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**Subject:** 1451 London Road: sale and supply of Alcohol. 10am-10pm. Applicant: Woodland Café (café/restaurant)

I oppose this application on the grounds that there is an excessive number of premises on which alcohol can be purchased.

The Cafe was granted planning permission in early March with the following conditions:

- The premises shall be used as restaurant and for no other purpose in order to 'safeguard the amenities of the neighbourhood by ensuring that other uses which could cause a loss of amenity do not commence without prior approval.'
- The premises shall not be open to customers other than between 7am to midnight Monday to Saturday and 8am -10pm on Sundays and bank holidays) and at no other times, in order to safeguard the amenities of the neighbourhood
- 'No food shall be cooked on the premises, other than the warming or heating up of preprepared food, until a scheme for the control of odours, smoke and grease has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority in writing and any required ducting or other equipment has been satisfactorily installed on the site. Any such ducting and equipment shall be retained for so long as the use remains in existence. Reason: To safeguard the amenities of the neighbourhood'.

A scheme has not yet been submitted. It therefore looks as if the café may open to start with only able to serve warmed/heated preprepared food.

### **Council's Alcohol Impact Zone**

The Zone runs along the London Road/Streatham High Road corridor, in 3 sections; from the junction of London Road and Tamworth Road in West Croydon to the j/w Canterbury Road; from the j/w Broughton Road to the j/w Melrose Avenue and; from the j/w Northborough Road to the borough boundary with London Borough of Lambeth.

The effect of the Zone Policy 'is that where relevant representations are received on any new applications for a premises licence to sell alcohol off the premises, or on a material variation to an existing such premises licence there will be a presumption under the special policy that the application will be refused. A material variation would be, for example, an increase in permitted hours for the sale of alcohol or to add the sale of alcohol off the premises as a licensable activity to the premises licence.' It is intended to be strict, and will only be overridden in genuinely exceptional circumstances.'

Although the new licence application is for consumption of alcohol on the premises, there would be nothing to stop it being sold for people to take away.

Given the potential for alcohol to be sold to be taken off the premises, and the risk that people will use the Cafe just to have a drink and not also to eat, if the licence is approved it should be on the following conditions:

***(1) that alcohol can be only be served with a cooked meal to avoid it becoming premises mainly used to drink alcohol accompanied by cold snacks***

***(2) that alcohol cannot be sold to take off the premises.***

My arguments for rejecting the application or placing conditions on it can be related to the criteria as follows:

(1) If drinking takes place without also having a meal, then especially drinkers sitting out at tables on the pavement will create noise and leave litter on the and under the tables as used to happen at this premises previously, thereby creating public nuisance..

(2) If drinking without a meal occurs indoors there will be noise as drinkers leave. On at least one occasion in relation to either this premises or 1441 there was late night fighting last year due to out of hours drinking, creating disorder, a threat to public safety and public nuisance, including adversely affecting residents in flats in the parade..

Therefore to minimise the dangers if the licence is approved it is essential that the conditions I suggest be approved in line with the seeking to minimise the risks of the four elements of the criteria happening.

The conditions seem to support what I am arguing but could be tightened up to make it crystal clear no consumption of alcohol without a meal, and no take away sale of alcohol as suggested in my conditions.

Yours sincerely,