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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 June 2021 17:37
To: Licensing
Subject: Comments on Bloc 40 21/00012/LAPRE

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Dear Sir / Madam

I wanted to share my views on Bloc 40 as it is currently being reviewed for a licence I believe.

I live directly opposite Bloc 40 and since it has been open it has caused significant problems. For the first 7 months I was in weekly contact with the licensing department and the police due to noise pollution, anti social behaviour and other public disorders. The owners of the premise do not seem to be willing to work with local residents.

The main issues I have had has been:

1. Music being too loud with no sound proofing to the property 2. The bouncers not patrolling the area properly, not ensuring the customers are being quiet and moving on quickly. One instance, the bouncers were playing football with customers after closing at around 2.30am 3. Parking along the high street causing massive congestion problems which leads to lots of beeping and noise very late. Around 2.30am
4. Re-opening during Covid without following regulations. Appearing closed however there was at least 50-70 people in the premise 5. Reopening as a nightclub during Covid when only table service was allowed. Constantly allowing over capacity into the premise.
6. The management and bouncers not controlling customers. Numerous times fights have started outside of the club and the bouncers haven't engaged or tried to stop the fighting.
7. The management do not seem to take any responsibility for the customers once outside the club. Over serving drinks and allowing people to leave the property extremely inebriated and fighting. At Christmas there was a large group of women who left bloc 40 very very drunk and proceeded to fight along the high street whilst locals were still trying to shop. This was 5.30pm whilst children were still around.
8. Doormen engaging with customers, arguing and threatening physical violence 9. Very lax ID policy.

Please feel free to contact me for further information and video / photo evidence

Kind Regards
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 June 2021 23:30
To: Licensing
Subject: BLOC 40 - LOCAL RESIDENT NOISE NUISANCES COMPLAINT - BLOC 40

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* At this current time i would like to keep this complaint anonymous. [REDACTED]

To who it may concern,
I am writing in relation to the issue I am having with the noise that comes from Bloc 40 which is having an unreasonably and substantially interference with the use and enjoyment of my home. I am afraid that this will only become worse if they are granted extended licence which they are currently applying for.
The noise that comes from Bloc 40, is generally generated from two sources. The first is the music, which can be load especially when the any of the entrances are open, but this also generates a constant noise from Bloc 40. This Noise, which i can always hear at some level (even with all windows and doors shut), means that it impossible to open windows in order get in cool air, which can make my home uncomfortable on hot nights. The noise also makes it difficult to do any work or relax in the evenings in my own home. In order to get away from this noise I quite often try and avoid staying at home on Friday and Saturday nights, which I don't think is fair.
The second come from people leaving the property. Firstly, during the course of an evening people will leave the property and most evenings there is incidences where people are not happy at being asked to leave the property will occur. These incidences can often go on for some time and they very often leads to loud raised voices and often-bad language being used which is clearly audio from property, which I don't think is fair that I am exposed to while in my own home.
Second, comes later in the evening when closing time arrives. From 2am there is a steady stream of people leaving and making more and more noise till closing time which more times than not leads to a large congregation of people making lots and noise and often not leaving the area to well gone 3am. During this hour period the noise from people coming out gets loader and loader. Making it impossible to sleep. At this time another contribution to the noise are the cars, which are illegally parked all along

the street. They are being started up and regularly the drivers are intentionally revving their engineering's and driving dangerously down the high-street. I fear that by increasing the opening hours of Bloc 40 will only make this situation worse and will interfere with the use and enjoyment of my home further.

In summary I believe that the examples above show that the noise coming from Bloc 40 is having a negative impact on my use and enjoyment of my property and life overall. Noise was at an acceptable level when i moved in and i don't think local resident were considered when Bloc 40 was opened initially. I believe that Bloc 40 should have to go a lot further then they are currently do to have any type of late license.

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 June 2021 17:47
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Subject: 21/00012/LAPRE representation in response to summary review of a premises licence

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Representation in response to summary review of a premises licence
21/00012/LAPRE

==Name and address of persons making representation==

[REDACTED]

==Daytime telephone number==

[REDACTED]

==Name and address of the premises about which a representation is being made==

Bloc 40, First Floor, 40 High Street, Brentwood, CM14 4AJ

==Our representation==

We call for Bloc 40's licence to be revoked.

We are saddened, but not surprised, to hear that, according to the /Essex Live/ online newspaper, two stabbings took place in and around Bloc 40. We feel that Bloc 40 has shown a consistent pattern of failure to prevent crime and disorder, despite repeated reports to Brentwood Borough Council (the Licensing Authority) and Essex Police from local residents since the nightclub/pub opened in March 2019.

Our previous representation concerning Bloc 40, submitted in July 2020 in response to application 20/00004/LAPRE, was focussed primarily on the severity of the public nuisance caused by Bloc 40, and our lack of confidence in the adequacy of the measures proposed in application 20/00004/LAPRE. However, we did also express concerns about Bloc 40's failure to prevent crime and disorder. In particular, we wish to draw attention to the following comment we made in July 2020:

"the "Intervals of Monitoring of the Terrace" are inadequate -- in 30 minutes, a lot of crime, disorder, or

public nuisance could easily take place (see also our earlier comment about the anxiety that has been induced by the severe screaming and shouting)"

We do not know the precise circumstances that led to the two stabbings, but we would not be surprised if inadequate security on the premises enabled the crimes to take place (the reporting from the /Essex Live/ implies that the first stabbing took place in Bloc 40 itself, and the second stabbing took place outside in the immediate vicinity).

Regarding the "severe screaming and shouting", we wish to remind the Licensing Authority that we have, on multiple occasions in 2019 and 2020, felt it necessary to call the police when the nature and extent of the noise we could hear exceeded mere rowdiness and gave genuine cause for alarm. We do not know the outcome of those calls, since the telephone operatives with whom we have spoken have tended to remain circumspect (indeed, they have sometimes given the impression of being completely unconcerned, on the grounds that we could not actually see what was happening), although we do recall one occasion when an operative admitted that they were already aware of an incident that they had determined as warranting police attention.

As you can imagine, instances of "severe screaming and shouting" elicit considerable anxiety. We feel it is imperative that the High Street should be a place where everyone in the community can feel safe. We do not want the High Street to become a "no-go" area for law-abiding citizens, and trust that Essex Police will take the necessary action to assure the area's safety and inspire confidence from local residents.

We are disappointed that our previous complaints did not result in more effective enforcement action against Bloc 40. We trust that, in light of the two stabbings that took place recently, the Licensing Authority will take decisive action and revoke Bloc 40's licence.
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