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Loughton Residents Association



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05/01/2010

Environmental Services,
Epping Forest District Council,
Civic Offices, High Street,
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Dear Sirs
MINX, High Road, Loughton

We have been asked by several local residents* to make representations on the review of the licence for MINX, High Road Loughton. We object to the renewal of the licence; if however it is to be renewed we would wish to see extra conditions on behaviour and on opening hours.

We have been concerned for some time that the licence conditions were inappropriate for its location. We have had many reports from residents of crime and disorder (minor damage to property and vehicles, disturbances in the early hours of the morning, reports of fights etc). We regard it as outrageous that law-abiding residents should be fearful of coming home late at night along the High Road. We accept that it can be difficult to show which premises are responsible for these events, and are therefore grateful for the work that the police have done in monitoring the problems and in working to reduce them. It is very disappointing that these attempts have been unsuccessful, and that a review is needed. We note the incidents which have led the police to initiate the review.

Even if customers are well-behaved, a closing time of after midnight inevitably means late-night noise and disturbance for local residents (including children) on the High Road and other roads nearby (ALL the roads leading to and from this shop - including the High Road itself, which has flats above many of the shop units - are residential).

We have seen attempts in licensing applications to justify early-morning closing as part of town-centre life, and on the grounds that residents should know what to expect.

We have already made the point that Loughton High Road is not a town-centre of the type occupied by shops and offices, but is a residential area.

Moreover, late-night opening in the High Road is a very recent phenomenon, and only came about because of the very poor publicity given to licensing applications under the revised conditions, which meant that some early applications went through without being noticed by residents at the application stage (and therefore without the opposition which they would otherwise have received).

We therefore object to the renewal of the current licence, on the grounds of the four licensing objectives:

- the prevention of crime and disorder (as instanced above and by the police)
- public safety as instanced above and by the police)
- the prevention of public nuisance as instanced above and by the police)
- the protection of children from harm (as mentioned above, and because we understand from the police that an underage person was present and indeed attacked on the premises).

If however the Licensing sub-committee is minded to renew the licence, we would urge them to apply conditions relating to the control of customers on leaving, and also to limit opening hours (both normally and for special occasions) to midnight at the very latest.

Yours sincerely



David Linnell, for LRA Plans Group.

*requests from


Rev. Wayne Dulson, Connaught Avenue

Mrs F J Thomas, 14 Smarts Lane

Oliver and Heather Newman, 9 Connaught Avenue

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Nichola Glascock - Minx, High Road Loughton

From: 
To: <licensing@eppingforestdc.gov.uk>
Date: 05/01/2010 16:32
Subject: Minx, High Road Loughton
CC: <contact@loughton-tc.gov.uk>, <contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk>

Dear Sirs

I would like to take this opportunity to express my views regarding the above establishment. I live in High Beech Road, very near to the Minx Bar. Almost every weekend we have experienced considerable noise and general affray coming from this club. Invariably there are fights breaking out, which spill out on to the road, followed by police sirens etc. There is then considerable noise from clubgoers on their way back to their cars. We have often been woken by screaming and shouting, fighting and slamming of doors, and many times have had to clear up shattered glass from the pavements and road. By allowing this licence to remain you are encouraging public nuisance and danger to the general public. Loughton used to be a very respectable town where people could feel relatively safe when walking along the streets. It is a very different story now. All the local residents I speak to are of the same opinion that Loughton has been allowed to degenerate into a "party" town, bringing in no end of trouble from other areas including London. This has put a strain on the local police resources which obviously then detracts from other more valuable services they could be performing. I have also heard about drug related incidents occurring at this establishment.

I would very much appreciate it if you would take my comments into consideration and bear in mind that I speak on behalf of many when I object to a new licence being granted to Minx Bar on the grounds of it being a danger to public safety, a public nuisance and a venue for crime.

Yours faithfully

P Kelly (Mrs)
20A High Beech Road
Loughton

Nichola Glasscock - FW: Minx, High Road - licence review

From: "Enid Walsh" <Enid.Walsh@loughton-tc.gov.uk>
To: "Kim Tuckey" <KTUCKEY@eppingforestdc.gov.uk>
Date: 05/01/2010 09:47
Subject: FW: Minx, High Road - licence review

For your attention
Regards
Enid

From: Heather & Olly Newman
Sent: 04 January 2010 21:57
To: contact
Subject: Minx, High Road - licence review

Dear Council

Based on information we have received that the police have applied to the council for a review of Minx nightclub's licence, that there have been 31 recorded crimes associated with Minx since September 2008 and that Minx have failed to implement actions to improve the operation of the club, we request you to REVOKE the licence. The grounds for our request are the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and the prevention of public nuisance.

