP1 Representation**

**Supporting Representation**

RE: Tables and chairs licence review at Broomfield Café Bar N134PP

Date 09/06/20

Dear Sir/Madam

May I please bring to your attention the issues, concerns and observations I have made and experienced. This is relating to continual breaches in the current licensing, regarding pavement tables and chairs at Broomfield Café Bar. Most of which I cannot provide photographic evidence for. This is due to being directly outside the premises. I will be open to abusive attacks and retaliation by defensive management and staff.

**Excessive pavement noise**

As a closely situated resident to Broomfield Café Bar, I am routinely subjected to excessive pavement noise. This being shouting, yelling and laughing by people drinking and socialising on the seating/smoking area outside. This routinely starts from as early as 6:30am and has continued to as late as 02:30am. This being without the exception of New Year's Eve.

This is also amplified beyond measure, when fuelled by the consumption of alcohol. The designated pavement area is not adequately supervised to control the number of patrons and their behaviour. It is not controlled by management or staff, in any manor, to prevent noise nuisance to public residence.

It is the responsibility of the premises licence holder to ensure these noise levels at the seating area are adequately maintained at correct intervals, of which they are not. I have also witnessed the manager and staff contributing to the noise nuisance and number of patrons on the pavement seating area outside the premises.

**Group gatherings**

It is also apparent the number of people outside the bar cannot exceed the recommended number of 10 at any given time. Even though, I feel this number is far too large for a pavement of this size and location. Friends and acquaintances do not restrict themselves to the seated areas provided. I have witnessed additional seats being brought out from the premises to accommodate increased numbers taking residence on the pavement.

This, when accompanied by additional patrons taking residence by leaning against cars for smoking and social engagement, causes restriction to public right of way. This crowding of the seating area and beyond, is not regulated at any frequency by the premises licence holder or staff. There again, is no regulation in terms of numbers and behaviour of patrons. This shows a lack of regard for the protocols set by the local authorities and lack of social responsibility toward the wider community.

### **Restriction to public right of way.**

I have seen members of the community hesitantly trying to pass, with unease, due to large numbers of intimidating crowds that make no effort to ease public right of way. I have witnessed members of the public, including those with limited mobility, use the road to pass freely instead of the pavement outside the premises.

I have witnessed members of the community use the road to pass freely to maintain their own social distancing during lockdown, even though social distancing is not being maintained outside by patrons of Broomfield café bar.

I know of aggressive and defensive behaviour encountered by members of the community when kindly requesting ease of access outside the premises.

I myself cross the street when I need to pass by Broomfield Café Bar. This is to avoid negotiating large intimidating crowds outside the premises and avoid antagonising comments and behaviour.

I feel this is a breach of the premises licence holder to not adhere to the protocols that ensure and maintain the above does not cause a problem to local residents.

### **Music noise**

I have witnessed excessive music volume from the pavement and excessive crowd noise during private parties. I have witnessed excessive TV volume outside the premises and excessive crowd noise when providing sporting entertainment. This is also with the exterior doors of the premises wide open.

(Please refer to video A of previous representation, to witness exterior doors wide open while providing entertainment)

I have witnessed transit vans being unloaded with additional chairs to provide overspill seating inside and on the pavement outside, during the screening of large sporting events. All of which displays a consistent negligence to the licencing agreement related to pavement seating areas.

The premises licence holder does not make any subjective assessment of noise levels outside the perimeter of the premises and its seating area. It is the responsibility of the licence holder to ensure this is done at regular intervals. This is to ensure noise levels from the premises do not cause disturbance to local residents.

### **Rival conflicts**

On the 11 June 2018, 22:36pm I witnessed the tables and chairs of Bromfield Café Bar, pavement seating area, being thrown into the road. This was in the path of oncoming traffic, causing a serious danger to motorist and pedestrians. This was related to a large street fight with a rival gang, trying to resolve a conflict with patrons and staff of Broomfield Café Bar. This fight broke out at the seating/smoking area of premises.

I called 999 immediately as I considered this to be a very serious incident. Having misplaced the Cad no, I am sure this incident can be crossed referenced by your team.

