

HUMDINGERS

Dear Residents,

We want to express our sincerest empathy for any inconvenience you have experienced. Your feedback is invaluable to us as we strive to be good neighbours and community members.

Since our recent opening a month ago, we have been humbled by the overwhelming support from the local community, making us a beloved neighbourhood destination. We acknowledge the challenges related to noise transmission, especially in shared living spaces. While we are making efforts to minimize noise disturbances, as a bustling café on a busy high street, complete silence is unattainable.

At Humdingers, our core mission revolves around ending hunger and homelessness in London. Our cafes not only serve as a source of delicious food but also as a means to generate additional revenue to support those in need. Soup kitchens at every location and our main soup kitchen at the head office collectively provided meals for over 70 thousand individuals last year. These efforts are of utmost importance to us, and obtaining a premises license would significantly aid us in expanding our support across Islington, Hackney, Camden councils, and beyond.

We find it unreasonable that our standards are compared to the previous tenant, SKK, we want to clarify that the activities of the previous tenant do not reflect our standards. We are a hospitality business with experienced managers dedicated to creating a welcoming environment. Loud music and disruptive events are not part of our vision. Our goal is to foster a warm, welcoming community space where everyone can find comfort and enjoyment. We respect the sanctity of a peaceful neighbourhood and have no intentions of hosting disruptive gatherings.

Regarding the issues in the alleyway, we have taken immediate steps to address smoking concerns by creating a designated smoking area and have advised our guests against using the alleyway. We have also liaised with the landlord to advise additional measures like installing a gate to enhance security and reduce noise going through the alleyway.

As for the benches placement on the pavement, we have a valid pavement license approved by the Camden Council.

We are open to the idea of removing live music from our application, however, we firmly believe that an alcohol license is essential for our sustainability as a business and continued support of our mission.

With approval from Camden Council, we will be having a private party on the 29th of March to celebrate my birthday bash, feel free to pop in and meet our Humdingers family.

We are more than willing to engage in open dialogue at the cafe or present our case at a committee hearing where all voices can be heard.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work towards finding an amicable solution that benefits all parties involved. Your support and cooperation are invaluable to us as we strive to make a positive impact in the community.

Warmest regards,

Robert Hunningher