

**REPRESENTATION 1 WEST DISDBURY WARD COUNCILLOR**

**From:** John Leech <cllr.john.leech@manchester.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 01 February 2021 15:06

**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Fw: Premises Licence variation 254752/GO2: West Village, 220 Burton Road, Manchester, M20 2LW, (Didsbury West ward)

Dear Licensing

I would like to object to the proposed license extension at West Village. There have been problems relating to noise and disturbance from late night drinking at West Village, and this extension would cause noise and disturbance and more anti-social behaviour late at night.

As far as I can establish, there appears to be a planning restriction to 12am and 1am on Fridays and Saturdays to protect the amenity of local residents. No license ought to be agreed that would exceed the allowed planning permission. I would also argue that a restriction be introduced to restrict entry after a certain time (apart for re-entry of smokers), so as to avoid the premises becoming a late night destination for drinkers leavers other premises to carry on late drinking.

Please note that I would like to attend the hearing for this application.

John Leech

**REPRESENTATION 2 WEST DIDSBURY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 26 January 2021 10:15

**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** 254752 West Village WDRA amended representation

**To MCC Premises Licensing Unit  
fao Grace Ollier**

Dear Grace, Premises Licensing Unit

**Premises Licence variation 254752/GO2: West Village, 220 Burton Road, Manchester,  
M20 2LW, (Didsbury West ward)**

Thanks for the email notification of this application, and also for agreeing to accept this revised representation.

WDRA wish to make a representation as follows:

The variation seeks extension of permitted times for alcohol supply:  
by one hour until 00:00 midnight Sunday until Thursday,  
by two hours until 01:00 Friday and Saturday



Burton Road and the surrounding streets are, however, heavily residential and home to many families with small children. A large number of residents are also working from home where possible in line with local and national guidance. This means our homes are also our workplaces. Sadly, I have witnessed antisocial behaviour outside the shack, the unit which is now Mary and Archie's. I've seen customers spilling out into the road causing disruption to other pedestrians and traffic, and urinating on the pavement, in one instance against a private residential property on Orchard Street. No door staff were visible in either case.

With this context in mind I have a few questions about the application and the conditions on which the late license may be granted. I feel these are critical to understanding the potential impact of the application, should it be successful.

1. Are there specific guidelines or guidance currently in place for either decision makers in the licensing department, or applicants, that take account of the impact of social distancing measures, and both the primary and secondary legislation currently in force as regards coronavirus? (<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/coronavirus>) If yes, would it be possible to receive a copy in response to this email?
2. Have the applicants made clear and thorough reference to the measures they will employ to ensure compliance with any required social distancing measures, including but not limited to caps on the numbers of persons allowed in the venue at any one time, and sufficient PPE and hygiene measures to protect staff and customers?
3. What provisions do the applicants propose to ensure that customers do not cause nuisance in terms of noise or litter pollution, or generally behaving contrary to the spirit of any legislation that is in force at that time around covid 19?

Thank you

#### **REPRESENTATION 4 RESIDENT**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 28 January 2021 19:57  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Complaint Against : Late LicenseApplication, West Village 220 Burton Rd, West Didsbury

This is a formal complaint to the above application as residents of [REDACTED].

For reference, [REDACTED] We currently struggle with the noise during an average week but as the hours are curtailed to 11pm, we currently cope and acknowledge the bar has to operate. However, to increase the operating hours to 12 and 1am respectively is completely unreasonable for many reasons. Before I outline my major concerns, I'd like to provide an overview of the Didsbury Bar scene currently.

Burton Rd currently has a chilled bar scene where the majority use as a pit stop before heading into the city centre where operational hours are later. This means that at 11pm people tend to move on, albeit fairly slowly. If this extension was granted, Didsbury would be seen as a whole night destination which would mean more would visit Burton Rd to stay for the entire night. As we see in

city centre locations, this ends with increased public disorder due to bar goers having more drinking time, and increased levels of potential for criminal activity. There's also the increased traffic at late hours with taxis etc taking those hanging around - home. I'd like to believe those who are deciding on this application, will look at the situation as a whole.