(Please see video evidence A, taken from my window)

I believe this may possibly be a result of the antagonising behaviour by patrons using the outdoor seating area. Behaviour which is not regulated or monitored at any interval by management or staff of the premises.

### **Traffic restriction**

I have witnessed, on many occasions, traffic problems caused by friends and acquaintances double parking vehicles to socialise with patrons using the seating/smoking area outside Broomfield Café Bar. This recently caused beeping traffic of cars and busses up Aldermans Hill, towards Cannon Hill. This was due to the driver refusing to move until he had finished his conversation with patrons using the seating/smoking area.

This resulted in conflict with the car behind, which in turn, resulted in a near physical attack in the street. This led to one car reversing into another in anger before speeding off. (cad no: 7034 25/05/20)

### **Pavement drinking**

I have witnessed the consumption of alcohol in glass bottles on the seated area outside and by people standing in the street. This is by friends and acquaintances who are not being seated for a meal and not awaiting to be seated for a meal. I have witnessed pavement drinking as late as 02:30am. This again being without the exception of New Year's Eve.

I have witnessed the sale of alcohol in glass bottles off the premises to the driver of a car and his passengers, while parked outside the premises. This occurred during lockdown. (Please refer to email, cad number and photos. Charlotte Palmer 28/04/20)

### **Litter**

The overcrowding and general management of the seating area and pavement outside the premises causes the littering of vast amounts of discarded cigarette ends and cigarette boxes. Even though ashtrays have to be provided by law.

These are not swept up by staff prior to closing and are left in the street for the local services to tend to. I have also witnessed cigarette ends, cigarette boxes plastic bottles and carrier bags being blown with a leaf blower, from outside the premises, into the street and park opposite instead of being swept up responsibly.

This shows a complete disregard and negligence to environmental issues. I feel this is the responsibility of the premises licence holder and staff to maintain the cleanliness of the designated seating/smoking area and pavement.

## **Summary**

I feel it is the responsibility of the premises licence holder to ensure the terms and conditions of the licence are adhered to at all times. It is the terms and conditions provided, that when adhered to, maintain the social harmony required to operate a commercial business within a residential conservation area.

I feel it is the lack of consequence in the continual breach of licencing conditions that encourages and perpetuates the above behaviour.

I therefore feel inclined to completely object to the renewal of the tables and chairs licencing based upon the concerns and observations I have mentioned within my representation.

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## IP2 Representation

I wish to write in complaint of the people who run and use the coffee bar who are intimidating local residents and, I understand, threatened to beat up a police constable who asked a crowd of them to disperse. The police constable clearly had no back up available to help him so was forced to retreat. This is a very worrying situation, especially in view of the [REDACTED] connections which they clearly have. Hundreds of such customers from all over North London are using this establishment as a [REDACTED]. They clearly feel they have safety in numbers and seem to see themselves as a new order who can completely disregard the law and our whole community with impunity. I fear that we are going to have a serious problem on our hands if this is allowed to continue and this area will become a no go area for anyone who values their safety. I have already raised my concern at their disregard of social distancing and the two attached photographs show that they have marked out the territory of the half of the pavement they perceive they own with yellow lines. This has nothing at all to do with social distancing as they have all wilfully ignored it right from the start.

The other photograph shows that they altered the structure of the front of the building without planning permission. I believe this was done about last October or November but it has only come to my notice that they did not have planning permission recently. It also shows a group of about five people within the shop failing to social distance. These people are a danger to our community in different ways and this establishment should be closed permanently with immediate effect.

I think it would be wise to withhold the identities of everyone who has taken any action against the cafe as these are people who may take reprisals against any of us, including members of the council.

Those of us who live in Grovelands road are unanimous in wanting this cafe closed permanently. The few of us who have taken the trouble to write are reflecting the views of the entire street and others besides.

This is something we all feel very strongly about. These people are adversely affecting our environment with their littering, their abusive behaviour and their crowding of the pavements which occurs every day continually all day.

It is inconceivable that the health hazard to our community that they present is irrelevant.

