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Subject: 60, Barts Square/helical bar

to whom it may concern:

New bars and restaurants in the development by Helical Bar of 'Barts Square' are applying for extensive licensing hours.

This area of the City has a unique character, as pointed out in the Smithfield Conservation area Character Summary and Management Strategy that was adopted in 2012.

Although the Farringdon/Crossrail development is recognised to have a substantial impact on the character of this area and is expected to significantly increase the volume of people using Smithfield, unreasonable disturbance to residents can be avoided by ensuring businesses do not operate unsocial hours.

Helical Bar aims to bring 'new life into a charming and characterful area' with 'new cafés and restaurants adding further vibrancy' but their promotional literature does also mention a 'tranquil' setting for residents. A balance must be struck, therefore. Outdoor seating in the evening is not appropriate for a restaurant/bar in a residential area. It causes disturbance from noise and smoking, as well as the setting up and taking in of tables and chairs outside the hours of serving customers. As long time residents in this area, it would be a refreshing change if our needs were taken into consideration, instead of always erring on the side of big business. As residents we have all had to endure noise, dirt and considerable inconvenience during the long build, (still ongoing) coupled with the building of Crossrail on our other side, making it feel sometimes that we were under siege. Of course, we understand that this was part and parcel of construction work, but I am sure that I speak for all of us when I say that we are all counting the days until the building work finishes. Now, however, we find that we are still going to be subject to anti social noise, and everything else that goes with late night drinking. In addition, if large quantities of people are going to use Middlesex Passage to make their way to Crossrail, this will at a stroke, disturb the peace of almost everyone in number 43.

Please limit the hours of business and ensure all noise is contained within the premises and not allowed out of doors. Also, in the interests of fairness, wouldn't it be sensible to set a blanket opening/closing time for all the businesses applying for licences, as you have already set a precedent?

yours faithfully,

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