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15th September 2024

Licensing Department,
Thurrock Council, New Road,
Grays
RM17 6SL

Subject: Objection to Planning Permission for Extended Hours at Kara Restaurant, 27 Fleming road, Chafford Hundred, RM16 6HH

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed extension of opening hours for the Kara restaurant located at 27 Fleming Road, Chafford Hundred. As a resident living directly across from the restaurant, I feel compelled to express my serious concerns regarding the impact this change would have on my family and the local community.

As a cancer patient currently undergoing chemotherapy, my health requires a peaceful environment for rest and recovery. Unfortunately, the existing noise levels from the restaurant have already begun to significantly affect my quality of life. The constant disturbances—ranging from loud music, shouting, and rowdy behavior to car honking and fights, often extend well into early hours, making it exceedingly difficult for me to sleep. In addition, there is urinating / vomiting in the streets, and cars using my driveway as a drop off/ pick up point. The prospect of extending the hours to 2 AM is utterly unacceptable and would exacerbate an already challenging situation.

Moreover, my young son, who needs adequate rest for his schooling, is also suffering from sleep deprivation due to the noise and unable to fall sleep and then awoken due to loud noise. This has led to irritability and lack of concentration, which is detrimental to his well-being.

I have had to resort to using a fan in my bedroom just to try to drown out the outside noise a little, something I should not have to do, and of course, causes a considerable increase in energy costs.

In addition to noise disturbances, the pervasive smell of food, particularly during warmer months, infiltrates our home, turning our living space into an unpleasant environment. We often find our rooms filled with the odor of BBQ smoke and other food smells, which is simply intolerable.

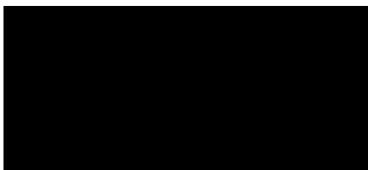
I am astonished that the initial planning permission was granted for a restaurant of this size in a residential area. Such establishments would be better suited in commercial zones like the Lakeside retail parks, where they would not disrupt the lives of local residents. The transformation of this restaurant into what appears to be a nightclub environment is a significant departure from its intended purpose, showing a complete disregard for the residents who live nearby, and purely all about money and profits.

It is also worth mentioning my concerns regarding potential breaches of planning regulations by the restaurant owners, who may have applied for permission retrospectively. I urge the council to investigate this matter thoroughly.

I am writing not only on my behalf but also on behalf of my neighbors on Fleming Road, who share similar frustrations. We deserve to live in our homes without the constant threat of noise and disturbance. It is our right to enjoy our living spaces in peace, and the proposed extension of hours would severely infringe upon that right.

Thank you for considering my objections. I hope the planning committee takes our concerns with the severity it deserves into account and denies this request for extended hours.

Sincerely,

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