You may not have work colleagues who have died of Covid 19 but I have.

In my view the owner unsuitable to hold the licence.

The obstruction of the pavement caused by this means that the pavement is often totally blocked and social distancing is an issue because pedestrians are forced to walk in the road in order to get past safely.

The antisocial behaviour of both the owner and his customers is an issue and relevant.

It sounds to me as if the council is afraid to take appropriate action and that the valid concerns of the local community are going to be totally ignored as usual. This is likely to lead to trouble in the future as more and more people become so angry that some sort of alternative action is taken.

Please have the courage to take this issue seriously.



## IP3 Representation

### **Supporting Representation Re: External tables & chairs License review Broomfield Café Bar N13 4PP**

Dear Sir/Madam

Further to the recent notice regarding the above I would like to bring to your attention my concerns regarding this application specifically. In my previous representation regarding the renewal of the music license I have outlined my general concerns regarding how the bar is run and the customers that use it. I have repeated them here for the sake of completeness.

#### **Tables & chairs**

The license allows for two tables and two chairs outside the premises. The license also states that no alcoholic drinks or glass containers shall be taken into the designated smoking area between opening and closing time. It further states that no more than 10 people can use the smoking designated area at any one time.

I would request that the license is refused for the following reasons:

1. The café's customers do not limit themselves to the four chairs and two tables outside, often bringing out more chairs or standing around the tables. This creates obstruction on the pavement making it difficult for pedestrians to pass freely.
2. Customers are aggressive when asked to move out of the way.
3. There are invariably more than 10 people outside at any one time drinking and smoking.
4. Customers of the café who smoke stand across the width and on the edge of the pavement thereby preventing ease of access for pedestrians which leaves them not only having to navigate a crowd of unhelpful people but also a cloud of smoke.
5. Cigarettes smoked outside by bar customers are generally thrown on the ground or into the road (I was nearly hit by a still-lit cigarette thrown across the pavement as I walked by).
6. I have witnessed alcoholic drinks being consumed in this designated area both in glasses and in bottles.
7. I have seen men drinking alcohol in this area before 11am.

#### **General running of the bar and premises**

##### ***Pre-lockdown***

The café is not used regularly (if at all) by local residents. I observe a lot of customers who drive to the café generally towards the end of the working day. The majority of the customers are male.

## **Environmental issues**

1. Overflowing rubbish bins are regularly left without the brake handle on causing them to block the pavement or move into Grovelands Road.
2. I have regularly witnessed the employees of the bar putting bags of their rubbish into the residents' black bins stored on Grovelands Road and another business' bin.
3. I have regularly seen bags of bottles being dumped into the bins the night before the refuse collection and after 23.00 hours

## **Alcohol consumption outside of the terms of the license**

1. I have witnessed alcoholic drinks being consumed by customers sat at the tables and chairs outside the café as early as 8.30am and certainly before 11am.
2. I have witnessed customers drinking alcohol in bottles outside of the bar on the pavement.
3. I have seen customers sitting at tables with no food and drinking alcohol.

## **Lakes Estate Conservation**

There has been some recent reconstruction of the front of the bar allowing the licensee to have a bigger outdoor space. I have not received any notice about regarding the redevelopment and the development appears to be out of line with current conservation requirements for this estate. Furthermore, with a step up onto the decked area it does not have any obvious accessibility concessions. Moving the door back into the café may also mean it is no longer compliant with smoking regulations.

## **Intimidation**

I know a lot of women who do not like to walk past the bar as they are subjected to being leered and whistled at by the men who use it. This coupled with the fact that a lot of the men have been drinking makes females concerned about their safety. When I have approached the customers asking them to move out of the way and create more space I have been "squared up" to by them.

## ***Post-lockdown***

There have been a number of issues since lockdown commenced which show the owner does not act with any social responsibility towards local residents in the operation of his business.

## **Group gatherings**

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April I noticed that the shutter was down at the front of the bar and I could see people inside the premises. The next morning four large black bin-

bags of bottles were noisily placed in their blue bin; I can see the service road where the bins are kept and generally hear each time they throw sacks of bottles into their bins. I therefore notified the Met Contact Centre and Winchmore Hill Police via Twitter of my concerns that there had been a lock-in.

