



The Residents' Association of West Wimbledon

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WK/202010717, license for restaurant/bar and virtual golf centre at 80 and 82 Durham Rd, SW20 0TL

Dear Sir,

I write on behalf of the Residents' Association of West Wimbledon to object to this application for a licence to sell alcohol on the premises, and a licence for hours of use. The ground floor of 82 Durham Road and part of the rear section of 80 Durham Road have until recently been used as an indoor children's play centre (Sinbads). Works to convert the premises into a restaurant (Grill House Café) with a virtual golf facility (We Play Golf) are now complete and the restaurant and virtual golf facility opened on 5th October. A retrospective planning application for this change of use (20/P2992) has been registered.

An area on the Durham road frontage of 82 Durham has been fenced off, astroturf laid, and tables and chairs set out to provide an outside seating area for those using the restaurant (and bar if the alcohol license is approved). There is a door onto the flat roof to the single storey rear section of the premises which overlooks the gardens of Amity Grove. It is not clear what use if any is intended for this area, but it would appear to be covered by a license for 'the whole premises'.



Licensed premises in Raynes Park are currently all concentrated within the local centre which extends to the southern end of Durham Road, well south of 82 Durham Road. This would significantly extend the area. This section of Durham Road is residential. The road to the rear of the premises, Amity Grove, is also residential. St Matthews church is opposite the premises. The church has a parent and toddler group, and there is a nursery in the hall adjacent to the church.

RAWW objects to the application because the noise and disturbance generated by a licensed premises, especially one with outside seating, would constitute a public nuisance in this otherwise residential area. We believe that approval of this application would be detrimental to our neighbourhood and should be refused.

Jane Barnes

Residents Association of West Wimbledon

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