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Sent: 25 August 2017 16:17
To: Licensing; Licensing
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Subject: AYA Lebanese Takeaway, 72 The Broadway, SW19

Dear Sir:

I write on behalf of WEHRA to share our views on the variation to AYA Premises' Opening Hours and Late Night Refreshment Hours until 5 am on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. While AYA has a good quality food offering, this extension of opening hours is an un-welcomed proposal.

The area is a **Cumulative Impact Zone**. It was set up because this specific commercial area in WTC is saturated: there are too many licensed premises, selling too much food and alcohol, too late into the night. The onus is on the applicant to demonstrate they won't add to the problems that exist.

Today we have a great many places to eat/drink until late into the night (3:30 am is the latest club opening, and this is too late in our view). Most of these premises adjoin residential properties. The residential area is mostly a white collar working community of teachers, doctors, engineers, IT and business professionals, many with young families. We need to be in bed by 10:30 / 11 pm, and up again at 6 or 6:30 am. The vast majority of local residents DO NOT stay out after 11 pm.

It would be wrong of any venue to be permitted to regularly disturb our ***right to quiet enjoyment, by disturbing our sleep***. (There is a new planning application to build even more flats behind AYA, and those residents would be especially badly affected by an 'all night' business right next door.)

Further, if the Committee allows one takeaway to be open effectively all night (i.e. until 5 am), this would provide a precedent for all the other takeaways (e.g.: KFC/Burger King), and indeed other late night pubs/clubs/bars may wish to open later too.

Attached are some photos taken last Saturday morning on the Broadway around AYA. You will see rubbish strewn across the footpaths, there is urine in corners of many local buildings and vomit, plus dozens of discarded food containers with food scraps and chips and sticky spilt drinks that the late night visitors toss around indiscriminately in their drunken/ drugged stupor. The street sweepers work very hard and will vividly describe their job to you (BTW they don't pick up vomit; nobody does).

In our view, this proposal is unwarranted, and disrespectful to the local community. It would guarantee an increase in late night noise, litter and public nuisance. It may well also invite an increase in crime & disorder. It will cost the Council and community in both financial and social terms. Allowing late-late night revellers to linger through the night would swiftly add to WTC's problems, and the onus would fall on local residents to call a REVIEW, and proceed with the slow process of a challenge. We aren't against AYA operating in the daytime and during the evening, but we are against their trading after midnight, when anti-social behaviour and crime kicks in.

Finally, may we remind the Licensing Committee Members that it is we local people who ultimately must foot the bill for all the unpleasantness caused by the thousands of younger, rowdy late-night visitors to our town. The ambulances and paramedics waste hundreds if not thousands of highly skilled man-hours tending blind drunks/druggies as it stands; the police sirens go all night long on weekends, such is the disorder experienced beginning on Wednesdays and running through until the wee hours of Sunday morning. We don't want our town further degraded by inviting late-late night visitors to 'sleep it off' on Wimbledon streets. We urge Committee Members to REFUSE PERMISSION for this variation.

Thank you for consideration of our views.

Yours sincerely,
Leigh Terrafranca, on behalf of Wimbledon E Hillside Residents' Assn (WEHRA)

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