

Representation concerning license application by Jack Murphy's for extension of hours and addition of licensable activities: former Wasabi premises, Uplands Crescent.

Cllr Nick Davies

As an elected member of the City and County of Swansea, representing Uplands ward, where the premises in question are situated, I wish to register my strong objection to the application for an extension of hours for the supply of alcohol to midnight Monday to Thursday and 2 am Friday to Sunday, and for the license to include additional activities.

This application has provoked considerable local opposition, because residents of Uplands understand the difference between living near a restaurant, which is what the premises has been used for, and a bar with music, which is what the premises will be if the application is approved.

Swansea Council, in 1986, granted a license for the premises to be a licensed public bar and restaurant with the condition that the bar must only serve the restaurant; it could not operate without the restaurant and could not offer music and dancing except for the enjoyment of restaurant customers. It could not operate, therefore, as the planning conditions of the time worded it, as a discotheque. The difference between a restaurant and a bar with music, and the difference between the expectations of those attending the two are obvious.

I refer to the licensing objectives:

The prevention of crime and disorder

Up to now Uplands has had a good record in balancing its night time economy with the needs of residents and other traders. Licensees, the police, security staff and the Council have worked together to achieve this. However, with the increase in the number of bars and the financial difficulties faced by the authority, this is getting more and more difficult to sustain. Residents already commonly report the negative effects of a large number of people in one place consuming alcohol: noise, abusive language, violent confrontations, sexual harassment and damage to parked vehicles. If this application is granted these problems will only worsen.

Public Safety

The above difficulties are applicable to this heading, as is the presence of vomit, and drink-related litter such as broken bottles and discarded takeaway foodstuffs on the pavement. These problems will worsen if this application is granted.

The prevention of public nuisance

I repeat and adopt the problems referred to under the two headings above. In addition, residents report that drunk people mistakenly attempt to enter their homes late at night, they report the throwing of litter into their front gardens, they report sleeplessness and disturbance due to 'transient' noise in the street from groups of people noisily leaving licensed premises and making their way home or getting taxis to take them elsewhere. These problems will increase if this application is a granted.

This application has caused anger and anxiety in the community of Uplands and Brynmill:

- It threatens to worsen the quality of life of residents;
- It threatens the existing balance between the night time economy, residents and other economic activity in the community;
- It threatens to jeopardise the good work done to date by existing licensees, their security staff and the police in containing, as far as is possible, the negative features of the existing night time economy.

I ask that the authority refuse this application both in respect of the extension of the hours and the additional activity and retain the existing licensing footprint for these premises.

Loosemore, Rachel

APPENDIX H5

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 08 May 2019 10:46
To: EVH Licensing
Subject: Objection to extension of license 49 Uplands Crescent, Swansea SA2 0NP

Good morning,

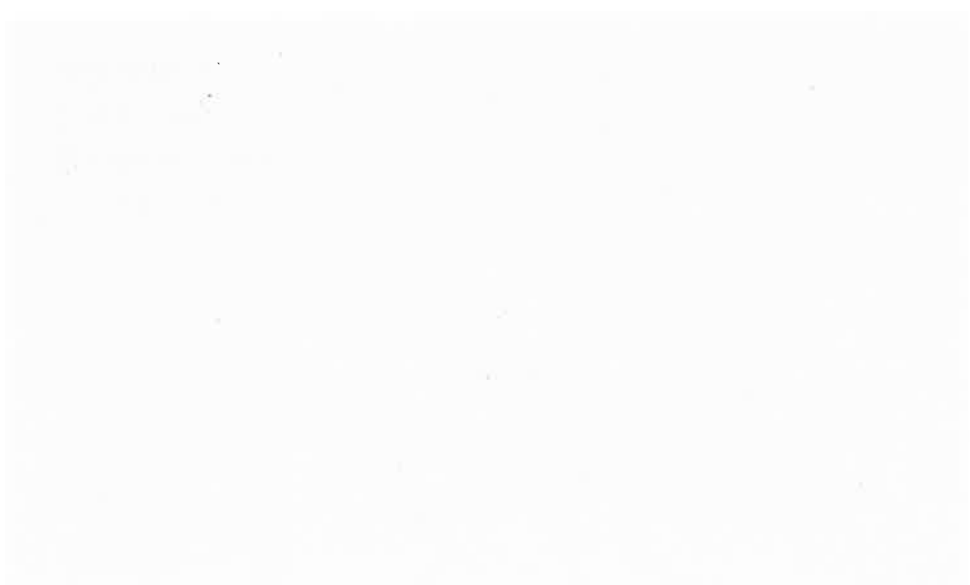
I wish to register my strong objection to the extension of the license for the supply of alcohol to the late hours requested by Jack Murphy's

