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Epping Forest District Council  
Licensing Unit Civic Offices  
High Street  
Epping, CM16 4BZ

**Ref: Licensing review – NuBar, High Road, Loughton**

To whom it may concern,

As local residents, we wish to state our views of the current license and resulting activities of NuBar's customers. We are able to see NuBar from our house and are witness to the activities that take place directly outside and on the surrounding roads by their customers. We are of the strong opinion that it is not appropriate for late-evening/early-morning licences in residential areas, such as ours. We make our objections in two areas of the licensing objectives:

**The prevention of crime and disorder**

It is common for us to witness people leaving NuBar after 11pm using threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour causing fear of or provoking violence with other NuBar customers. This can continue for a long period of time, often spreading along the nearby residential streets, sometimes until 4.30am when they finally get a taxi home or are dealt with by the police. This is further evidenced by the long history of police and national paper recorded violence. This is not appropriate for a residential area.

**The prevention of public nuisance**

It is common for us to witness people leaving NuBar after 11pm with drunk and disorderly behaviour (section 91 Criminal Justice Act 1967). Without exception, at the weekend, people will be screaming, shouting and sometimes chanting their football teams song as they disperse from the club. In one case, a NuBar customer continually knocked at our door at 4.30am wanting somewhere to stay for the night – the customer in question was highly intoxicated through alcohol or possibly drugs. The police efficiently dealt with the matter.

In the early hours of the morning, as NuBar closes and for an hour or so afterwards, there is a significant increase in vehicle traffic – notably with 'boy racers'. Cars accelerate hard out of the junction of NuBar towards Buckhurst Hill, making a lot of noise which is very disturbing at 3am, not to mention the speed limit being significantly broken. This lawless behaviour is epitomised by drag racing down the High Road which I have witnessed.

As NuBar customers leave the premises, there are insufficient taxis to take people away, resulting in people hanging around Mayflower taxis for an extended period of time. As they hang around waiting for a taxi, the shouting, screaming and sometimes fighting continues. The worst example I have seen of this is when a taxi driver refused to take a group of men after an altercation. The men refused to get out of the taxi, the driver refused to get in and the men pressed the horn for several minutes until the police arrived to deal with the situation.

I hope this gives you a small flavour of the events that happen in the early hours of the morning and how these events are intrinsically linked to the opening hours of the bar. Granting late licenses is not appropriate in a residential area and I propose this is changed to 11pm.

Kind regards  
Mark Roach