

Mr W Lewis



15<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a resident of Fortune Green for over 40 years, I am writing to you with reference to my concerns regarding the recent opening of the 'Monte Christo' shisha bar, situated on the corner of Burrard and Fortune Green Road.

This establishment has been open for over two months now and I strongly feel that a Shisha Bar in this specific location is inappropriate. My reasons for this are as follows:

The Fortune Green area is renowned for being a children friendly area, with a park, children's playground and generally family occupied properties. Fortune Green park is regularly used by nursery groups and by local primary schools for sports events. My concerns are that as the activity of smoking is very visible outside the Shisha bar, groups of children will see this as they pass by to use local facilities (especially of concern in the light summer evenings when young kids are also playing in the park later into the evening). I think we all understand the need to ensure that children of all ages are encouraged to understand that smoking is something that is not acceptable and is damaging to health (please see the reference in the April addition of 'Healthy Camden' regarding the dangers and statistics in relation to smoking).

Please also see the link below:

<http://www.bhf.org.uk/heart-health/prevention/smoking/shisha.aspx>

As exemplified in the enclosed photo, and as you will probably be aware, parking at this junction is a major safety issue. Despite parking restrictions in place, and due to the volume of custom, cars are parking outside the premises causing a dangerous obstruction.

In addition, again due to volume of custom, the already reported frustrating parking problem in local residential roads, has been compounded.

I also understand that there has been an application to obtain an alcohol licence. I would be concerned and with reference to the above, this would cause potential impactive behaviours on a family and relatively peaceful environment. I would therefore appreciate if you could take all the above into account when reviewing any change of use application.

Yours faithfully,



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**DON'T  
BOTTLE  
IT UP**

Concerned about drinking then visit [healthyp.org.uk](http://www.healthyp.org.uk). You can also visit the Alcohol Service on 0800 107 0401 or contact your GP.



1 in 3 of those accessing alcohol treatment are over 40.  
1 in 4 are parents.

pace yourself by on your drink, space drinks by having soft in between.

eed the daily alcohol units.

## Smoking

**Smoking remains the main cause of preventable disease and premature death in the UK. In England alone, over 80,000 deaths per year are due to smoking.**

Around 24% of adults in Camden smoke. 50% of Camden students in school years eight to 10 report that at least one person smokes regularly at home each day. Smokers harm not just themselves but those around them too.



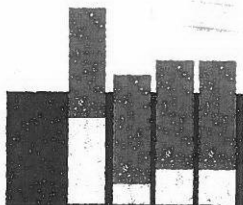
**The average smoker spends around £1,500 on cigarettes**



**Children of parents who smoke are three times more likely to become smokers**

### Key facts

- It is important to stop smoking at any point in life. However, if you quit smoking by the time you are 30, you can expect to see an increase in life expectancy of ten years.
- You are up to four times more likely to quit smoking through the local Stop Smoking Service.
- Find out how much your habit is costing you at [nhs.uk/tools/pages/smoking.aspx](http://nhs.uk/tools/pages/smoking.aspx)



### Getting help

Contact **0800 107 0401** to speak to one of our trained advisors or speak with your GP for details. You can also contact us at [info@smokefreelifecamden.co.uk](mailto:info@smokefreelifecamden.co.uk) or visit the website [smokefreelifecamden.co.uk](http://smokefreelifecamden.co.uk)



Use your QR reader to watch how a **mother and daughter quit smoking together**.

[healthycamden.com/videos](http://healthycamden.com/videos)

SHISHA BAR!



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**Sent:** 01 June 2014 23:12  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** APPLICATION COMMENT - APPLICATION REF. 2014/2409/P-[REDACTED]

Dear Sirs

I am a neighbour affected by the application above and want to add some comments to those already made via the Camden council website.

I live directly above the shisha shop for which the application has been submitted and want to put on record that the noise pollution is becoming worse and now quite unbearable.

The opening time are now from lunch time to later than midnight with the problems generally starting around 7pm and things getting really bad after 9pm with music being played sometimes until midnight, and a loud crowd spending hours just under my windows.

All through London one see shops and pubs sensibly reminding clients that they have to be quiet when leaving and respect neighbours. Here there is no such concept and in fact the truth is that the very business concept of this shisha shop is quite the opposite, ie what it really offers is a place for people to sit, smoke, and make noise just below flats where the residents are severely affected.

I do hope that the Council will do the right thing in this case and will protect the residents. I oppose the application.

The fact that works have already been performed and developments paid for should not really be taken into consideration. Otherwise what kind of message would the Council be delivering? That non respecting rules is something that gets results and is rewarded?

IT IS NOW PAST 11pm THERE IS MUSIC AND LOUD NOISE COMING FROM TH CAFE BELOW,  
AS USUAL

Thank you Kind regards  
Giorgio De Fanis

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