This is a residential area, and it is very important to retain the existing licensing footprint, which maintains balance between the night time economy and the needs of local residents.

I am concerned that residents already suffer considerable disruption due to the ever-increasing flow of people through Uplands and Brynmill on weekday and weekend evenings; I am mindful of complaints about noisy glass waste disposal at unsociable hours, taxis coming and going and other kinds of negative impacts, which an extension to late night opening at this venue would worsen considerably. The noise of numerous groups of party goers walking through the neighboring streets already causes regular disturbance to sleep patterns.

As a venue within a few hundred metres from local primary schools it is important to ensure that licensing balances the need to prevent public nuisance and protect children from harm. Late night alcohol serving venues inevitably result in a larger number of intoxicated customers. Given numerous instances of drunk students attempting to enter local homes, not knowing which one were their own, I fear that this problem would only increase. Uplands is simply not an area geared for late night clubs. It does not have the taxi rank facilities that wine street does, nor does it have the open spaces suitable for mass congregation and importantly, does not have the 'contained' easily monitored and patrolled layout that Wind street has. As such, the extension of license should be denied.

I have no objection to the additional licensable activities being allowed, but only during the hours of the existing license for supply of alcohol.



Loosemore, Rachel

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 08 May 2019 15:33
To: EVH Licensing
Subject: Licensing Objection: Jack Murphy's Uplands

To Swansea Council Planning Department

I wish to register my strong objection to the extension of the license for the supply of alcohol to the late hours requested.

This is a residential area, and it is very important to keep the balance between the night time economy and the needs of local residents. The pattern already agreed for Wasabi sought to do this.

Residents already suffer considerable disruption due to the ever-increasing flow of people through Uplands on weekday and weekend evenings; there are complaints about noisy glass waste disposal at unsociable hours, taxis coming and going and other kinds of negative impacts, which an extension to late night opening at this venue would worsen considerably. I am frequently kept awake on summer evenings by the noise from Uplands being carried up the hill to my home and to do not wish to further exacerbate this with yet later hours of the disruption.

I have no objection to the additional licensable activities being allowed, but only during the hours of the existing license for supply of alcohol.

I hope that sense will prevail

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Loosemore, Rachel

From: Craig Kelly <craig@theomshreemgroup.com>
Sent: 08 May 2019 16:00
To: EVH Licensing
Cc: mary4uplands@gmail.com
Subject: Uplands Jack Murphys

To Whom it may concern,

I wish to register my strong objection to the extension of the license for the supply of alcohol to the late hours requested.

I have mixed views about the additional licensable activities requested. As explained below, I fear they will increase disturbance, but not as much as the late-night supply of alcohol. I recognise that they are important activities for the viability of this business, but I would prefer to see different activities in these premises. Therefore, while I would prefer to see the additional activities not allowed, in the hope that a business model more focused on food would be encouraged, I certainly object to them being allowed after 23:00 (22:30 on Sundays) – they should only be allowed during the hours of the existing license for supply of alcohol.

