

# Loughton Residents Association Plans Group



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Dear Sirs

## **Licensing Review, Nu-Bar, High Road, Loughton.**

The LRA Plans Group supports a review of the Nu-Bar's licence.

Late-evening/early-morning premises licences are not appropriate in residential areas - there are homes in *all* the roads leading to/from Nu-bar\* (including the High Road, where there are houses to the south and flats above the shops to the north).

\*except for the short Old Station Road.

Loughton would clearly be a better and safer place if there were no nightclubs or late-night bars in the town at all.

### **The prevention of crime and disorder and public safety**

It is clear that the Nu-Bar attracts people from a wide area of Essex and London. Late night outlets tend to act as focus points for those under 30. There is a long and well-recorded history of violence, anti-social behaviour and other "minor" criminal damage\* associated with the existing late-night venues in Loughton High Road, with problems arising outside these venues when they close in the early hours of the morning.

As well as the direct effect of violent incidents in the small hours, there is an indirect effect, in that residents tell us that they are unwilling to risk using Old Station Road, Station Road and this part of the High Road late at night because of safety concerns. We feel that this is wholly unacceptable.

\* noise and disturbance, damage to vehicles and fences, and people urinating in front gardens (and even through letter-boxes); although less serious than mass affrays, these incidents are very upsetting (and sometimes expensive) to the residents who suffer them!

### **The prevention of public nuisance.**

As mentioned above, there is a long record of public nuisance caused by customers leaving the late-night venues in this part of the High Road. We appreciate that these events occur after customers have left the late-night venues – however, we consider that they are a direct result of the premises licences which, by allowing late opening, attract large numbers of people who will leave in the small hours. They will inevitably cause disturbance to residents – voices carry much further at such a quiet time, as do the noises of car doors slamming and vehicles driving away.

**We therefore urge the committee to restrict Nu-Bar's opening hours to 11pm, or to mid-night at the very latest (remembering that the problems caused outside continue for some time after the official closing time).**

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We are also concerned that TfL's plans for all-night trains on the Central Line (as far out as Loughton) from later this year will exacerbate the problems. At present those without personal transport have to walk or hire a taxi after 1am. Once there are all-night trains, people in a large area of London will be able to return home at any hour by Tube, creating an additional potential problem for Essex Police – and for the British Transport Police.

Yours sincerely

  
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Dear Ms Tuckey

**Re: Licence Review – Nu Bar, 153 High Road, Loughton IG10 4LF**

Following the review and subsequent temporary suspension of Nu Bar's licence on 12 April 2016 by Epping Forest District Council, the Planning and Licensing Committee at its meeting on 18 April 2016 supported the action of Essex Police and urged the Licensing Authority to introduce an earlier closure time of midnight at the latest to help public safety, and prevent public nuisance and crime and disorder.

Cllr Carol Davies has been nominated as its representative to speak at the full hearing on Tuesday 3 May 2016 at 10am at Epping Forest District Council's Licensing Sub-Committee in the Civic Offices at Epping.

Yours sincerely

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