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**LATE NIGHT LICENSE Licensing Sub- Committee - 22 June 2021 at 7. 00pm NEST**

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Dean Sir/Madame.

With regard to the request for a late licence, and proposed opening and closing times I am concerned by the following.

Sun-Thurs: last alcohol sales by 10.30pm and building closed to public at 11.00pm  
Fri and Sat: last alcohol sales by 11.30pm and building closed to the public by 00:00

We would also ask that the license be restricted to on-premises sales only if granted.

d) At point 11 in their "safety" proposals Nest say that " after 21.00hrs a maximum of 4 smokers outside the demarcated premises line at any one time."

It is not stated what numbers are allowed outside earlier than this. It is assumed that this "outside the demarcated premises line" means "gathering on Mentmore Terrace. This would cause noise and disruption.

The applicants have already sought permission for 12 covers outside and also wants an unspecified number of smokers to be allowed to gather before 9pm outside and 4 after 9pm.

We restate our objection to the 12 covers outside in the light of the fact that proposals are not explicit as to what time these outside tables can be used. Presumably up until midnight as no restriction is specified in the application. We think this would be intolerable from a nuisance point of view. Twelve diners at this point eating and drinking will inevitably make noise and cause nuisance to the houses opposite.

We also object to the encroachment on to the pavement space as it makes the pavement at this point intolerably narrow, a safety concern. The pavement at this point is under 2.5m wide and the road space is occupied by bike parking structures. Combine with fixed obstacles including street furniture this would make the street impassible with double buggies or mobility scooters.

Assuming the site plan supplied is accurate and to scale at the northern end the licensed area extends 1.4m from the corner of the building taking up more than half of the pavement space.

The tables, though not clearly shown in the diagram appear to be at least 80cm deep taking up 30% of the pavement space.

We therefore do not think it is acceptable to have this street provision in place at this location due to the space-related safety concerns and the noise related issues they will generate.

With regard to people outside/ smokers etc. we would ask that the number of people gathering outside is restricted to 6 before 8pm and 2 after 8pm.

This is important from a protection of children issue as while 8pm is early by adult standards, young children who may have bedrooms facing the street will be going to bed weekdays at this time and therefore don't need to be disturbed by people with unmanaged nicotine addictions.

e) The Plan submitted by the applicants does not address the following:

- is there any intention to add awnings, covers, heaters or loudspeakers to the wall outside the premises. Having already stated our objection to the outdoor seating we would further object to light or noise pollution caused by speakers or additional lighting outside.

f) The application states that recorded music may be played. We would ask that volume limiters be fitted and that volume levels are at such a level that they are inaudible from adjacent properties.

g) The front entrance opens on to a 25-cover dining area which itself will generate significant noise. We therefore request that the license requires the door to the street to remain closed after 7pm to reduce noise on the street.

We feel that there are already an excessive number of licensed premises on and around London Fields and are disappointed to see another license being sought in this area.

In conclusion, the response by Nest does little to allay our concerns and we believe that the license should be declined or at the very least modified in line with the measures proposed above to mitigate the nuisance and disruption to local residents

We would welcome a hearing to enable local residence to express their concerns and protect their well being and family life.

Thank you.

