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Jane Cowley,  
Senior Licensing Officer,  
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5<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Dear Mrs. Cowley,

The Charcoal Grill – Application to vary premises licence KK/PL0263

I am writing to object to this application on behalf of my wife and myself. We live at the above address, which is very close to the premises and abuts Hughenden Yard and the car park. The grounds on which we object are Public Nuisance & Prevention of Crime & Disorder.

The effect of allowing later hours will be a very real disturbance to the peace and quiet of all living in the vicinity of the CG. Where we live is a quiet residential area. Already we experience late night noise, shouting and rowdy behaviour which is something we have to tolerate given the existing permitted hours which I believe state closing is at midnight but to extend these hours would be an insufferable burden for those of us who live nearby. The CG is a magnet for young people in the evening, especially for those who have been drinking and the effects of the provision of late night food, alcohol and gatherings of young people is frequently combustible.

We have heard, and seen the type of behaviour that goes on which is socially unacceptable. That is not to say it happens all of the time, but there is a noticeable increase of this behaviour at weekends and late into the night and into the early hours. All we want is to enjoy peace and quiet at a time it is not unreasonable to expect it. The thought of closing at 0100 hours x 5 days a week and at 0230 hours on early Saturday and Sunday mornings fills us with alarm. Whatever time the Charcoal Grill shuts its doors people do not disperse, drive their cars away and go quiet for a good while after the official closing time anyway.

The present hours allow for opening 11am to midnight x 7 days per week, that is a total of 91 hours a week! This is enough, surely.

What causes a considerable amount of unease is that this is the 6<sup>th</sup> attempt by the CG in just 6 years to increase its hours, the previous 5 (3 applications and 2 appeals) have all failed:

1. Application K/046254 made in September 2003 to remain open to 0200hrs on Saturday morning & Sunday morning (i.e. Friday night/Saturday morning and Saturday night/Sunday morning) refused in **October 2003** “likely to result in increased noise &