## InTouch

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# CONCERN OVER NEW SHISHA BAR

■ A number of residents have told us of their concerns about the new shisha bar "Monte Cristo" which has opened at 56-58 Fortune Green Road; in particular, that owners did not obtain planning permission before opening.

We have written to the Council to investigate the position further, and we have been informed that the shisha bar (and associated building works) does not have planning permission, nor does it have a licence to sell alcohol.

As a result of these complaints, the Council has opened an enforcement case and is deciding whether to take further action.

If you have been affected by the opening of the shisha bar, it is important to write into the Council to share your concerns. In particular:

- The shisha bar is inappropriate in a residential area. There are flats above the bar and family properties in nearby Burrard Road, Achilles Road, Ajax Road, and Ulysses Road.
- There are a large number of outside seats which is encouraging large groups of customers to gather together and cause noise and disturbance to the neighbourhood into the early hours of the morning.
- Parking is becoming even more difficult, as the nearby roads are all de-restricted in the evenings. This is already a serious problem as it is, but the shisha bar is making the problem even worse.

Please send any comments you have to: Benjamin Vickers, Planning Officer Appeals & Enforcement Team, London Borough of Camden Camden Town Hall Extension Argyle Street London WC1H 8ND 020 7974 1573

We will continue to bring residents' concerns to the Council, and will keep you informed of progress



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FORTUNE
GREEN LIGHTS

■ As we reported in our last In Touch, we have been chasing Camden Council to fix the broken lights on Fortune Green.

This posed a real safety risk during dark early evenings. We are pleased to see that Camden has now fixed the lights, but very concerned about the mess that has been caused. We will continue to work to ensure that the area is restored back to its previous condition.

### RUBBISH AND FLY TIPPING

■ Sorting out the rubbish problem on our streets is our number one priority.

Fly tipping and poorly cleaned streets has become an endemic problem in the streets around Fortune Green. It would only take a small increase in Camden's cleaning budget (£400,000) to reinstate weekend and increased high street cleaning across the borough and we will continue to campaign to make this happen.