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From: Gaynor [gaynor.brown1@talktalk.net]  
 Sent: 10 August 2009 16:44  
 To: licensing@hillingdon.gov.uk  
 Subject: Licensing application for 114 High Street Yiewsley and lack of notification.

Re; 114 High Street Yiewsley

I have returned today to find five complaints from Chamber members about the opening of yet another take away cafe in our High Street, Neither the Yiewsley Chamber of Commerce nor the Yiewsley Community Involvement Group have had notification of any licensing application or change of use application yet the shop is open and operating.

The complaints include;

1. there are already too many take away businesses in the high street and this is already having a detrimental impact on the sustainability and vitality of the town.
2. There have already been problems with late night drinking and antisocial behaviour in this area. THE late night operation and sale of alcohol can only exacerbate a problem we have at last got under control.
3. The playing of music (described in the shop's own adverts as loud) will be detrimental to the operation of other businesses and have an obviously bad impact on the residential flats over the store.
3. No arrangements have been made for their rubbish and the refuse is attracting rats. This is a problem that has recently been dealt with and cured once by the environmental health department.
4. It will encourage crime. The attitude of the Manager today does not bode well, he is suggesting our complaint is because of the colour of his skin!  
West Indian gangs are the last thing we need here.
5. There are already problems that the Council are aware of over double parking in this area obstructing the flow of traffic. More takeaway premises can only add to this problem.

This should be registered as a complaint from both groups and also from the Town Centre Action Group who were up in arms about this application at their meeting today.

Since we did not have the required notice and nothing was even posted on the premises one week ago we have been unable to produce a petition against this application. This will follow in the post as will a written and signed copy of this letter.

I have just managed to speak to someone in the planning department who have confirmed that a change of use application is required and that no such application has been made. It is therefore open and operating in contravention of the regulations. The Duty Officer is referring this to the Enforcement Team. This forcing of the situation does not suggest someone who will be willing to work within the rules and operate a properly controlled business. This is a further concern of our members.

We ask that this application is referred to the licensing meeting and that our members are allowed to make representation to that meeting. Meanwhile we expect your department to enforce that without the necessary licensing or change of use these premises are closed forthwith.

Gay Brown  
 Yiewsley Community Involvement Group and Yiewsley, West Drayton and Cowley Chamber of Commerce