

## The Lounge - 23/0804/PL – Representations

### Representation 1

From: **XXXX**

Sent: 18 June 2023 08:06

To: Housing & Health Services - Community Protection

<Community.Protection@eastherts.gov.uk>

Subject: [External] Re Notice of Application number:23/0804/PI SOKA Catering and Events Ltd.

Good morning

I sit on the Stanstead Abbots Parish Council and will be opposing this Application for an alcohol licence. I also wish to oppose this application on behalf of the residents of Glenmire Terrace, where I live, as we all suffer enough from the rowdy clients of the village club, and THIS Notice of Application is asking for, not only Sunday through to Thursday 12.00-23.00, but also Friday and Saturday 12.00-00.00. This will create even more people on the wrong side of sobriety making noise and then cars being driven away late into the evening. This will not be acceptable to the residents that live in this area, so we are objecting on these grounds.

Kind regards

**XXXX**

### Representation 2

From: **XXXX**

Sent: 05 July 2023 22:20

To: Housing & Health Services - Community Protection

<[Community.Protection@eastherts.gov.uk](mailto:Community.Protection@eastherts.gov.uk)>

Subject: [External] Re notice of application no 23/0804/PI SOKA Catering and Events Ltd

Dear **XXXX**

I am objecting to the above application as a resident of Glenmire Terrace in Stanstead Abbots on the grounds of noise pollution next to a residential area. The applicants have requested late night alcohol license on/off premises which I understand to mean outside noise every night of the week including weekends. I live directly opposite these premises, approximately 13 metres away and I feel this will cause major disruption and noise within unsociable hours.

Yours sincerely,

**XXXX**

### Representation 3

From: XXXX

Sent: 06 July 2023 14:50

To: Housing & Health Services – Community Protection

Subject: [External] Planning No.23/0804PI My reasons being I live directly opposite the Maltings, XXXX Glenmire Terrace, I totally agree with the major noise, disruption and invasion of privacy. XXXX.

Sent from my iPhone

### Representation 4

**From:** XXXX

**Sent:** 07 July 2023 07:57

**To:** Housing & Health Services - Community Protection

<Community.Protection@eastherts.gov.uk>

**Cc:** XXXX

**Subject:** [External] Notice of Application No: 23/0804/P1

Names: XXXX, XXXX

Address: XXXX Glenmire Terrace, Stanstead Abbots, Ware, SG12 8XX

Email: XXXX, XXXX

Tel: XXXX, XXXX

Date: 7 July 2023

Notice of Application No: 23/0804/P1

Dear XXXX

We are writing this letter as concerned residents of XXXX Glenmire Terrace, regarding the recent applications made by SOKA Catering& Events Ltd.

While we appreciate the importance of economic development & business opportunities within the community, we strongly object to the granting of this application due to the adverse effects it will have on our neighborhood, particularly in relation to noise pollution, potential for public nuisance & its impact on the well-being of our family.

New Proposed Opening Hours

Our primary concern is the potential of noise disturbances caused by patrons visiting The Lounge premises during the newly proposed evening night hours between 6pm-12am.

Our family home & garden backs onto The Maltings Business Centre carpark, where the entrance to The Lounge resides. This will be where patrons arrive & leave, either on foot or by car. Whilst we are used to the noise of The Maltings Business Centre during the day, it is very rare activity occurs on the premises once current business hours cease & the evenings are very peaceful.

We anticipate that the presence of cars & taxis picking up patrons from the establishment could contribute to noise pollution in the late evening hours. The idling of engines, slamming of car doors, & social conversations occurring outside the venue could create additional disturbances between 6pm-12am. These disturbances, coupled with people congregating & sitting at the outdoor tables & picnic benches by the stream (a stone throw away from our back garden & bedroom windows), would exacerbate the noise issues.

This disturbance would be particularly concerning for our family as we have a young child (daughter, 11 months) with a serious medical condition that requires a peaceful & restful environment for adequate sleep.

Due to our child's medical condition, disturbed sleep patterns could lead to severe consequences, potentially leading to the need for emergency medical attention at the A&E department. This not only poses significant stress, worry & inconvenience on us as a family, but puts our child's health at risk. It is crucial that we maintain a peaceful residential environment to minimize such risks & ensure the well-being of our young child.

We have already witnessed our child's sleep being disturbed during the evening when a group held an outdoor gathering & meal in the carpark of The Maltings on Sunday 11 June until 10pm. We later discovered this alfresco event was hosted by the owners of The Lounge (SOKA Catering & Events Ltd.)

### **Supply of alcohol for consumption on & off the premises**

Regrettably, the consumption of alcohol can give rise to disruptive and disorderly conduct, particularly during late hours on Fridays & Saturdays. Such behaviour contributes to escalated noise levels that significantly disrupt the serenity & harmony of our community.

Moreover, we express deep concern regarding the potential consequences of consuming refreshments & alcohol in outdoor public seating areas due to the risk of bottles or glasses being shattered & abandoned. As numerous individuals walk their dogs in the vicinity & frequently visit Good Companions Vet, this situation poses a genuine threat to the safety & well-being of not only the dogs but also Mill Stream's swans, geese, ducks, & moorhens.

We kindly request that the council takes into account the concerns of the local residents in close proximity of The Lounge at The Maltings Business Centre. Granting an alcohol & late night opening license without proper consideration for the potential noise pollution & its impact on the community would disregard the well-being & safety of the residents, including those with specific medical needs.

We respectfully ask that you consider our objection seriously, & thoroughly review the implications of granting this license. Additionally, we would appreciate being informed about any relevant public meetings, consultations or updates regarding this application.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We trust that you will give our objection the consideration it deserves.

Yours sincerely,  
**XXXX & XXXX**

## **Representation 5**

**From:** XXXX

**Sent:** 12 July 2023 14:33

**To:** Housing & Health Services - Community Protection  
<[Community.Protection@eastherts.gov.uk](mailto:Community.Protection@eastherts.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** [External] Notice of application No 23/0804P1 for the attention of XXXX licensing officer

Dear

I've been made aware by neighbours of the above planning application (made by SOKA Catering and Events Ltd).

We are a private unadopted road (which I've lived in for 42 years) already disturbed by noise nuisance from the Village Club, adjacent to 1-8 on the Terrace. The thought of another potential noise nuisance (with the proposed opening hours of Sunday to Thursday till 11, Friday and Saturday till midnight) is quite intolerable and I wish to protest against this application on these grounds. We have a right to quiet enjoyment in our homes.

Please keep me posted of any developments.

Yours sincerely

**XXXX**

**XXXX** Glenmire Terrace  
Stanstead Abbots  
Ware  
Herts SG12 8 **XX**

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