

# Wood Green Social Club Ltd

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Dear Sirs or Madame/ Haringey Planning Department,

Re: Wood Green Social Club, 3-4 Stuart Crescent, Wood Green, London N22 5NJ.

I am writing this letter in relation to the unavoidable sale of Wood Green Social Club Ltd.

The club was founded over a Hundred years ago as the Wood Green Labour Club and Institute and was established as a private members club.

At the height of the club, we had 1800 plus members, which substantially reduced to 348 members of recent years. This equated to just 18% of our members versus our memberships at its peak. Due to this we simply could not afford to sustain the financial losses which equated into hundreds of thousands of pounds, especially after the global pandemic hit.

The club has been running at a loss for several years now and up until recently, we did everything we could do to keep it open. We even took a bounce back loan to try and keep afloat, but there was no hiding the fact that the club has made substantial losses more than £300k in the period between 2015 and 2019, as documented in our company accounts.

Year on year we typically have been losing 10% of our memberships, due to either deaths, ill health or the fact they are relocating outside of Wood Green and would no longer be returning to their Social Club, as it was no longer their "Local" club.

In our earlier years, the upper parts of the club would be booked out for functions most weekends and could be booked in advance for periods up to 6 months. However, this large space has sat redundant and not been used in circa 8 years. This has coincided with a more modernised banqueting hall opening directly opposite us, which is a much more modern and grander venue than what we have to offer, and we simply did not have the funds to compete with them and their offering. In truth, the club became far too big for us to operate, as the memberships drastically reduced year on year, so our members did not see the benefit of a very outdated hall, which had become a storage facility for the club's furniture, after a number of years without a single hire of the space.

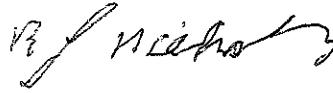
Despite the various attempts to revive the club, which included selling a neighboring property to fund the club. It proved very unsuccessful, as we were unable to attract more members and we were eventually forced to close in January 2021 as our debts were spiraling out of control and we had exhausted every option.

The committee and all the members met on 10th May 2020 and voted to sell the club as its memberships were substantially reducing year on year, we were making significant loses and we simply could not compete with local pubs and clubs.

Signed Mr. Colin Rich Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CR' or 'C Rich', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

Signed Mr. Ray Nicholls President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R Nicholls', written in a cursive style.