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2016/6853/P	Susan Collins	129 Camden Mews NW1 9AH NW1 9AH	01/01/2017 16:25:01	OBJ	Dear Camden Planning RE application 2016/6853/P

I am writing to raise concerns about some of the claims and statements made in the planning application for change of use from A1 to A3 at 181 York Way London N7 9LN

My main concern is to do with extending the opening hours of Café Noir. It currently operates as a café open daytime hours but the proposal is to extend these so that it is open until 11pm at night for six days of the week and until 10pm on Sundays.

The application claims that “Cafe Noire (sic) is the only place where it is possible to sit and have something to eat and drink in this parade of shops. Though the sandwich bar at No 159 has a couple of seats, it closes at 4pm, and the other two premises selling food in this row of shops are take-away only (No 177 chinese, No 179 pizza)”

This is actually not the case. The Chinese take away has substantial seating for those wishing to eat their meal on the premises, and Aspendos on the opposite side of the road also has restaurant table seating as well as a takeaway service.

The application also states that “This cafe will not add to the noise locally. The corner of York Way and Camden Road is always busy with traffic and pedestrians by night and day with many premises open late; the take-away chinese and the pizza establishment is open until well after midnight; there are people smoking and drinking outside the Unicorn public house until the early hours, and the Nisa supermarket on the other side of York Way has a 24-hour off-licence the clients of which are noisy at all hours of the night and day”

For local residents such as ourselves the existing level of noise nuisance (and associated anti social behaviour such as public urination) from both the Unicorn and Nisa as well as from the customers of the numerous takeaways is at the absolute upper limit. We would be looking to Camden Planning to help reduce this situation, rather than exacerbate it by granting more premises the option to open late into the evening. This statement is also inaccurate/misleading in that neither the Chinese or Pizza takeaways are ‘open until well after midnight’ they both close at 11pm at the latest.

Whilst clearly a vast improvement on their previous planning application. There are still areas of concern the key ones being:

- Proposed opening hours and the resulting corresponding increase in people traffic and associated late night anti social behavior
- Toilets. It is unclear from this application whether there are customer toilets on the premises. (we already have many of the visitors to the premises on York Way using Camden Mews as a public urinal at all hours of the day and night so this is a very real concern). This should be a condition of planning
- Will the outside decking area still be in use in the evening? The noise from York Way travels and the sound of patrons smoking on the street would have significant negative noise impact for those of us living in the vicinity (and the air quality also would not be enhanced by this).

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With regards

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