

Appendix 4 - Representation from Other Parties
Representation 1

Cheam Park Cafe Ltd - Application for a Premises Licence.

I am writing to register my objection (representation) to the application for a premises licence for Cheam Park Cafe Limited. I specifically want to draw attention to **‘the prevention of public nuisance’**.

The Cheam Park Café (CPC) is surrounded by several sites: a children’s nursery (Busy Bees); a popular children’s playground; a Croquet & Bowls Club; and tennis courts. CPC is also close to residential housing and some residents have already been subject to anti-social behaviour in the vicinity. Littering and noise. An alcohol prohibition notice is already displayed just yards from the premises due to historic antisocial behaviour/incidents involving alcohol.

These sites are served by a car park that cannot satisfy demand. As such cars are routinely stacked along Tudor Close causing disruption for residents and preventing egress for ambulances and delivery drivers. The popularity of CPC serving alcohol over the summer months could increase footfall to the park, causing more congestion and overflow.

Disbarring “any person causing continuous nuisance” simply disperses the problem to other sites of the park whereby that person could procure alcohol from other licensed properties in close proximity to CPC and return. When alcohol is served, noise levels are generally exacerbated by customers and anti social behaviour occurs to the annoyance of others..

It is unclear what constitutes “the residential neighbourhood”. Does that apply to adjacent residential housing or the wider neighbourhood that will be affected by the additional traffic? Where will the notices be displayed to inform customers to be considerate to the residential neighbourhood. Will litter be addressed and what type of drinking utensil will be used to serve the alcohol. Both glass and plastic potentially pose a problem, in the main to young children. Glass if smashed poses a potential risk to park users and plastic poses a litter nuisance if not cleared away or correctly recycled.

I understand that staff will be provided with ongoing adequate training. Are they sufficiently trained from the outset to deal with customers causing a nuisance?

Given my concerns relating to the prevention of public nuisance, I would urge the Licensing Authority to refuse the application.

28 April 2021

Dear Sirs

I would like to register my concern about the above. Cheam Park was made an alcohol free zone because of problem drinkers. Granting the above application would be seen as the Council condoning alcohol in the park and gives the wrong message. Another concern is the very poor publicity over this application. The residents of the Close were given no notification and we all know that The Guardian reaches very few people nowadays. The Council needs to use different media.

People who really cannot manage a visit to the park without alcohol do bring their own and do they need to start drinking at 11 a.m.? No.

Watching today's parents, it does seem that their mobile phones are more interesting to some than what their children are doing. Alcohol would exacerbate this new phenomenon.

The parking here in Tudor Close has been appalling recently with total lack of access to parts of the Close by emergency vehicles, delivery vehicles and Council waste lorries, due to bad parking by people visiting the park. I am sure the introduction of alcohol might be popular with visitors but it will increase parking difficulties and noise for the residents of Tudor Close. Too many houses back onto the area in question and toilet facilities are minimal.

Some of us have had men urinating in our gardens and I can assure you it is not pleasant.

Please do not condone this by granting permission to sell alcohol in the park. Think of the children and the local residents.

Yours faithfully

I really do not know what is going, but I suspect that it is a given that this application will go through.

I mentioned disorder when drunks leave the park; my concern about noise and the possible negligence of children. The fact that alcohol will be stored in the cafe would make it a target for thieves. The park has been turned into a busy business centre which and (I know this is irrelevant here) is beginning to look like wasteland because of the lack of care.

I have the misfortune to live outside the park gates and am frequently disturbed at night by drunks screaming and shouting as they climb over the locked gates and urinating nearby too.

Sadly, Sutton is going to the dogs. The High Street is filled with ne'er do wells and third rate shops. The drinks problem within the town centre is now being spread far and wide. The Liberal Democrats seem to be prepared to let things slide and standards to drop in order to rake in money. To Hell with the Council Tax payers.

And now you are not accepting my concern about something which will have a detrimental effect to our immediate neighbourhood. Where is the democracy in all this?

The whole issue STINKS.

27th April 2021

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