



17 May 2018

Licensing
London Borough of Merton
1st Floor Annexe
Merton Civic Centre
London Road
Morden
SM4 5DX

Wimbledon Food n Wine Application Reference WK/201800801

226 Merton High Street, London, SW19 1AU

Premises Licence Variation Closing Date for Representations Friday, 18 May 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

On behalf of the Battles Area Residents Association I have been instructed to make a representation in respect of the above licence variation application.

We are opposed to this variation on the basis of:

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder; The Prevention of Public Nuisance

The availability to purchase alcohol to AM, including stronger beers and ciders, would attract people to the High Street to hang around, cause a nuisance, with noise, leave litter, which is already a problem, and urinate in the nearby streets, which as a group we are actively trying to resolve with the Council, to improve the area which we believe this licence would definitely not benefit us as a community.

As the Tube is now running through the night at weekends, if local residents were to come home late they may feel intimidated if drinkers were there. Although this is a High Street with flats above, some with families, shops have also been converted into flats and they deserve to have peace and relative quiet in the area.

If this licence were to be allowed it would increase the anti-social behaviour that as we all know is associated with alcohol in excess, this has been seen in

Wimbledon Town Centre and with less police a totally unnecessary requirement to our area.

I hope these points are taken on board and you see fit to decline these longer hours of alcohol sales.

To allow the extension of the licence from 11AM to 2AM would set a precedent which would likely lead over time to a number of outlets supplying alcohol to persons who may wish to consumer them immediately in the street or in neighbouring streets such as Hamilton Road Mews which is immediately behind the premises.

Yours faithfully



**Robert Giles** 

Chair