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April the bar was in use again, this time the shutter wasn't closed but chairs were against the windows; even though the reflection on the window made it difficult to see directly in we could see the outline of people and young children on scooters in there. I called 999 to register my complaint. I spoke to the police on the street after they attended and they advised the owner said he had been decorating; they told him the alleged "decorating" was not necessary and asked them to lock up and leave. The police advised to call 101 if I observed any further use of the premises.

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April there were people in the premises again. I called 101 and explained this was the second time I had reason to believe there was more than 4 people meeting in a place which should be shut. The police came but I am not sure what the outcome was (CAD 3274 4/4/20).

### **Lack of social distancing**

Since reopening as a takeaway on 10th April Broomfield Café the only people using the café have been driving there, purchasing coffee and then hanging about directly both outside and opposite the café, sometimes for hours. I started taking photos of the incidents from 19<sup>th</sup> April and have reported on a number of occasions via 101 and @MetCC on Twitter with the following references:

5/5/20 CAD 5521/05MAY20

6/5/20 CAD 4645/06MAY20

7/5/20 CAD 2809/07MAY20

7/5/20 CAD 3375/07MAY20

8/5/20 CAD 2850/08MAY20

9/5/20 CAD 7764/09MAY20

16/5/20 CAD 2447/16MAY20

On 9<sup>th</sup> May the owner of the café was parked opposite my house with his family in his car. He parked on the road allowing three men to talk to him through the car window without any social distancing.

### **Intimidation**

From my kitchen door I can see a lot of activity that takes place on Grovelands Road and Aldermans Hill. On or around 1<sup>st</sup> May, the café owner saw me watching people,

including himself, on Aldermans Hill as they were not practising social distancing. He purposely drove his car and parked opposite my house with his wife and children in the car. He and his wife then kept staring into my house and at me whilst I was stood there. The action was to try and intimidate me.

### **Double yellow line parking**

At the junction of Grovelands Road and Aldermans Hill there are double yellow lines on the side of Aldermans Hill by the park. There has been an increase in people parking on the double yellow lines; I have noted the café owner's vans there on numerous occasions together with the cars of the café's customers.

### **Summary**

Overall the owner acts with little regard to the area in which the café is situated and his approach is to do what he wants and see if there are any consequences. If he feels he is being challenged he retaliates with aggression. His customers similarly have little regard for the area by failing to comply with social distancing and hanging about in big groups. I have asked customers of the café people to move along from outside my house and only been able to gain co-operation when I say I shall ask the police to attend.

The owner, his friends and customers continuously flout the law and seem willing to ignore what is legally and morally necessary to do. Given the lack of legal enforcement available by police and or parking attendants I feel the bar should be closed on health and safety grounds.

**Images for Supporting Representation Re: Music License review Broomfield Café Bar N13 4PP**

Pavement obstruction:





## Environmental Issues







Lakes Estate Conservation – alteration of premises:



## IP4 Representation

The premises licence was granted with the following condition:

*"7. The external area at the front of the premises shall be designated for the use of smokers from the time of opening until closing time. **There shall be no more than 10 persons using this designated area during these times** [my emphasis]. The designated area shall be adequately supervised to control the number and behaviour of patrons so as to not cause noise nuisance."*

*"Tables & chairs licences will ONLY be granted where safe and convenient pedestrian movement can be ensured outside premises that are permitted to provide food and drink for consumption by the public on the premises."*

I have no objection in principle to this cafe having tables and chairs outside - other restaurants and cafes on Aldermans Hill do (in non Coronavirus times of course), and it's nice to see people enjoying themselves and businesses doing well.

The difficulty with this particular cafe is that groups of people regularly congregate outside it, smoking and drinking. So, by the time you add in two tables and chairs, each with two people at them, and a further six people (if they abide by the maximum of ten, which is a moot point) standing on the pavement outside, it is difficult for people to walk through. The clientele are almost exclusively male and as a woman, on my way to the shops or station, I find it quite intimidating to walk through a crowd of men, smoking, and not moving out of the way. Increasingly I have found myself walking in or crossing the road, or taking the long way round to avoid having to go past this cafe.

