

KENTISH TOWN ROAD ACTION (KTRA)

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To: Obote Hope
Planning Services
London Borough of Camden
5 Pancras Square, London N1C 4AG

re: Application 2019/6125/P 385 Kentish Town Road NW5 2TJ

Dear Obote Hope

I am writing on behalf of Kentish Town Road Action. KTRA objects to the element in this Planning application that deals with the proposed Hours of Opening on Saturday.

We understand that Planning officers do not usually concern themselves with Licensing matters, but in this case Planning and Licensing are interlinked, and some background needs to be known.

The Hours applied for on Saturday are 11.00 – 02.00.

These very late hours are unsuitable for this area of Kentish Town. The Forum venue, at 9-17 Highgate Road, is only seven buildings away from 385 Kentish Town Road. Hundreds of customers stream past no.385 on their way to and from the Forum to attend its many gigs. If these premises remain open until 02.00 on Saturday, for whatever purpose, customers and passing trade will be hanging around in the street until the early hours, waiting for taxis or late night public transport.

Numbers 1-5 Highgate Road, five buildings away from 385 Kentish Town Road, are tall multi-occupied residential buildings. There are residential flats above all the shops on the street, and in the buildings opposite. Residents in all these flats and houses will find their sleep disturbed by the noise of customers leaving the restaurant early in the morning. Customers will hang around the street waiting for early morning transport and taxis.

Until this Premises Licence was applied for the premises held an historic Late Night Refreshment licence from 23.00-03.00 on Saturday. It is clear that the owner of these premises intends to apply for another late night refreshment licence, and probably an alcohol licence, once he has the Premises licence. He applied for very late refreshment and alcohol licences recently but was instructed by Camden to apply for a Premises licence first.

KTRA is asking for an amendment to the Saturday Opening Hours applied for. The end hour applied for on Saturday is two hours past the Licensing Framework Hour, which is midnight. We are asking for an amendment to the Planning application – reducing the Saturday Opening Hours from 02.00 to 24.30 for the reasons given above.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and keep me informed about the progress of this application.

Yours Sincerely

