FAO: Licensing, London Borough of Merton.
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Wimbledon Food n Wine – 226 Merton High Street, South Wimbledon SW19 1AU
Premises Licence Variation, Application Reference: WK/201800801

I understand that Wimbledon Food n Wine on 226 Merton High Street in South Wimbledon have applied to extend their opening hours to 2am, Monday to Sunday.

I strongly object to this licensing application.

It would encourage anti-social behaviour after drinking hours (pubs and restaurants nearby closing at 11pm), outside the drinking premises causing more nuisances to the residents of South Wimbledon community.

Directly opposite Wimbledon Food n Wine store, there's a likelihood large space-area for drinking behind the Kilkenny Tavern pub, also in front of properties on Hayward Close. Problems have been reported in the past and also would also encourage more empty cans and bottles littered into this area, as well as noise, urinating and increasing the probability of graffiti on the massively exposed wall behind the Kilkenny pub. This is obviously very unpleasant for the residents living nearby, hence no consideration for them.

Absolutely no respect would be given when it comes to other people's properties in back streets. Littered with beer cans and bottles. They find a quiet spot for 'urinating' purposes, as well as a drinking area space. The whole of the South Wimbledon area is not a "controlled drinking zone" after 11pm. I never once saw a Community Police Officer in the area at night times. Why should our residents be expected to clear littered beer cans and bottles thrown in their front gardens?

Is there a need to increase licensing hours in a family, residential community area? I can foresee an increase in 'anti-social behaviour' that would bring us no benefit, but more costly for the council in the long run.

I would be very happy to argue my objection further.

With best wishes,

Nigel.

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