I actually think the problem is with the number of people permitted to be outside the cafe (ie up to 10, as per condition 7 of the premises licence), but as I can't have my representation taken into account on that, I would ask that consideration is given to not having the table and chairs as the combination effectively blocks 'safe and convenient pedestrian movement', which Ms Green has said is a prerequisite to the tables and chairs licence.

## **IP5 Representation**

I am not in favour of having the chair license renewed. Having the tables and chairs there mean it's very difficult to get past. The customers from inside the cafe, before Covid-19, would come out from the cafe and block the pavement while smoking. Having the chairs there made it impossible to get past. Also I do believe planning for the change of the front of the Cafe has not been approved. I hope this is taken into account when it comes to the review.

## **IP6 Representation**

I am writing to object to the application for a chairs and table licence outside Broomfield café and bar, 64 Aldermans Hill, and 13.

I would like my submissions sent to the licencing team in respect of the review of the premises music licence to be taken into account.

I understand that a chairs and table licence will only be granted were “safe and convenient pedestrian movement can be ensured” outside the premises which is granted the licence. It is fair to say that the way the bar operates means that it is not possible to safely and conveniently pass as a pedestrian, unless the tables are not in use.

People routinely congregate around the tables and also stand all across the pavement while they talk to people who are sat at the tables.

As you walk up the pavement from the station, it is possible to see crowds of people, usually men, gathered in a group blocking the way. They can also see you, but intentionally refuse to move, blocking the pavement, with a challenging eye. I have had to ask people to stand aside as I am unwilling to walk into the road as it is a particularly fast and dangerous spot to do that with lots of parked cars.

As a woman, I would add that if “convenient“ includes being able to walk without being ogled, I feel the behaviour should be taken into account. The people sat at the tables both outside the bar and on the semi internal raised area use it like a “viewing platform“. It amounts to sexual harassment. From my perspective this is neither “safe”, nor “convenient”.

The bar is not run in compliance with its general licence and consequently I think the applicant is unsuitable to apply for a tables and chairs licence. They do not clear up the cigarette butts created by the customers, they abuse residents’ rubbish bins, they create a nuisance blocking the pavement and as can be seen from the licence review materials regularly breach the conditions for the music licence. I think this demonstrates that they are unsuitable applicants to apply for/be granted a tables and chairs licence and should be refused.

I believe that the Covid social distancing requirements are an additional reason that the chairs and table licence should be refused. Even if the distance which we are supposed to keep from each other is reduced to 1 m, it is not possible to safely pass people sat at the table and chairs at an appropriate distance. And, as mentioned above, usually there are people standing on the pavement talking to the people who are sat at the tables, thereby using up even more of the pavement space. This is particularly true if people are walking in both directions. It requires people to walk into the road and as mentioned above it is really too dangerous to do that there, unless the parking bays are suspended. Throughout lockdown, the legal obligation to socially distance has been completely flouted by the café/bar owners and customers despite numerous calls to 101.

Thank you for your attention. Particularly given the intimidation experienced by local residents recently from the bar owner, I would be grateful if you could keep my personal details confidential. I consider that behaviour another reason why the bar owner is an unsuitable applicant for this licence.

## **IP7 Representation**

I would like to make a formal representation against the renewal of the table and chairs license for Broomfield Cafe.

My name and address is xxxx, xxxxx. I understand only my street name will be shared with the cafe.

My representations fall under prevention of public nuisance, public safety and prevention of crime and disorder.

There have been 3 consistent issues with this cafe linked to table and chairs license:

(1) blocking of the pavement - the cafe seems to spill out onto the street at all times.

There are always groups of men outside from early in the morning (6am) until late at night. These groups have no awareness of other pedestrians regardless of if they are rushing for a train, pushing a pram or using a walking stick. I personally have had many incidents where I have had to ask them to move out of the way - they are not always polite in return. At most times of the day there will be people outside the cafe resting up against their parked cars.

