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**From:** Rebecca Lawes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 05 September 2018 19:28  
**To:** M&CP - Licensing  
**Subject:** Objection to licensing application for 60 Bartholomew Close

Dear Sirs,

My husband and I are residents at [REDACTED] Bartholomew Close and are concerned about the "creep" locally in terms of licensing hours. When we purchased our flat a couple of years ago, we studied the Barts Square plans quite closely and were comforted by the fact that several places on the plan were allocated for retail use but not as licensed premises. We were prepared for the inevitable disturbance caused by the development but we did not sign up for additional and continuing noise disturbance from local bars with extended licensing hours. With all these licensed premises comes noise and disturbance from customers, additional waste, smells etc.

As pointed out in the Smithfield Conservation Area Character Summary and Management Strategy (adopted in 2012), this area of the City has a unique character. Helical Bar's own marketing refers to the "tranquil setting for residents". It is therefore very important to us that this is respected and preserved by the adoption of reasonable licensing hours. We worry that licensing premises within the Barts Square development beyond 11pm will severely impact the quiet nature of this enclave, both affecting residents and sick patients within St Barts Hospital. An 11pm limit would seem fair given that the leases of the Barts Square apartments imposed by Helical Bar demand that the owners make no noise outside their own apartment which might bother their neighbours.

We appreciate that the opening of the Farringdon Crossrail Station will increase the footfall in the area but we sincerely hoped that most of the new licensed premises would be along Long Lane and nearer the station. The opening of licensed premises within the Barts Square development will make Middlesex Passage a key thoroughfare to the station. Given the tall buildings on either side, any noise from late night eaters/drinkers will be exacerbated by the echoes which will be very troublesome for residents who look out onto this side of the building. These residents are likely to be troubled by noise for at least 20-30 minutes after closing time which means they may have to put up with noise until at least midnight every night of the week if the proposed licensing hours are adopted. In a previously quiet residential area, this seems most unreasonable.

We would ask you please to bear in mind the very real concerns of residents when you decide on licensing hours for these premises.

Many thanks

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