Above being said, my concerns are as follows:

Firstly, [REDACTED] I've attached an image for reference [REDACTED] My concern is that this pathway, which is where the bins are stored, is not lit at all and already provides a safe haven for criminal activity. I'm deeply concerned that any increase to operating hours will only increase the chances of criminal activity down this ally way. [REDACTED] Having being burgled at our previous address in Didsbury, this affects us deeply. I'd like to state, the answer to this in not installing lights, [REDACTED].

Secondly, noise disruption is a major concern. Currently, the rear door to the bar, [REDACTED] is constantly thrown open by the staff members to put out all the trash during the night. This means bottles are thrown into large bins [REDACTED] between 9pm and 11pm (can be seen in image - blue lids) currently on various different occasions throughout the night. It causes an absolute racket and inevitably wakes us up.

Equally, when the bars close, all those who spill out onto the road tend to hand around until 11.30 /12 causing further noise beyond operational hours. If this were to be extended to 1am on Friday, we would not get to sleep until 1.30 /2am without fail. This is entirely unfair, especially as my partner, [REDACTED] works weekends.

Thirdly, I'm also concerned this would set a precedent for other bars to seek an extension to operating hours on Burton Rd which will cause noise pollution far beyond what would be deemed fair and reasonable. Other bars on that street [REDACTED] staff smoke in the outside space and cause additional noise. West Village aren't the worst offenders with this but it does happen. So not only are bottles thrown out during current operational hours, staff use this space to smoke. This inevitably happens after the bar has closed when the staff take a moment before going home.

This application can't be seen as 12 / 1am closing, as the noise and potential for criminality goes far beyond this time frame.

Lastly, I'm sure our neighbours at [REDACTED] will raise this, but incase they did not receive the note in time, they also have a very young child who would struggle to sleep and therefore concentrate at school during her most formative years. Truly unacceptable in my view.

Anyway, I'm not one to usually complain about planning applications. However, on this occasion I genuinely believe it is wholly unreasonable for the reasons laid out above, and would inadvertently set a tone for others to follow which would affect local residents deeply.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

**REPRESENTATION 5 RESIDENT**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 02 February 2021 13:26

**To:** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Late Licence Application West Village 220 Burton Road

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please see our comments in relation to the above application, below.

It is with dismay that we understand that West Village is applying for an extension to their current opening hours and their license to sell alcohol.

We have attached a summary of the current opportunities for the public to acquire alcohol via pubs, restaurants and retail shops on a section of Burton Road which we measured as only 313 metres between Nell Lane and Cavendish Road. As you will see in the pdf attachment, this short area has currently 29 establishments which sell alcohol. Three of whom we understand have a late license already. I think you will agree that this densely populated residential area does not need an increase in alcohol licensing of any description for any establishment and the public is adequately served regarding their current ability to obtain alcohol.

As residents of this area of West Didsbury we are already living with unacceptable noise, litter and drug/alcohol taking in the streets and alleyways on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights in particular plus problems with parking. It is also difficult in (normal times) to push a pram or get a wheelchair down this part of Burton Road as bars and restaurants have got seating on the pavement in front of their premises. This has an affect on public safety.

We believe there are few benefits for those of us who live here; it is a residential area, and to approve further extensions to opening hours and alcohol sales would continue to erode this neighbourhood further and increase public nuisance and disorder.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



<b>Premises serving alcohol along 313m length of Burton Road</b>					
	Premises name:-	Serves alcohol:-			
1	George Charles	Yes			
2	Azzuro	Yes			
3	Saison	Yes			
4	Epicurean	Yes			
5	Co-op	Yes			
6	Conservative Club	Yes			
7	Boiler Room	Yes			
8	West Village	Yes			
9	Folk	Yes			
10	Volta	Yes			
11	Goottime Games	Yes			
12	Crazy Wendy's	Yes			
13	Pomegranate	Yes			
14	Mary & Archie	Yes			
15	Rustik	Yes			
16	Gurkha Grill	Yes			
17	Mercado	Yes			
18	Sakura House	Yes			
19	Reserve Wines	Yes			
20	Namaste Nepal	Yes			
21	Proove	Yes			
22	The Cove	Yes			
23	Sip	Yes			
24	Metropolitan	Yes			
25	Drawing Room	Yes			
26	One-bar	Yes			