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**From:** Peter Bill <peter.bill@me.com>  
**Sent:** 05 September 2018 18:59  
**To:** M&CP - Licensing  
**Subject:** 60, Bartholomew Close

Dear Sirs,

(Flat 29)

I own a flat in nearby 43 Bartholomew Close and act as a director of the management company.

Why residents in the area are under an obligation to shut up after 11.00pm and yet this applicant wants to remain open until 11.30pm is beyond me.

But let me add my voice to the more formal points made by my neighbours.

I object to the extensive licensing hours being applied for and make the following points in relation to the above mentioned licensing application :

- This area of the City has had a unique character, as pointed out in the Smithfield Conservation area Character Summary and Management Strategy that was adopted in 2012.
- unreasonable disturbance to residents can be avoided by ensuring businesses do not operate unsocial hours.
- Middlesex Passage, once re-opened will form the shortest and most direct route from the southern part of Bartholomew Close to Farringdon Crossrail Station
- Middlesex Passage is a notorious echo chamber, greatly amplifying noise, particularly from pedestrians to the extent that normal conversational tones can be distinctly heard within the surrounding flats
- the presence of the licenced bars/restaurants in the Barts Square development will increase pedestrian traffic through Middlesex Passage throughout the designated opening hours but particular immediately after the establishments close
- permitting the sale of alcohol until 23:30 will only serve to exacerbate the likely level of noise pollution suffered by the residents of flats facing onto Middlesex Passage
- Helical Bar's promotional literature references a 'tranquil setting for residents'.
- the proposed opening hours until after 11pm at night every day of the week would severely impact the tranquillity of this residential area despite any notices asking customers to 'respect our neighbours'
- I understand that the leases of the residential apartments in the Barts Square development oblige the apartment owners not to make any noise that is audible outside their apartment which is likely to be a nuisance or annoyance to adjoining owners after 11pm. This is a Helical Bar requirement
- how can it be consistent with that requirement to encourage commercial premises to operate and create noise pollution after 11pm

I ask that you please limit the hours of business and have due respect for the existing residents of the area.

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