(2) sexually hostile and harassing climate - many young ladies in the area, including my daughter, will walk around the block rather than past the cafe given the staring, leering and comments.

(3) lack of social distancing by those using the cafe but worse the behaviour and obstruction denying other users of the road the ability to socially distance without crossing the road - where visibility is already limited by the behaviour of the cafe users.

In addition:

(1) litter and misuse of bins - the litter and fly tipping issue in the area which is in part the result of people hanging around the cafe and just dropping their rubbish

(2) random parking and hanging around in cars outside the cafe and on the corner often causing obstruction or reducing visibility.

As the other cafes in Alderman's Hill do not have similar problems, one can only assume this is something relating to the license holder.

I attach two photos from different days to illustrate the problem - these are less 'busy' days.

The applicant is unsuitable to hold a licence.

Thanks

## **IP8 Representation**

Subject: Chairs and Table licence Broomfield Café & Bar. 64 Alderman's Hill.  
London N13 4PP

To whom it may concern,

My name is xxxxx. I would like to object to the chairs and table licence for the above-mentioned premises.

I don't have any photographic evidence, however I would to object it on the basis of total disrespect for the community while using the outdoor space.

There is a constant gathering of people preventing regular by passers to walk easily (mainly on their way to Palmers Green train station). This in total disrespect of any social distancing that there is at the moment but even without this the situation would be unsustainable because of the constant gathering of people.

Furthermore while standing outside, the owner and customer or the Broomfield Café have taken this opportunity to stop and insult (even sometimes in front of their own children), the ones among us who have been more vocal and dared to protest. Most of these episodes have been reported to 101.

Finally, I would like to mention that if it is not just on the pavement of the café itself, there are gatherings around the area such as next to the old Steph and Philips real estate agency or on the other side of the street but still in front of the café. The situation is out of control and unbearable from a community point of view.

## **IP9 Representation**

As a councillor I have received numerous objections over recent years from my residents complaining of obstructions caused by the customers using and standing around the tables and chairs. I have been told that the chairs are moved away from the tables so that more space is taken and that many people (men) stand around the tables. This obstructs the footway so that others find it difficult to pass without walking in the road or crossing to the opposite footway.

This happens particularly at the beginning and end of the day when many people are walking to and from the station and local schools.

I appreciate that we do not have the power to prevent people gathering outside a café but if the tables and chairs were removed there would be more space so they would cause less of a problem.

There are tables and chairs in the garden of 'Baskervilles' café next door and outside 'Starfish Loves Coffee' on the corner of the next street. Broomfield café is opposite an entrance to Broomfield Park where there is plentiful seating.

Cllr Dinah Barry

Winchmore Hill Ward

## IP10 Representation

I definitely object to table and chairs for the same reasons as given below, as per my representation to the premises licence review: ASB, smoking, impeding on pavement, intimidation.

1. During my commute to and from Palmers Green station it is guaranteed that the pavement is impeded by a large congregation of men smoking and drinking. I often have to step into the road to get round them. There is always a group of men heavily smoking directly outside. The air stinks around there of cigarette smoke, which children and babies are forced to walk through.
2. I often see men ogling ladies as they walk past. Female members of my family have taken to walking on the opposite side of the road due to feeling intimidated. I know of other females who feel and act in the same way.
3. There is always a constant stream of noisy men, huge amount of cars and vans causing traffic issues on Aldermans Hill.
4. When lockdown was announced this establishment continued to operate as normal. I did complain to yourselves and a councillor for which I received a standard response that take away's are operating. This was not the case.
5. They continue to ignore social distancing rules. There are often 5 people within the premises and always a group of men outside on the pavement drinking and smoking. This I witnessed again yesterday, shaking hands, blocking the pavement, with no respect for others.
6. I know of at least one person who lived in one of the flats above who has moved due to the above and allegations of potential criminal behaviour. This of course cannot be proved and there is no evidence merely anecdotal.
7. There is significant noise issues especially at weekends and evenings

This establishment is clearly run with no respect for local residents, they behave with impunity without any respect for the largely elderly and family residents in the area. I'm not sure what there licensing hours are but certainly from 7.00 am until well after 12.00 pm the behaviours above continues. The location for such an establishment is clearly inappropriate and not suitable for Aldermans Hill, where locals, commuters and families enjoying Broomfield Park have had to endure intimidation and ASB for far too long.

