

Application for new premises licence re: 20/00622/LIPN

'Venice Patisserie', 14 Clifton Road, London W9 1SS

Submission on behalf of Paddington Waterways and Maida Vale Society (PWMVS)

PWMVS submitted a relevant representation in respect of this application on 22 January 2020. The representation enumerated some points arising from the application documentation. A number of these points remain unresolved at this stage. Having considered the LSC Report, PWMVS comment as follows.

1. PWMVS are mindful of the comments of individual residents regarding noise on the street already, and concerns that a further premises licence in the vicinity will exacerbate these problems, particularly if a premises licence is granted to the terminal hour requested. They also note the representation which refers to noise transfer from the premises.
2. Although the applicant has agreed to a condition proposed by the police that sale of alcohol is ancillary to persons seated and taking a table meal, PWMVS retain doubts that the food offer at the premises is such that this condition can be complied with. The premises does not have a website in order to peruse the food menu. Perhaps the applicant could provide copies of the menu prior to or at the hearing.
 - 2.1 The plans on p59 of the LSC Report show an areas marked as 'cakes', 'bar/counter', and 'counter' on the ground floor, and areas marked 'cold room' and 'store room' in the basement. There is no kitchen marked, nor even a prep area shown. Accordingly, at present, PWMVS do not see how the service of cakes, bakery products and sandwiches is sufficient to render the premises truly food-led. This is particularly so in the later evening.
3. A number of the representations refer to the capacity of the premises. It is difficult to calculate this from the plans, as it is not clear how many customers can be sat at each table. Condition 27 on p67 of the LSC Report refers to a capacity of 30 in the basement, but does not specify a capacity for the ground floor.
 - 3.1 With reference to the plan on p59 of the LSC Report, a conservative estimate of 4 persons per table still gives a capacity of approximately 60 on the ground floor.
4. The capacity also gives rise to concern over where customers would smoke, and in what numbers. Needless to say, the potential impact of this is also exacerbated by the nature of the operation of the licence, and the terminal hour.
5. The PWMVS representation also notes that 'off' sales have not been applied for, and so presumably there will not be tables and chairs outside the building.

6. Save for expressing a desire for the terminal hour to be reduced should Members grant a licence, PWMVS reserve their position in respect of hours at this stage, being mindful of the views which residents may wish to express at the hearing.

6.1 It seems relevant to Members' consideration that that the two licensed premises flanking 'Venice Patisserie' ('Raoul's' (08/10345/LIPN) and 'Baker and Spice' (08/06122/LIPDPS)) both have premises licences with a considerably earlier terminal hour than that applied for here.

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