

**Objector 1 – response to additional information from applicant**

Dear Rebecca,

Thank you for your email response to our enquiry.

After considering the documents, we still have concerns regarding the use of the yard and to a certain extent, the window, and so we feel we will need to take our objections to the panel, particularly regarding the yard.

We feel that it is not vital that it is used as a smoking area- that can be carried on upstairs, at the front of the building as most other businesses do. We accept that the yard should be available for access and egress, but only for that. We feel that the terms in which the applicant describes using the yard are too elastic. For example, during a very hot summer during which a World Cup tournament is being played and which is televised in this downstairs room- do the smokers ( or even, hot and bothered non-smokers) stand outside, "refreshed" and vocal? Is seating thoughtfully placed there by the management? This scenario and much more is possible within the statement made by the owners. We say again that smoking or any other reason for people to linger in the lane area (or yard) should be discouraged, due to the possibility/likelihood of public nuisance occurring. Although access by the rear entrance is to be expected, we feel this should be on an exceptional basis. Our primary concern is to limit public use of the door and yard to essential occasions only. For example, to admit disabled persons and basement room users and to allow them to exit; as a fire exit; and for deliveries, if necessary. Not for smokers to come in and out, or for possible parties of customers to enjoy the outside air. Lastly, for clarity- any fence would not provide an effective barrier to such noise as was to come from the yard.

Details redacted

