Supplementary Committee Agenda



Licensing Sub-Committee Tuesday, 7th February, 2012

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping

Time: 10.30 am

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8. LOUGHTON BBQ, 171 HIGH ROAD, LOUGHTON (Pages 3 - 10)

(Director of Corporate Support Services) To consider the attached applicants statement.



Witness Statement of HASAN DAGDELEN

Application for a Variation of the Premises Licence



- 1. I am leaseholder and Premises Licence holder at Loughton BBQ. I have been the leaseholder here since approximately 2004
- 2. I have over 13 years experience in the catering industry and I have run numerous business in this sector.
- 3. The increase in costs, the need to retain my customers by not increasing profits to and the need to remain competitive has meant that I must work harder and longer hours to remain a profitable business,
- 4. The Local Authority granted a premises licence to Nu Bar which is near my premises to trade until 2am in the morning on Fridays and Saturdays. My business relies on the custom from Nu Bar and as I am forced to close at the same time (2am) as Nu Bar, I am loosing a lot of walk in custom which I would have had from Nu Bar. I need to be able to trade half an hour longer than Nu Bar to be able to serve customers who leave Nu Bar between 1:30am and 2am.
- 5. If the licenses in this area were all limited to 11pm or midnight, I would be more than glad to cease trading at 11:30pm or 00:30pm. My intentions are not to trade for as long as I can but my intention is not to loose all my customers. Furthermore, the Local Authority has granted far more restaurant A3 licenses in the area hence the necessity to work harder and remain competitive.
- 6. If the Local Authority is able to reduce the licensable hours for all the businesses in the area Nu Bar, Luxe etc, then I would agree to reduce my hours as well for the benefit of the area

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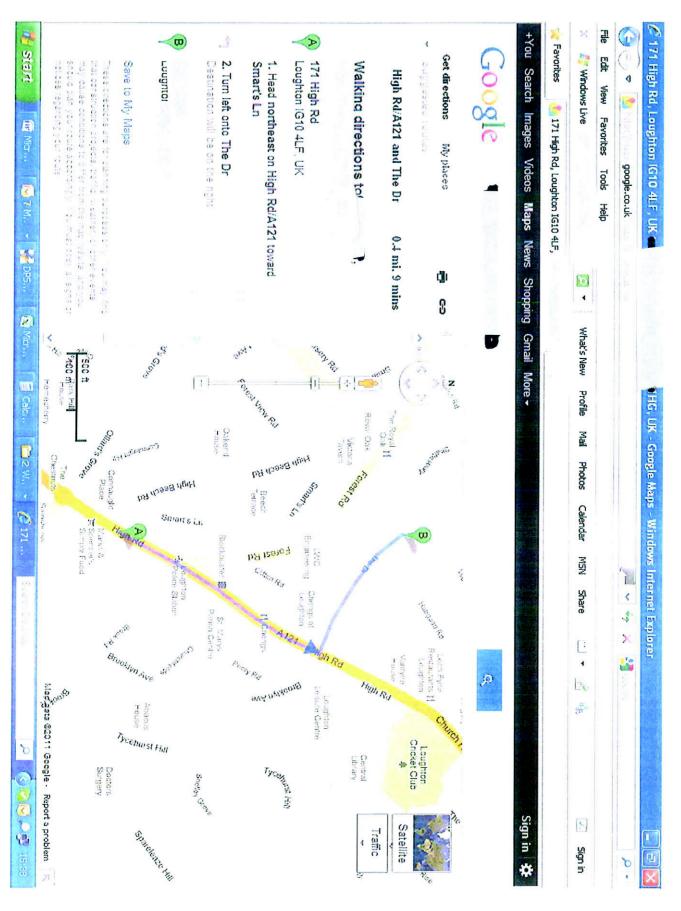
- 7. My business is reliant on the late night trade in the area and if I loose the late night trade I will find it difficult to make ends meet. My rent is £32,000.00 annually and my business rates are approximately £5,600.00. My rent and business rates along with utility bills come to well over £40,000.00
- 8. Although objections have been made on the grounds of crime & disorder, public nuisance and public safety by local residents I would point out that there are no objections to my application to extend the hours from the Police nor the Pollution Team/Environmental Health
- 9. There are no objections to my application to extend the hours from any of the residents who live in or around my shop on the High Road itself
- 10. I note that there are 6 people objecting to my application who live near my premises. Although objections have been made about noise, nuisance, sleep disturbance, I do not believe that these parties actually live close enough to my property to hear any noise or suffer any disturbance at 2am or 2:30am in the morning. I attach herewith the following
 - a. Plans marked HD1 (Mr. Colin Newlyn), HD2 (Ms. Val Ellis), HD3 (Christine Gray) and HD4 (Mr. & Mrs. Linnell). All but one of these four interested parties live more than a 12 minute walk away from the premises. The nearest person is a full 9 or 10 minutes away. I do not believe that any of these people hear any noise from my premises, + 2 more than the first trock
 - Similarly, none of the other objections actually live close enough to the premises to hear anything
- 11. I believe that I am providing professional service in a safe environment and I believe that serving food to customers who have had some drinks actually helps them leave the area and by finishing their night. It also prevents people walking along the High Road looking for other places to find something to eat. There are also a lot of taxis which serve the area between my premises, Nu Bar and Lux and so people are able to obtain some food and leave the area without walking around.
- 12. I have a Door Supervisors who works at the property during late night licence hours controlling the entry and exit of customers. Even though the premises is already quite safe, the supervisor provides further security. The supervisor is instructed to refuse anybody who appears to be drunk or would cause offence.