My concerns below refer to the licensing objectives:

The Prevention of crime and disorder

As the director of a security company which supplies door supervisors to a venue in the Uplands area, I have witnessed firsthand the crime and disorder associated with the nighttime economy. This will bring a new demographic of clientele into the area, and with the current clientele of Jack Murphy's and Coyote Ugly (Both owned by the same person) being somewhat rowdier than the nearest venues, and the distinct lack of council CCTV in the area, already placing residents of the area, and staff of the night-time economy at risk (which in the last few months, have included a severe assault outside the chemist and a member of staff at Optimist bar being assaulted), the lack of a regular police presence on the weekends further burdening the door supervisors that are working tirelessly against threats and violence, I can only predict a sharp increase in the calls to police and assaults on door supervisors in the area.

Uplands has a good record here, thanks to close collaboration between licensed venues and their security staff, police and the council. A preventative approach in which partners act quickly to stop problems escalating, and to prevent people causing trouble from being able to move on to other venues in the locality, is very effective. But all partners agree that pressure is increasing, creating a cost burden for all concerned. Radio systems, CCTV, staff hours and other resources are needed to keep on top of the escalating demand. The change from a restaurant to a bar is already going to increase this pressure, and partners are preparing themselves to meet this challenge, although all are suffering the effects of austerity, with police and the council struggling with budget cuts and licensees suffering uncertain revenues. Allowing the consumption of alcohol to extend late into the night is likely to push services to breaking point and see arrests and casualties increase, as residents suffer more crime and disorder.

On a weekly basis, there is a team of beggars (Usually about 4 or 5) outside Sainsbury's and Tesco, and after those two stores close, usually outside Wasabi. Waiting for customers that are under the influence of drink to take pity on them and give them money. I predict this will also increase with the new venue due to open.

Public safety

The above paragraph explains some of the dangers which Uplands residents already experience regularly as

a result of the local night-time economy. Furthermore, I have experienced the slip hazard of vomit on the pavement and abandoned bottles at the roadside, left by people drinking on their way out to one of the local bars, or on their way home.


Wishing you all the best,
Kind Regards,



Craig Kelly.
Director



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Loosemore, Rachel

From: Rhod Evans <rhod50@googlemail.com>
Sent: 13 May 2019 04:22
To: EVH Licensing
Subject: Objection -licence application - Jack Murphys Uplands

To whom it may concern ,

I would like to formally lodge an objection to the planned drinks licence application for the proposed Jack Murphy's pub which was previously the Wasabe restaurant in Uplands, Swansea .

I am a resident of Eaton Crescent Uplands and we have lived here for 27 years. The recent major increase in the number of drinking establishments in Uplands has seen a rapid deterioration in amenity for us as local residents .The noise, vandalism, abuse and feelings of intimidation when having to negotiate a way through the drunken hoardes that now frequent Uplands at night is unfair and an impingement on our civil liberties as local residents .As a result of the associated heavy drinking culture ,we now have to regularly negotiate a way through the debris left after the carnage of heavy drinking .The morning after weekend nights in particular ;cigarette ends, broken bottles, vomit and takeaway food debris and worse now regularly litter our neighbourhood.

There should always be a balance sought in communities and unfortunately the recent upsurge in drinking establishments in Uplands has tipped the balance into a popular drinking and nightclub area ie a second Wind street ,with all its associated problems. We need a balance of pubs ,restaurants ,cafes and shops but this proposal will do nothing but creat even further imbalance within our area .It will undoubtedly lead to Uplands becoming a no go area at night to those of us who seek a safe ,welcoming and friendly atmosphere.

We object strongly to this proposal

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Licensing Committee
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Dear Sirs

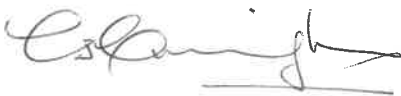
Re Licensing Application, JackMurphy's, 49 Uplands Crescent, SA2 0NP

I write as Chairman of Ffynone and Uplands Conservation Group to register our disgust and apprehension at the proposal submitted by this well known company, with its notorious reputation in Swansea, to establish an outlet at the above premises for the sale of alcohol.

