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Dear Leela

153 Fortess Road London NW5 2HR

**Installation of an ESP (Electrostatic Precipitator) ventilation extract system to rear ground floor restaurant.
Application Number 2024/4434/P**

I am writing to express concerns about the ongoing situation at 153 Fortess Road, which has been affecting my business operations. I have been operating at this location since May 2023, and my café, Little Bear Café, has been part of the local community for over 15 years, serving families and residents in the area.

I would like to highlight that I paid over [REDACTED] in premium for this café. Shortly after taking over the business, a new café opened at 163 Fortess Road, NW5 2HR, named Intrepid Bakers. This new café offers nearly the same menu as mine, which has significantly affected my sales, resulting in a 50% drop in revenue. This unfair competition is directly impacting my ability to sustain my family-run business.

Additionally, I would like to address objections raised by Emrah Kus and Yunus Emre Kus, who operate their own business at 151 Fortess Road. While they have expressed concerns about my application for a ventilation system, I want to clarify that I am not opening a kebab shop or engaging in similar activities. Instead, I am striving to improve my service by ensuring proper ventilation and compliance with all necessary regulations. My goal is to maintain a café that has been a favorite among families and residents in the area for years.

I would also like to inform the council that I was granted a restaurant license on 15 July 2024, and a premises license on 5 November 2024. These licenses demonstrate my commitment to operating within the regulations and improving the dining experience for my customers.

Currently, I do not have a ventilation system in place, which is why I am applying for one. Although I have been cooking certain items, such as salmon and pastries, in the oven, I understand the importance of proper ventilation for my customers and the surrounding environment. I am committed to meeting all necessary standards and ensuring a safe and welcoming environment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I hope to continue contributing positively to the community and preserving my family business in a fair and regulated environment.

Sincerely,
Haydar Ozcan
Owner, Little Bear Café