

Sent: 07 June 2017 07:03

Subject: Application for New Premises Licence for Subway, 6 Hartfield Road, SW19

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am resubmitting our objection to Subway's new premises licence, as nothing appears to have changed from the initial application in May 2017.

Further, I understand the Licensing Act 2003 amendments include making the **WTC Cumulative Impact Area** designation statutory. As such, this application should be refused outright.

Thank you for accepting this as a valid representation.

Kind regards,
Leigh Terrafranca, on behalf of WEHRA

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Sent: Wed, 17 May 2017 11:48

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Dear Sir/Madam:

I write on behalf of Wimbledon E Hillside Residents' Association to share our views on the above application for Subway to be granted permission to open late at night on Fridays and Saturdays. There is no question that Subway makes a good sandwich at a good price, and it serves the community during the daytime - particularly for the lunch trade and to some extent for a fast supper. This application is a request to offer these same low-cost sandwiches until **2 am on Friday and Saturday nights**.

Setting the scene: it is no secret there are already serious problems in WTC from midnight on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Attached are several photos taken after recent Saturday night in the town area. Police and emergency services have plenty of evidence of the problems that occur throughout the town, including many that occur directly linked to a similar venue just around the corner, Burger King (see representations for their TEN application from 29 November 2016).

Generally in WTC venues close at around 11 pm weekdays, and midnight on Friday/Saturday. As virtually all town premises back onto private family homes, this has worked fairly well, for about the first ten years of the Licensing Act 2003. However, in the past five years or so, with the backing of town BID LoveWimbledon, more and more cheaper food venues and nighttime establishments have been granted licences, despite increasing problems with litter and foul waste, drunken, disorderly behaviour and crime.

In parallel, both Merton Council and LoveWimbledon have made little if any attempt to rein-in the increasingly bad behaviour; hence problems to the surrounding community have become acute.

Today there are six venues open very late on 'party nights' of Friday/Saturday in WTC: Ponana until 3:30 am; Prince of Wales until 3; Tunnel 267 (Watershed) until 3:30, POD bar until 2:30 and Wibbas Down until 2. Officers and Police will be aware that both Ponana and POD bar have had serious incidents in the past couple of years, and at

Wibbas Down a man was stabbed just a few weeks ago outside the venue. Large sheets of plate glass windows are smashed in the town about one every two weeks, there are always remnants of vomit, litter, drug canisters, broken bottles and fast food takeaways strewn on the footpaths, often blood, for local people to navigate around, the morning after. The street sweepers are stressed by their workloads (just ask one in quiet, one day!), and are clearly unable to even keep the dustbins emptied, let alone the liquidy vomit, fecal matter, urine and other such unpleasantness off our footpaths. (Westminster Council tackle these problems with a dedicated 'Clean Team': a large, expert crew and jet spraying vehicles on duty 24/7; what does Merton provide?)

At present it appears only three fast food places - KFC, Burger King and Aya - have permission to be opened until 1/2/3 am (BK is just around the corner from Subway).

Surely three choices is plenty, for the stragglers in the town to get some fast food in their tummies. It appears the manager at Subway thinks he too can earn more money by also catering to this late night audience. Unfortunately, what Officers must also weigh into the decision is the further costs to the Council, Police, Ambulances and St Georges, from the impact of encouraging even more drunken, noisy, rowdy 20 somethings to drink, eat and linger longer in Wimbledon town area.

Wimbledon is primarily a RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY. The word 'town' is a euphemism for the Broadway - it is a single track road with commercial premises directly adjoining private family homes. Wimbledon town is made of young families, white collar professionals, hard-working parents who, with their school-aged children, all need a good night's sleep every single night. We don't want or deserve further degradation of our community by visitors from outside Wimbledon, who care nothing for our wellbeing, that come here to get drunk and tear up, vomit, fight and then, as dawn breaks, get on a bus and leave.

Thank you for REFUSING PERMISSION, on the grounds this application would violate all licensing objectives: crime & disorder, public safety, public nuisance and protection of children from harm.

Yours sincerely,

Leigh Terrafranca, for WEHRA