

## 2023/2160/PVL – OBJECTION

I am writing to express my strong objection to the pavement license application submitted by The Remedy Wine Bar. As a long-standing resident living in close proximity to the bar, I have witnessed firsthand the negative impact it has had on our community. It is crucial that the council takes into account the concerns of local residents and addresses the ongoing issues caused by this establishment.

The provided map/plan depicts numerous items of furniture dispersed along Cleveland St., extending beyond the designated areas in front of individual properties. This particular issue has been raised multiple times with the council, yet it appears to have been overlooked as plans continue to allow furniture placement in front of adjacent properties, in clear violation of license condition 14. Upon reviewing the new proposed plan available at <http://camdocs.camden.gov.uk/HPRMWebDrawer/Record/10084580/file/document?inline>, it becomes apparent that the intention is to mislead and misinform by inaccurately portraying the width of the front door of 'Entrance Flat 124.' In reality, the front door and the surrounding space of 'Entrance Flat 124' represent a significantly smaller fraction, approximately 1/5th, of the commercial front of The Remedy Wine Bar. It is crucial to emphasize that, according to pavement license regulations, it is strictly prohibited to place any furniture that does not directly face the commercial premises.

According to the Camden Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2022-2027, specifically section 7.10, the establishment in question is classified as a BAR rather than a restaurant. It is important to consider this classification when making decisions, as it implies that their customers are not primarily engaged in having meals while enjoying a glass of wine, but rather consuming alcoholic beverages and potentially causing disturbances in the street.

For further reference and detailed information, please consult the Camden Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2022-2027 at the following link: <https://www.camden.gov.uk/documents/20142/1598116/Camden+Statement+of+Licensing+Policy+2022-2027+FINAL.pdf/86b4b491-33c5-9127-ae5f-048ae8e53899?t=1644513916549>

There is an ongoing complaint with the licensing authority that was raised over a year and a half ago. The reference number for this complaint is 294747. Despite assurances from Councillor Madlani to receive a response by the end of March 2022, and subsequent discussions with Councillor Harrison, the case remains unresolved as of Summer 2023. It is recommended to prioritise the closure of this existing case before making any decision regarding the current Pavement License application. The complaint concerns numerous and frequent violations of their license conditions, of which the most important are found below:

1. Patrons frequently stay well past midnight, violating license conditions.
2. Patrons often smoke and drink outside on their porch past 22:30, violating license conditions and causing large amounts of noise.
3. Despite being required to remove furniture inside the premises by 22:30 as per their premises license (PREM-LIC\1250), they instead remove it onto their porch/forecourt area

due to space constraints. This results in noise disturbances when they finally remove the furniture between midnight and 3am, waking nearby residents.

4. The noise generated often exceeds the legally acceptable limit of 34dba, constituting a statutory noise nuisance. Multiple noise complaints have been made, but the issue persists due to the large number of people drinking outside.
5. They consistently place furniture outside adjoining properties, even on the porch of the adjacent business, as evident from the provided map/plan.
6. Patrons frequently obstruct the footway by standing between tables, chairs, and the kerb.
7. No signage is placed on the tables to remind customers to keep noise levels down in this residential area.
8. The amount and layout of furniture depicted in the map/plan is clearly unrealistic and needs to be resubmitted.
9. They should be held accountable for the numerous recorded antisocial incidents reported to the Camden Council over the past two years.
10. No-smoking signs, smoke-free zones, and proper demarcation between smoking and smoke-free areas are lacking. Ashtrays are frequently left on tables and the porch, and patrons often loiter and smoke underneath nearby windows.
11. No contact details have been provided for addressing concerns.

It is important to ensure that the concerns of long-standing local residents are not disregarded in favour of commercial interests. It is requested that, at the very least, the cited violations be addressed and the license conditions be actively enforced.

The establishment only recently displayed a sign indicating their application for a pavement license, which raises suspicions of intentional deception towards local residents. According to the regulations, the sign was required to be displayed on 26/05/23, yet it was not put up until today. This delayed action potentially restricts the timeframe for residents to make complaints, as they must be submitted by 03/06/23. Such behaviour raises concerns about the transparency and adherence to procedural requirements by the establishment in question. This follows a similar approach with the timing of their signage as observed in their previous applications.

In conclusion, it is evident that there are significant concerns and ongoing issues related to the establishment's operations and adherence to license conditions. The repeated violations, noise disturbances, improper furniture placement, and other nuisances have been a cause of distress for local residents. It is essential for the council to address these concerns seriously and take appropriate action to enforce the license conditions, ensure compliance, and prioritise the well-being and quality of life of the affected community. Furthermore, the delayed display of the pavement license application sign raises questions about transparency and adherence to procedural requirements. All these factors highlight the importance of a fair and thorough assessment of the situation, taking into account the rights and concerns of the local residents.

Regards,

Arthur - a local resident

p.s. video and photo evidence of dozens of violations, antisocial behaviour, and general nuisance behaviour can be found at: <<https://mega.nz/folder/gEsVEaYa#2huTqxAhAljXgFkEPGYBVg>>