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Dear Ms Macdonald

Ref: ER21M0261 Alcohol Licence 18 Upper Green East Mitcham

Local residents were recently made aware of a license application from premises at 18 Upper Green East, Mitcham. This area is close to Three Kings' pond, an area which has suffered many issues related to street drinking. It has been a popular area for groups of men to meet and drink at night, particularly in summer, leading to noise continuing into the small hours, fighting and antisocial behaviour which has made residents life extremely stressful in terms of noise and disturbance. It also rendered the area perpetually strewn with garbage and bottles, a lot of which found its way into the pond itself.

As the applicant is currently not a 'sit down' restaurant (although they have an application for pavement eating on display), and consists of a take away counter, the license for supply of alcohol 'on and off' the premises would surely mean alcohol being taken away from their site to be drunk elsewhere, ie the pond area.

Merton has, in the past, consulted with the local police, who also have to deal with the results of alcohol consumption, and has subsequently rejected new applications for alcohol licences. There are enough alcohol outlets in the area. The availability of take-away alcohol in the evening/night gives us every reason to be concerned that an easy source of alcohol will cause a resurgence of trouble.

The area around the pond has improved hugely since police initiatives, and Merton's rejections of alcohol licence applications. It is cleaner, quieter and much more pleasant for all and local residents would really like this to continue. Although I support local business, limiting the sale of alcohol in the area would be a massive part of this.

Sue Cooper

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