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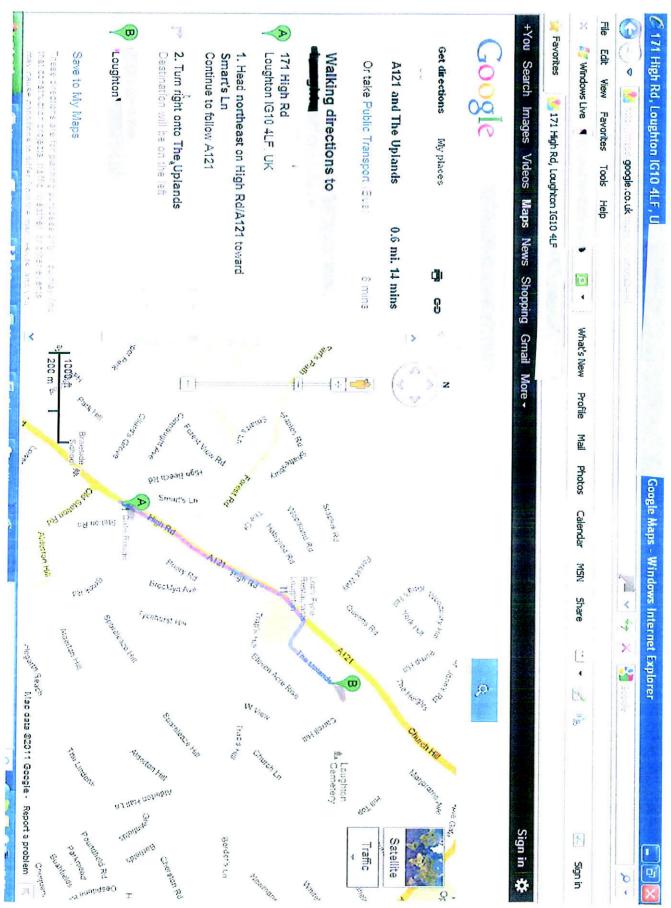
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