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To: M&CP - Licensing
Subject: Objection to application from 60 Bartholomew Close

As a resident of 43 Bartholomew Close, I am writing to submit an objection. This is on the basis of the public nuisance and potential crime and disorder consequences.

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

Given the hours involved, alcohol consumption, and likely clientele, it is highly likely there will be significant antisocial hours noise implications, both from customers and running of these venues. In addition, again given a larger population of people consuming alcohol in commercial venues which include outdoor space, it is likely to provoke more petty crime and disorder (a magnet for theft of belongings, possibly muggings, and also problems such as fights/arguments).

This area of the City has had a unique character, as for example pointed out in the Smithfield Conservation area Character Summary and Management Strategy.

Helical Bar is aiming 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'.

Opening hours from early morning until after 11pm at night every day of the week would severely impact the tranquility of this residential area with the disturbance of setting up for opening, taking deliveries, clearing up after closing time. Let's be frank - the sort of people likely to create disturbance are unlikely to moderate their actions because of notices asking customers to "be quiet as you leave / respect our neighbours" etc. It can't also stop taxis sounding horns, outdoors chatter / loud mobile phone conversations etc.

Please limit the hours of business to more reasonable "day time" sessions.

Kind regards
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43 Bartholomew Close