

Further comments in support of Rep 6.

Dear All,

After reading the amended schedule statement regarding opening hours and use of the alley way I must still continue with my objection.

I would like the Committee to consider my additional reasons for my continued objection. These are my concerns:

Late hours openings are of great concern as there are strong possibilities of patrons, their friends and associates congregating in and around the area which will inevitably lead to excessive loudness from conversations and general behaviour which will be fuelled with alcohol and possible drug usage.

#### SECURITY CONCERN

There is the alley way along the side of the premises that has a door which can be used to enter directly into the lounge area. This entrance could be used to smuggle weapons and drugs into the premises bypassing the metal detector situated at the front entrance. Also, illegal items can be passed to anyone through the gate who is in the alleyway.

There is a strong risk that patrons and associates will loiter around the frontage causing obstructions of the pavement making it unsafe for pedestrians to proceed safely. An occurrence like this could cause a pedestrian to step into the very busy road. There will also be people who will be alighting from buses at the bus stop which is very close to the 19 High Street front entrance.

I feel that the Police have been overly generous in agreeing to the latest amendments regarding times of use. The times of use of the premises are still very much anti-social which will be even more so during the weekends and Bank Holidays.

The local residents already experience people using Suffolk Road's accesses to urinate and defecate around the same area because of the severe lack of toilet facilities. I am sure that the proposed toilet facilities on the premises at 19 High Street will not be adequate for purpose.

This proposal will harm the character of the South Norwood Conservation Area and impede the future growth of the regeneration of South Norwood.

#### FAMILIES:

The area around the premises of 19 High Street has numerous families with children of various ages including babies and infants. Looking after children can be very exhausting at the best of times for parents. Noises and disturbances can affect the quality of sleep and this is not beneficial for their mental and physical well being.

#### THE AREA:

The area has a long standing care home at the top of Suffolk Road. There is also an Academy opposite Suffolk Road in Cumberlow Avenue. Pupils who attend the Academy are at an age whereby some of them could be easily influenced. The area generally consist of well behaved residents, obviously there are a few examples but these amount to a very small minority.

A license for 19 High Street will negatively affect residents and lower the quality of life for them. The applicant has shown in the Operating Schedule no respect or consideration for the residents in the immediate and surrounding areas of South Norwood.

#### CONCLUSION:

Over the past years I/We have seen some improvements as in the regeneration of South Norwood. This is good to see.

This application if it is approved will be instrumental in blighting the ongoing work which has and is being undertaken to make South Norwood an up and coming area to reside and be proud of.