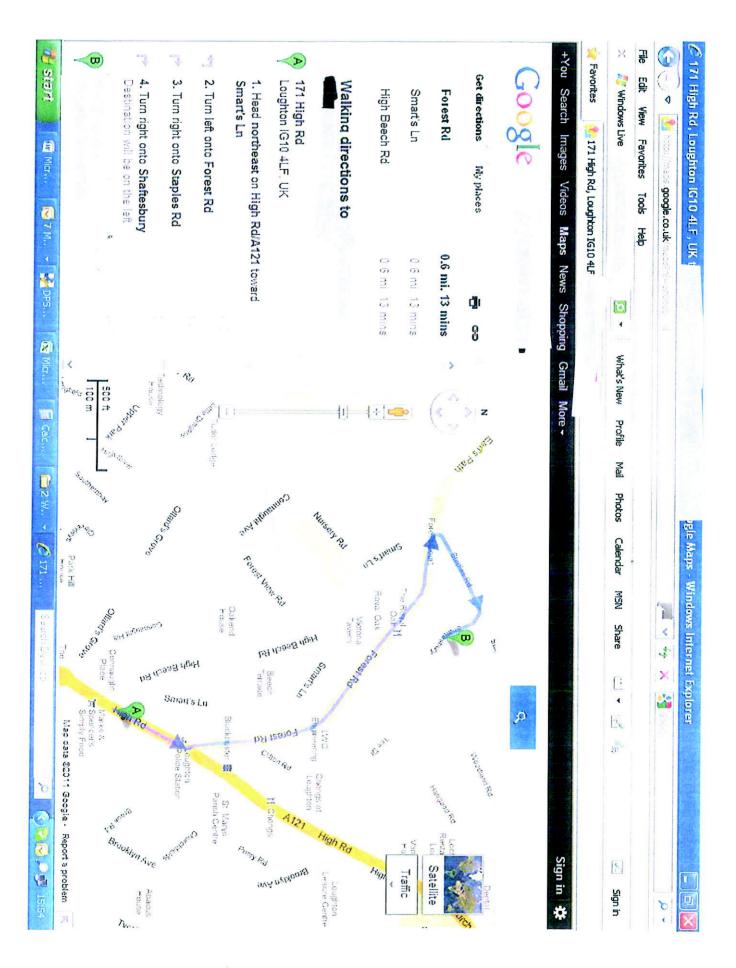
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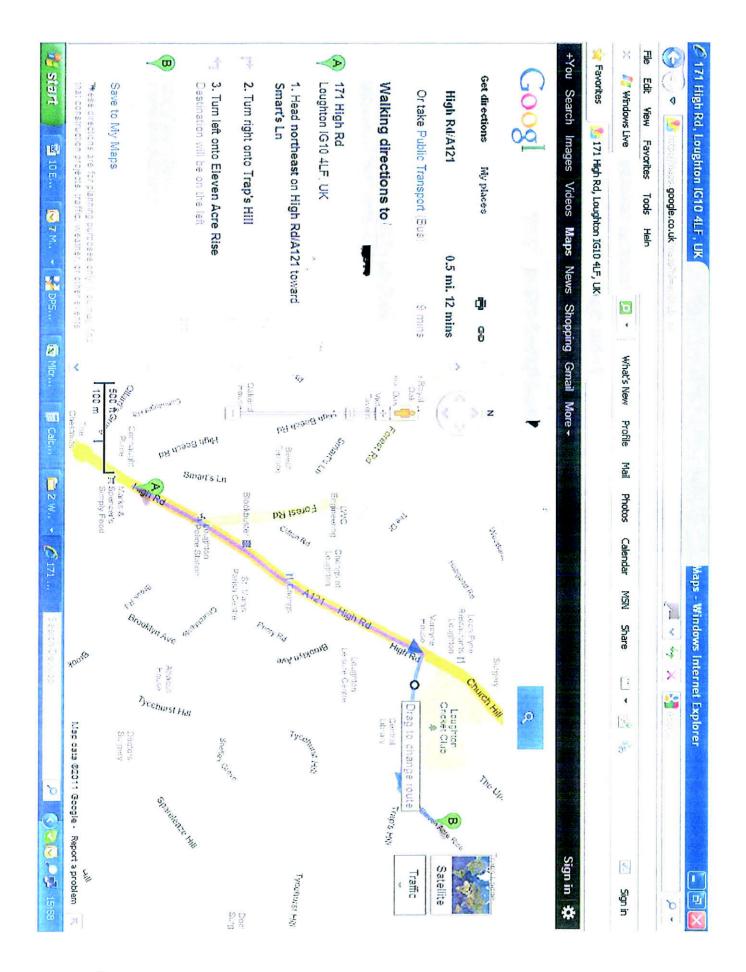