It is an obvious fact that this street has reached saturation point in alcohol retailers both in regard to pubs and restaurants and there must be a limit, not only to the number of such establishments, but also to the quality of such businesses seeking to come into the area. Furthermore, it is not only the more mature members of the community who regard this as a retrogressive intrusion but also many young people in their twenties and thirties, who presently enjoy the available facilities, consider this application with horror and foreboding. As an example, I have three grandchildren aged between 20 and 30 years old (all of whom enjoy the Uplands "nightlife") who are all appalled by this application.

We ask you therefore to reject the application before you and halt the never ending slide to the destruction of the residential area and community and ask you to consider carefully the arguments put forward by our local councillors who oppose the submission.

Yours faithfully,



G. Cunningham



Loosemore, Rachel

From: Charlotte Bruce <lottieandclare@hotmail.co.uk>
Sent: 13 May 2019 09:45
To: EVH Licensing
Subject: Jack Murphy, Uplands

Good morning,

We, Clare and Charlotte Bruce-Lloyd of 35, Glanmor Road, Uplands (along with our eight and six year old) have read the objections made by Cllr Mary Sherwood and totally agree and echo these objections.

Alongside these objections we can add that we are aware of friends who have received homophobic abuse whilst passing the licensed premises quite early in the evening on her way home from work. We are also aware of a resident who lives opposite this establishment who is a single mum and can catalogue a number of anti social behaviour incidents that she has been victim too whilst in her own home.

On a personal note we walk our children to school via Glanmor Road and through the Gwydr Square area and often need to be aware of broken glass, vomit and rubbish which are littering the pavement and causing a hazard for residents.

Our eight year old son sleeps in the front of our house and has been awoken on countless occasions at people walking home late at night from establishments.

We often find bottles, glasses and late night eating establishment containers in my front garden.

We are saddened that another licensed premises is to open in the area, Wasabi was a food venue that we would visit with our young family and friends including visitors. We had hoped that a family / community establishment would have opened instead of another licensed premises. I do believe that the residential area we reside in is becoming saturated with such establishments, and fear that an extension to licensing will further exacerbate the issues faced by our family, community and emergency services etc.

We request that these objections are heard along with Cllr
Sherwood's and acted upon.

Regards,

Clare and Charlotte Bruce-Llound
Sent from my iPhone



Loosemore, Rachel

From: Mark Robinson <marcmywurdz@gmail.com>
Sent: 13 May 2019 10:45
To: EVH Licensing
Subject: Jack Murphy licence application

I wish to register my strong objection to the extension of the licence for the supply of alcohol to the late hours requested, and the addition of further licensable activities.

I have lived in Uplands for 12 years and welcome the growth of a vibrant local economy; I make full use of many of the local businesses.

However I have noticed a marked increase in late night disturbance and anti social behaviour over the past couple of years. We are regularly disturbed by gangs of men and women chanting and screaming in the streets around uplands as they leave the bars.

There are often broken windows in local businesses and damage to resident's cars and property.

On several occasions I have gone outside my property to find one or more people urinating in the garden or the driveway.

I have witnessed outbursts of aggression and violence in the street following drunken arguments and on two occasions have called the ambulance and police services.

Last summer I spent many nights on the phone to the out of hours noise pollution team with problems with local bars.

There are regularly pools of vomit and empty glasses and bottles around the area after a Friday and Saturday night.

When it is busy in Uplands a long queue of taxis forms in Uplands Crescent and along Glanmor Road. This means 4 or 5 cars with Diesel engines running outside our bedroom window until late at night or early in the morning. When I have asked drivers to turn off the engines they have ignored me and in the past have become confrontational. I have reported this issue but it persists.

I am extremely anxious that the granting of a further late night licence will further exacerbate these issues and it will have a significant negative impact on the quality of life of residents of and many visitors to Uplands.

I volunteer for a community project in Uplands and I know the local PCSOs and a couple of the police officers. They do a wonderful job but are rarely, if ever, around in the evenings and I have never see them late at night. Unlike Wind street there is no regular police presence in the area to deal with the late night antisocial behaviour; furthermore the police service is already fully stretched.

