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Dear Madam/Sir.

RE: Application for variation of Licence Gremio de London Limited Gremio De Fenchurch - 26A Savage Gardens/ 9A&B Crutched Friars EC3N 2AR

We are leaseholders and residents of Pepys Street, EC3N 2NU. We are writing regarding the above variation of licence. We would ask you to take these matters into consideration when dealing with this application.

- 1. We generally would like to express our concern that venue plans to stay open until as late as 1am. We would like to point out to the close proximity of the venue to the residential buildings. While we believe in applicants' willingness to keep noise levels under controls, we are afraid he has no ability to ensure that customers will leave the venue orderly and quietly. We have all reasons to expect that customers leaving the venue will create significant amount of noise late at night if the application is successful in its current form. We believe the best possible solution is to set the closing time at 11pm, in line with closing time of the Cheshire Cheese pub, which is located right opposite the venue. We do not understand why would applicant be eligible for longer opening hours.
- 2. We noticed that the new application is planning to offer 'Off-Sales'. From what we understand the original hearing and the License review, the Sub-committee added a "no off Sales" as a condition to the license, on the basis 'off Sales' create public nuisance. We see no reason why this condition should not be in place in a new application which now plans to occupy even larger internal area, accommodate more customers, and thus arguably create even more risk of nuisance, in particular at night. We have been living at Pepys street for the last 5 years and can say that there is already enough evidence of excessive noise over weekends, which wakes our two-year old son. We do not see how allowing 'off-sales' doesn't contribute to already existing problem. If a licence is granted to include 'Off-Sales', we then insist that it at least requests that 'off-sales' are in sealed containers only.
- 3. The application mentions the new venue planning to play loud music during working hours, including late hours. We would like to point out that the venue is located next door to the apartments at the Savage Gardens and Pepys street. Moreover, it is located under the Fenchurch street station in the archway, which amplifies any noise. We therefore insist the venue keep all windows and doors shut during the working hours.
- 4. We understand that the door leading onto the stairs at the rear of the premises is to be used solely as an emergency exit. We request that the applicant ensures the door leading onto the stairs at the rear of the properties is used as the emergency exit point only. We would like to avoid staff or customers standing at the rear door smoking and/or drinking.

We sincerely hope that you seriously look into our objections to the application. Both of us are very supportive of businesses, but we are also extremely concerned that business interests are put on top of people living in the area.

Best Regards,

Ivan Morozov and Yulia Kozlova

Leaseholders and Residents



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