

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Consultees Addr:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2017/5155/P	Andrew Smith	38 Goodge Street	21/10/2017 11:25:58	OBJ	<p>We strongly object to the proposed variation of the conditions in place for Kua Aina restaurant 40 Goodge Street.</p> <p>These conditions are in place because of the type of restaurant (high level of burning fat) and therefore comparison with other establishments for hours of operation for the equipment, is irrelevant. The conditions are specific to this restaurant and its use.</p> <p>We have lived at 38 Goodge Street, flats A to D for over twenty years in permanent social housing.</p> <p>We object to any change because:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The noise from the extractor flue is improved but it is still noticeable above other air conditioning units on this side of rear courtyard of Goodge Street, Scala Street and Charlotte Street. The application cover letter is misleading to state all noise conditions have now been discharged. The noise issues have lessened but have not gone entirely. <p>We have not been informed of the noise readings level taken by the applicant from our flat, after corrective measures were carried out and whether the Council is/was satisfied; we can hear that the noise is lessened but it is still noticeable and when the window to our living space is open – most of time – it is intrusive.</p> <p>At the moment, the extractor flue is operating until 11.30 to 11.45pm each evening as the restaurant stays open; in no way does it ever get switched off at 10pm and therefore the timer switch although installed, is not in operation.</p> <p>The application also lists restaurants in the area but only one is in our neighbourhood part of Goodge Street, Mondello, that is next door to us on the other side. There is no noise from this restaurant beyond 10.30pm and they do not have, or have had for the past 20 years, any noticeable extraction equipment in use. (Icco is across the junction below the mosque).</p> <p>The other restaurants are on Tottenham Court Road and Newman Street (!) and are not comparable with the close proximity of permanent residential in this part of Goodge Street, Indeed the issue has been raised with the applicant Ed Bardos, by myself as to why they are located in the current premises and the suitability of other locations in the area for the type of cooking (ie burning grill fats) they use.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The application does not say if the condenser units are to be new or in place now or what the arrangements are for cooling at the moment? Are these new units? If so what is the noise calculation from them? Is this the air conditioning unit noise/hum that is very intense in this part of the courtyard during the day. If it is, it would be unacceptable for these to operate at night. What other restaurants have 24/7 cooling systems and what are the alternatives? How do they operate now and in the past two years? 3. Although not specific to this application; there does exist a continuing problem with the

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					<p>nature of the cooking. Fumes and smoke intermittently fill the courtyard and Goodge Street. We have consistently raised this from the outset and although Environmental Health focused on the noise issue (probably correctly), the fumes and smoke from burning lard remain. (The emails with Environmental Health raising this issue are available on request and have been supplied to the Planning Officer).</p> <p>Furthermore, earlier this year London Fire Brigade attended with two engines and ladder to the roof and entered our building closing the street for 90 minutes. The fire officers said a letter would be written (statutory procedure) and this must have gone to the Council somewhere. Interestingly, they said a similar problem had existed with the other KA premises in Soho. This is evidence that smoke emanates from the flue on the roof and it can be seen clearly intermittently back and front and whilst people are walking up and down the street at lunchtimes etc. Obviously, these fumes come in our front windows.</p> <p>This point 3. clearly illustrates the particular nature of this restaurant use and emphasises why the conditions attached to the Planning permissions for this restaurant must remain in place.</p> <p>Yours faithfully, Andrew Smith, On behalf of Carol Bowen, Michael Farrier, Radost Vatcheva</p>