Yours sincerely,
Oliver and Heather Newman
9 Connaught Avenue
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Essex IG10 4DP

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From: ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~
To: <licensing@eppingforestdc.gov.uk>
Date: 06/01/2010 18:49:48
Subject: Minx - licence review URGENT

It has come to my attention that you are reviewing the licence for Minx in Loughton High Road and I would like it noted that I have serious concerns about the present management of this establishment on the grounds of public safety.

As a resident of High Beech Road I am aware of the increasing number of disturbances outside the club. The side road between the High Road and Smarts Lane has become a no go area for pedestrians when the club is open. Scuffles frequently spill onto the High Road and my 24 year old son often has to take an alternative route home to avoid becoming embroiled in a fight on his way home in the evening. On one occasion seeing a man on the ground being kicked by three other men he and his friend were about to intervene on the victim's behalf when fortunately the police arrived. We have lived in Loughton for 30 years and have never had any concerns about walking home late at night before. I feel that the management of Minx are not being responsible. They allow people to get very drunk then push them out onto the road. They also provide weapons to hand by placing the recycling bins full of glass bottles on the street just where groups tend to congregate. I fail to see how the New Bar on the opposite side of the road manages a similar establishment without any trouble (we pass the entrance regularly after a night in London) yet Minx has numerous problems.

I hope you will give serious consideration to the safety of residents when reviewing the licence for Minx.

Yours sincerely
Marion Blundell

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Licensing Dept.,
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Civic Offices
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cc: Loughton Town Council

- 5 JAN 2020

31st December 2009

Dear Sirs

Re: Licence review – Minx Nightclub/ Bar

Our property backs on to High Beech Road car park and is in direct line of the Minx club. From the moment this club was allowed to replace the previous public house we have been besieged by unacceptable levels of noise from the club until the early hours of the morning. With two children we believe this unacceptable. Any licence premises in this location should not be open beyond midnight.

Often, there are fights or noise from milling crowds in the car park which is most disturbing. Our rear wall has had graffiti painted on it and cans of beer, glass bottles, cigarette packets and other rubbish are often thrown over our garden wall. It will not be long before a very serious crime takes place.

It should be said that the executive at the Town hall should have been more thoughtful when allowing this end of Loughton High Road, (which has a high density of residential properties) permission for other late night drinking establishments such as the Loughton Barbeque and Nu Bar which are becoming hot beds for drunks and drug users.

One other aspect is the unreasonable amount of litter every Saturday and Sunday mornings. There is often vomit, empty beer cans and bottles at the junction of Ollards Grove and Connaught Avenue. The public nuisance and safety of members of the public is clearly at risk.

Please revoke the night club status (unacceptable noise levels) of the Minx Bar and restrict a drinks license to midnight at the latest so the public and residential neighbours can have some quality of life back.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]
Mr & Mrs M Pidgeon

- 5 JAN 2020

THE MINX NIGHT CLUB GROUNDS TO REVOKE LICENCE

1. THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

There are so many crimes committed in and around the MINX. Underage drinking, violent assaults, sexual assaults, and numerous acts of antisocial behaviour. The licence should be revoked to prevent this crime and disorder.

2. PUBLIC SAFETY

The High Road is now a dangerous NO GO area on a Friday and Saturday night as well as bank holidays [whether they be religious festivals or not]. Loughton is a semi rural town and it's residents have the right to walk down its main street in safety. This is an issue of public safety.

3. THE PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE

The High road and the adjoining residential streets are unable to accommodate the much increased traffic and parking generated by this night club which draws patrons from all over the county, from east London and further afield. We have to tolerate the 2.30—3.00 am revving of engines the car stereo systems blaring, the slamming of car doors and the obscene language when the MINX patrons turn out drunk in the early hours. Public nuisance is an understatement.

4. THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM

It is well known to local people that the MINX night club attracts many underage drinkers, particularly young girls; there have already been cases of sexual assaults committed against young females left vulnerable by alcohol intoxication. Are we to wait until there is a case of abduction and rape before action is taken? These children must be protected from harm.

Trusting common sense will finally prevail and that the town can once again enjoy happier and more peaceful times.

