

Title: Anda de Bridge Licensing Application

Anda de Bridge: Late Night Licensing Application, November 2008

Anda de Bridge applied on 18.08.2008 for a late night licence extension: 2.30am Thursday – Saturday. Since this would have an impact on the Units alongside Cottons Gardens, The Hanger and on the site as a whole, a letter of objection was written by PWFL. Whilst not wishing to hinder the development of any business, PWFL objected to the extension on the grounds of:

1. Impact on PW security: increased night-time economy impacts on the safety and security of people and business equipment and where businesses work outside of normal working hours; also the gates at Cottons Gardens have been scaled a number of times recently.
2. Late night licensing increasingly turns PW into a 'gated community'
3. The businesses that make up PW have regenerated organically this area of Shoreditch over the last 20 years. The needs of these businesses to work effectively and without detriment need to be seen by Councillors to have parity with the 'regeneration' offered by the Shoreditch night economy.
4. Noise pollution

Melanie Osborne attended the Hearing of the Licensing Sub-Committee on Monday 3rd November 2008 and reiterated the concerns of PWFL to the Councillors (the original letter was included in evidence for the Hearing). Together with an objection report from a Noise Pollution Officer, objections from local residents by letter and by those present at the Hearing, the Councillors decided not to grant the Extended Late Night Licence to Anda de Bridge because:

1. it had failed to meet the Noise Pollution criteria
2. it did not meet the cumulative effect on the environment as set out in the Special Policy Area for Shoreditch.

Attending the Hearing helped to bring about a positive outcome and registered the concerns of local businesses to Hackney Council.

For more information, visit the Hackney Council Licensing website at www.hackney.gov.uk or contact Melanie Osborne at melanie.osborne@perseveranceworks.co.uk