## **IP11 Representation**

Several months ago, the owners of Broomfield Cafe (Broomfield Coffee Bar, 64 Alderman's Hill) converted the front of the cafe to have a permanent outdoor seating area, which on a normal day, pre-pandemic, sees large amounts of people smoking, drinking and gathering on the pavement, which you have to navigate through every morning and evening.

This behaviour of drinking and smoking isn't in keeping with the welcoming, family neighbourhood of Alderman's Hill and the Lake's Estate. I don't understand how planning permission is allowed for this type of establishment with an alcohol license? and how they are allowed to convert the front of the shop into an outdoor area and therefore allowing customers to consume alcohol which then spills out onto the streets which affects the local residents? The shop front has basically become a busy and noisy bar which pulls down the village feel and aesthetic of the street which many residents find has a negative impact socially on our local community.

Even now, large amounts of people gather on the street in front of the cafe, with no social distancing in place, meaning that local residents are forced to walk on the road to avoid getting too close. This seems to amuse the large group gathered outside and brings a negative atmosphere to a street which otherwise has a great community spirit.

I would very much appreciate your help in looking into this matter as the bar has become an increasing issue for many local residents.

## **IP12 Representation**

I am writing with regard to this cafe on Aldermans Hill. It has always been a bit of problem with men loitering and smoking out side on the pavement. since the lockdown unfortunately the numbers of men congregated can be considerable and they have a threatening attitude in that they do not move aside for pedestrians. This is particularly menacing when it comes to younger women and can be mentally destabilising for some. It's really quite unacceptable behaviour in today's society.

I'm raising the matter as there was an incident my neighbour witnessed yesterday of a young mother with buggy trying to get through, and actually being blocked intentionally. No-one wants to call the police in situations like this but it seems that would be the only course of action in order to get this stopped.

### **IP13 Representation**

I understand that the above cafe are renewing their Tables & Chairs Licence.

I would like to make representations against this licence renewal.

The outdoor area of this cafe has become a local hang out with many men congregating on the public footpath. Sometimes 20 or more men will be on the pavement at a given point in time. They refuse to move out of the way of pedestrians and their presence is generally very intimidating. I am often stared at and smoke blown in my face whilst refused entry to pass with my pram and child. They are still doing this despite the social distancing rules currently in place.

Many local residents continue to experience this as a problem. I believe one of my neighbours has taken photos today to demonstrate what is going on.

## IP14 Representation

I wish to make a formal objection for the renewal of the licence for Broomfield cafe 64 Aldermans Hill.

The patrons of the cafe repeatedly fill the pavement morning and night with very little regard for passers by. At this time, with such stringent rules regarding social distancing, I suggest that controlling the space outside the cafe and surrounding pavements opposite and in the park is very important. It has become impossible to move freely without jeers or harassment.

I myself have had the experience of cycling passed and when looking to see why there were so many men on the pavement I was shouted at.

I now do not walk to the shop because I have to walk through the crowd.

Below I have photographed the pavement last night and as you can see the lady who is forced to walk through these customers outside has to break the social distancing rules or cross the road.

Based on the repeated disregard for pedestrians and the uncomfortable nature of the attitude of the patrons I ask that the renewal Not be given.





## **IP15 Representation**

I am a resident on xxxx, and wanted to bring to your attention a problem which I have encountered on several occasions. The Broomfield Cafe has lots of men congregating outside blocking the pavement and causing obstruction to passers by.

This is so annoying as we are suppose to be keeping a 2 m distance from strangers yet these men do not move out of the way and continue drinking, smoking, and carrying on with conversations regardless of who wants to pass by!

My 15 year old son did not want to walk past them as he felt they were intimidating. Please can something be done to move them on and not stand around getting in peoples way!

This might seem very trivial but I just don't think it's fair to feel intimidated every time I want to walk to the shops.