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17a Electric Lane, licensing application Ref 21/0014/PRMNEW

I write on behalf of the Brixton Society.

We object to this licensing application as the applicants have failed to comply with the following key requirements set out clearly in the Council's Licensing Policy.

In particular, they have failed:

1. To engage with the local community. No information is provided in the application about steps they have taken to engage with the local community. Residents living very close to the application site on the north side of Coldharbour Lane have informed the Brixton Society that there has been no consultation with local residents about this application.
2. To consider the impact on existing issues in the area. The application site is in Central Brixton where there are high levels of crime and antisocial behaviour particularly late at night. The application does not contain any consideration of the impact that a late night alcohol licence is likely to have on this problem.
3. To provide evidence that they will take steps to ensure that they will not add to existing problems with disorder and crime. The only measures which the applicants propose to take are to "report criminal incidents to the police" and to "install CCTV at the premises". These measures are unlikely to do much to mitigate the impact of the applicant's proposals.

Reporting criminal incidents to the police suggests that the applicants propose to do no more than report any crime that takes place within the premises and will take no responsibility for criminal acts and anti social behaviour on the part of clients outside the premises.

"Installing CCTV at the premises" is ambiguous but suggests that the applicants intend to install CCTV within the premises and will take no responsibility for monitoring activity outside their premises. The application is silent on the issue of who will be responsible for monitoring images captured by CCTV.

4. To provide evidence that they will take adequate steps to prevent public nuisance. The only measure proposed by the applicants are to provide notices advising customers to leave

the premises quietly. No evidence is provided to ensure that the applicants will take steps to ensure that clients comply with this advice or to ensure that customers do not gather outside the premises to consume alcohol.

5. Failure to submit a detailed Dispersal Policy setting out the steps the applicants will take to minimise nuisance to nearby residents when clients leave the premises after midnight. The applicants are applying for a licence to supply alcohol from 5 pm to 1 am from Monday to Saturday but fail to provide a Dispersal Policy as required by paragraph 5.30 of Lambeth's Licensing Policy.

We strongly oppose to the proposals and request that the application is refused.



For the Brixton Society