Yours sincerely

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From C. C. GARDNER
38, HIGH BECKET ROAD
LOUGHTON
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The granting of a licence for this night club, attracting out of town patrons, has already destroyed people's quality of life in the surrounding residential roads, with parking, high speed driving, rowdiness obscene and anti social behaviour of all kinds being commonplace. Loughton High Road is now too dangerous to use at night because of the MINX and other similar premises, in short Loughton as a pleasant semi rural town has been destroyed. Please do not allow this madness to go on even further into the night.

The above is an extract from a letter I sent at the time of MINX's application for an extension to their licence to stay open well into the early hours. Sadly the extension to the licence was granted, I would be most interested to know on what grounds, as ever since, the trouble has escalated, does there have to be a death or a rape before the council takes action.

EXTRACT FROM PREVIOUS LETTER
AGAINST THE GRANTING OF AN
EXTENSION TO THE MINX LICENCE.
SADLY THE EXTENSION WAS GRANTED

06. JAN 2010

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A. BARRINGTON
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Dear Sirs,

re: MINX NIGHTCLUB HIGH RD LOUGHTON

I should like to strongly support the revoking of the licence under the present conditions, in respect of the above nightclub.

I have no objection at all to nightclubs if they are properly run, kept under control and don't incite any trouble, but this club has failed to introduce the measures requested by the police to improve the operation of the club.

It has encouraged people to come into Loughton from other areas, some of whom have no respect for our beautiful town, or come just to cause trouble.

During the Summer months the clientele block the pavements outside, which maybe partly responsible for the 31 recorded crimes since 2008. The nightclub is quite out of character with the rest of Loughton in its present form.

Yours faithfully



37 Hillcrest Road, Loughton, Essex, IG10 4QH



2nd January 2010

Licencing Unit
Epping Forest District Council
Civic Offices
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CM16 4BZ

- 4 JAN 2020

Dear Sirs

MINX NIGHTCLUB LICENCE REVIEW

I understand that your committee is shortly to review the club's licence.

Since the club has apparently ignored proposals to improve its performance, my recommendation would be to revoke the club's licence altogether.

Loughton High Road used to be a place where law-abiding people could walk freely at all times, but the activities associated with the Minx have served to lower the standard of safety and pleasure dramatically.

Yours faithfully



A R B GRIFFITHS

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- 5 JAN 2020

30th December 2009

Minx – High Road Loughton
License Review

I live in High Beech Road and have experienced a number of incidents very late / early hours of the morning from customers leaving from the Minx bar. On two occasions I have had men urinate against my car and in the passage by the side of my house.

My neighbours opposite have also seen two men about to walk down my side passage very early in the morning that were stopped when she shouted at them from her bedroom window. This worried me very much and I have since installed an alarm system and had a wooden locking gate fitted.

It is very common, particularly in the summer months to be woken very early by screaming and shouting from the direction of the Minx bar.

Walking down to the station in the morning there can be broken glass and bottles left on the path and by the car park.

I do not think the location is suitable for a late night club. If the license is granted I would suggest that a more suitable time and the latest closing time should be midnight.

Yours faithfully



Rose Dale

Cc David Linnell- LRA

06 JAN 2010



5-1-2010

To the Licencing Authority, E.F.D.C.

Re:- Minox Nightclub

It has recently come to our attention that the question of renewing the licence of the minox nightclub in Loughton High Rd is due for consideration.

As reasonably active pensioners we are very reluctant to walk in the High Rd due to the disorderly and intimidating atmosphere in the evenings.


The minox in particular seems to be a magnet for unruly people, not necessarily locals.

We very much hope that the licence will be revoked.

Yours truly

[Redacted signature]
[Redacted address]

If you want a higher club.
put it away from Houghton
High Road. in the forest
hidden to the people who live here.
Yours Sincerely


(MR & Mrs)

- 4 JAN 2020

Licensing Dept

14 Smartshave

Houghton 191043X

30 Dec 2009

Sirs Minx High Rd

When the Minx first opened the hours were very quickly extended to 2.0 am. This will happen again and we will have to put up with fights, noise, shouting. This is a residential district and is not acceptable. We have to witness fights, police activity, etc. Blood and vomit on the pavements. Bottles, glasses, jugs are left outside Sawilles and the new flats. These are there for days, get broken and are a hazard to children walking up Smartshave to Staples Rd school. Flyers are also left in car parks and the place is full of them. This is a public nuisance.

Yours sincerely



Mrs