As I understand, the licensing objectives include; the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance, the protection of children from harm. It is my submission that for all of these reasons this license should be denied.

Regards
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Loosemore, Rachel

From: Deborah Bowen <deborahkbowen@hotmail.com>
Sent: 13 May 2019 15:32
To: EVH Licensing
Subject: Jack Murphy planning application, Wasabi unit in Uplands

Importance: High

Hello

Can I please put forward an objection to the above planning application.

I own a property at 2 Beechwood Road and I have seen a massive amount of development both residential and business in the 25 years I have lived here.

Whilst the developments have mainly improved the area and added vibrancy to the Uplands I do feel that that the noise disruption this application will cause is a step too far.

There is significant noise from live music events coming from The Optimist but they do ensure the noise stops between 11 and 12 pm on Friday and Saturday evenings.

I understand this planning application is looking to have live music and sporting events until 2am which is totally unacceptable in what is after all a primarily residential area.

There has been an increase in anti social behaviour late in the evening with a number of violent incidents outside my home in the early hours and this is extremely unsettling and combined with the retail premises having their waste disposal coming between 5 and 6 am is proving to be rather a pain for the residents around here.

The Uplands has developed a reputation as a place for good dining experiences and it would be a shame for this to be stopped by placing a focus on the 'drinkers' market as it is too small an area for this to work well.

I would appreciate it if you can consider this objection and if possible can you advise me of your decision.

Many thanks

Deborah Bowen

Loosemore, Rachel

From: Blagrove M.T. <m.t.blagrove@swansea.ac.uk>
Sent: 13 May 2019 22:32
To: EVH Licensing
Subject: Objection to planning request for Jack Murphy's in Uplands, formerly Wasabi building

Dear Planning Office,

I wish to strongly object to the proposal by Jack Murphy's to have an alcohol licence to midnight on weekdays and to 2am Friday to Sunday in Uplands, in the premises previously occupied by Wasabi. I am also against the change of use from a restaurant to yet another bar in the area, as we need to keep the area diverse. There are plenty of music venues in Uplands and it is maintaining restaurant facilities that is most needed.

I object on the licensing objective grounds of:

The Prevention of crime and disorder

People coming out of the premises at 2am having been drinking for hours will make the area unsafe, whereas at the moment public drunkenness in the area tends to stop about midnight. Licensing this proposed bar will make this worse.

The prevention of public nuisance

My road already has cans and bottles left by people walking home in the late evening, and groups of people after about 11pm noisily walking up the road. This will become worse if people are allowed to continue drinking in the centre of Uplands to 2am.

The protection of children from harm

I often walk with my children through central Uplands in the evening and the change in emphasis to a loud and laddish drinking culture rather than a more mixed eating in some places and drinking in others is changing the feel of the area. From a time when the area was starting to look welcoming and somewhat upmarket it is now becoming a place to get drunk. If people know that bars can be open to 2am this will further fuel the idea that from 5pm or 6pm central Uplands is a place for lengthy alcoholic drinking. We have already had the bookshop change to a bar, but change to 2am bars will be even worse.

Please note that I thankfully live north of central Uplands, the situation for people unlucky enough to live in central Uplands or south of there will be even worse. I would hope that the Council would wish to keep the area as one where people with families can still live, and get decent sleep at night.

Sincerely,
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Loosemore, Rachel

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 13 May 2019 22:34
To: EVH Licensing
Subject: Jack Murphy's in Uplands

I am against this license. Uplands is getting rowdier with more drunk people, more car crime and burglary attempts and feels less safe at night . We do not need a loud bar. This is spoiling the essence of the area as people are coming en masse to get drunk. I object to yet another bar. Let it to a restaurant or shop instead. I don't want Uplands to be Wind Street. We have seen drug dealing near our homes and the atmosphere is changing too much. This is a family and student area.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted Signature]