## New restaurant hits opposition to drinks licence

## RESIDENTS FEAR PROBLEMS DUE TO ALCOHOL

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AN INDIAN restaurateur is facing opposition to his application to sell alcohol because his neighbours fear noise and disruption.

Harpreet Dhaliwal has applied for a licence to serve alcohol at Punjabi Cuisine, and to entertain diners with live music and dancers at the restaurant in High Road, Ickenham.

The planned restaurant and takeaway would seat up to 60 people, and the singers and dancers would only be present on certain, advertised dates.

Mr Dhaliwal has also promised the restaurant would install CCTV, in an attempt to allay residents' fears about alcohol consumption and rowdiness.

One letter of objection was received by the council. A neighbour, Christopher Hill, who lives in High Road, said: "If awarded, three premises in a row will be licensed (for alcohol) out of a total of six in the arcade.

"As the nearest house to this arcade, I am concerned about further food outlets with a licence opening, as this will lead to further noise and disruption late at night.

"There is often loud noise, car noise, until late at night.

"We regularly have glasses in our garden and broken glass in the street, which will be further exacerbated if this application is successful.

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Tesco and Domino's Pizza.

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A Hillingdon Council licensing committee has been called for tonight (Wednesday) to decide on the application for the currently vacant premises.

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