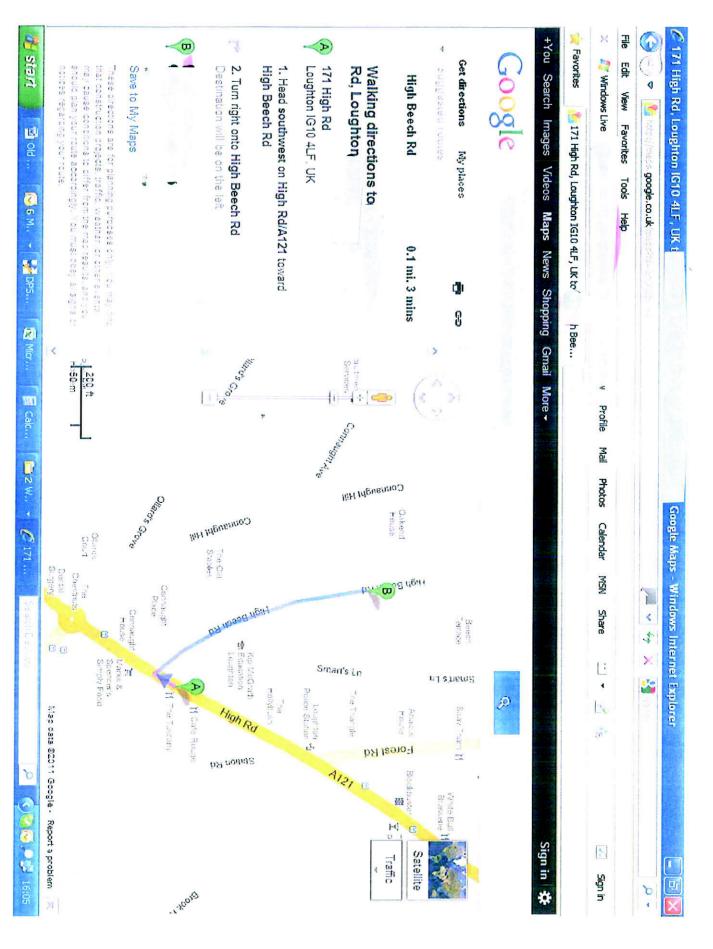


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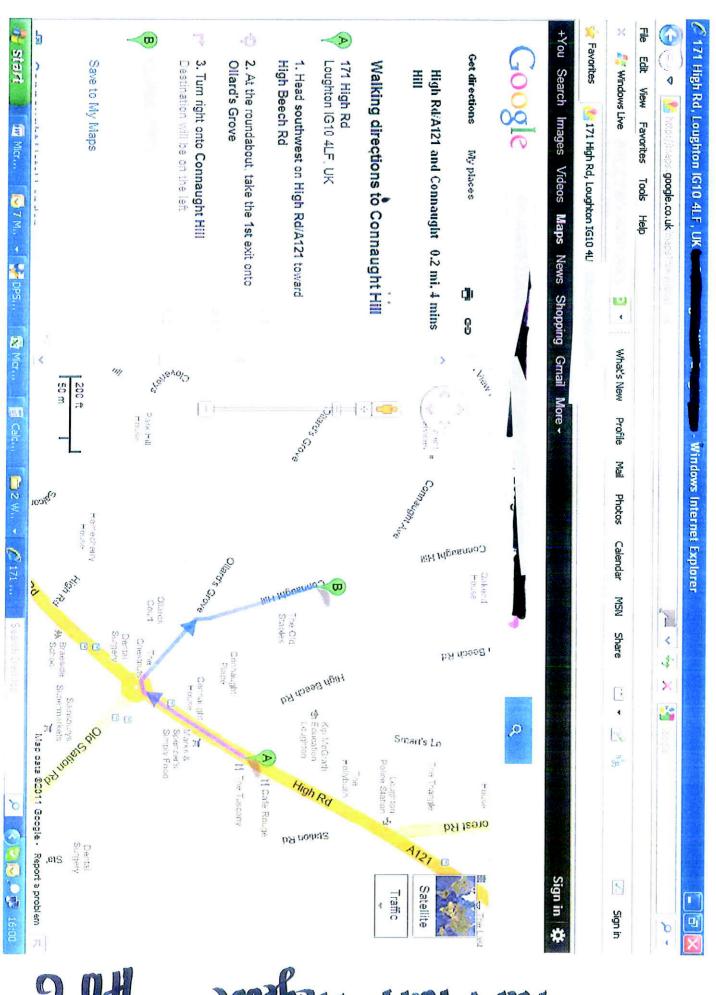












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