

City of London Licensing Authority
Walbrook Wharf
78-83 Upper Thames Street
London
EC4R 3TD
16 July 2019

Dear Sir

License application for Daisy Green Food Limited, 2 London Wall Place, dated 21 June 2019 ("the Application")

The Gilbert House Group is the Recognised Tenants' Association representing the interests of the residents of Gilbert House in the Barbican Estate. What follows is the response from our Group to the above license application.

We are writing to object to the Application on four points all in relation to the hours of operation and the hours for the serving of alcohol as follows:

1. The proposed last times for serving alcohol are 23.00 Monday to Sunday, being every night of the week, with a closing time of 23.30. 2 London Wall Place is on the edge of a major residential estate, being the Barbican Estate. We note that the City of London's Statement of Licensing Policy says in paragraph 58 that "residents have a reasonable expectation that their sleep will not be unduly disturbed between the hours of 23.00 and 07.00". Granting a license which both allows alcohol to be served up to 23.00 and with hours of operation ending after 23.00 are contrary to the City's policy designed to protect residents from the operation of licensed premises.
2. The proposed hours of operation and hours for serving alcohol would set a worrying precedent. We note that the Wood Street Bar and Restaurant, that is also on the edge of the Barbican Estate has closing hours of 23.30 Monday to Saturday and 17.30 on Sunday with hours for serving alcohol finishing 30 minutes earlier. Their times on Sunday are significantly earlier than those in the Application and we urge a consistency of approach in implementing the City's policy.
3. Granting a licence with closing time of 23.30 on Sunday takes no account of the fact that this day is still supposed to be a quieter day and residents have a right to expect some peace on at least one evening a week.
4. The Application envisages use of an external terrace that faces the Barbican Estate until 22.30 every night. This will inevitably result in a level of noise experienced by residents to an unacceptably late time. We note that the Wood Street Bar and Restaurant has a requirement in its licence as follows: "Windows and doors are to be kept closed after 21.00, save for purposes of access and egress or in the case of an emergency." We again urge a consistency of approach in implementing the City's policy by restricting use of the external terrace to 21.00.

In summary we believe that the proposed hours of operation and for serving alcohol should be aligned with those for the Wood Street Bar and Restaurant being a licensed establishment closely adjacent to that in the Application in order to limit the impact on residents. We ask that these matters are taken into account when considering the Application.

Yours faithfully
Ian Dixon Chair, Gilbert House Group