

# Representing the interests of Barbican Residents

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

Dear Sirs, Re

Application for a Premises Licence
Daisy Green
2 London Wall Place
London EC2Y 5AU

I write on behalf of the Barbican Association to object on the grounds of the Prevention of Public Nuisance to the application as originally lodged, in particular noise disturbance.

The "Court Yard" of the premises, and other seating nearby, is within line-of-sight of Barbican flats in Andrewes and Willoughby Houses and also Roman House.

On the plans we can see that there is a larger outside eating area than the previous application, Enoteca, with 8 tables lined up very close to the right of way across to the gardens of London Wall Place and the old church court yard. This courtyard area is right next to the very attractive London Wall Place gardens that have become an icon in the area, a peaceful place for people to enjoy.

I attach a PDF of a recommendation from Dawn Patel Environmental Health Officer, Pollution Team, CoL, following the Enoteca application and dated 8 May 2018. In it she states that Montcalm/Jugged Hare Chiswell Street being in a similar proximity to residences 'brings customers inside at 2100 through the week to minimise disturbance to neighbours' and recommends that ... 2100 hours being a suitable time to control noise'.

Daisy Green advertises itself as serving 'bottomless brunches' and 'free flowing prosecco' similar to the Bag Egg at City Point that has a late afternoon bar/club atmosphere. At the Bad Egg premises there is excessive drinking, loud noise, smokers in the street and revellers have even been seen squatting in Moor Lane to go to the toilet.

I am sure you are aware that the soffits, the undersides of the balconies above the living and bedroom windows in the Barbican, are excellent reflectors of street-level sounds into the rooms. These windows are not double glazed and are not always kept closed, particularly in the summer months when outside drinking may be more attractive for

Daisy Green patrons. Added to this, I am informed that other Daisy Green premises play loud music and often have a live DJ.

There is a very high risk of noise nuisance if this goes ahead as in the original application. There are bedrooms facing the proposed site and noise disturbance on a Sunday night, before a school and a work day in such a dense residential area would be particularly intrusive.

It is important to note that the Broadgate Circle Daisy Green closes at 9pm Monday to Thursday and 10pm on Saturday and Sunday, late on Friday. This is an area serving the business district and Liverpool Street Station and still closes at 9pm in the week.

Despite being best practice there has been no consultation with the Barbican Association. This is a real pity as applicants are often unaware of the special nature of the Barbican Estate with its noise reflective surfaces and proximity of a large number of bedroom windows. Also, our many groups of residents who liaise with local businesses work really well when we all communicate.

We urge you to amend the timings within the initial application to reflect the fact that this is a heavy residential area with people who work from home and children who need to get to sleep on school nights and also to fall in line with the opening hours at their other premises.

- 1. Monday to Thursday close at 2100 as at Broadgate Circle premises
- 2. Close at 10pm on Saturdays as at Broadgate Circle
- 3. Closed on Sundays to prevent all day disturbance at the weekend
- 4. Bring customers inside at 2100 every night as recommended by the CoL Environmental Health team
- 5. Close the eastern façade shutters if there is loud music or a DJ

It is clear to us that addressing our concerns over the possible usage of the "off" site seating, leading to disturbance being caused to residents, can only be met by an appropriate management plan being implemented by the various duty managers. So that everyone concerned understands what is called for, we urge that this management plan be circulated to the Licensing Department, Environmental Health officers and residents' representatives.

We expect that a telephone number for the duty manager will be circulated to residents nearby.

The latter point, in our experience with other neighbouring businesses, will help us all to have good communication and to move forward in a positive way.

Kind regards,
Helen Kay
Chair, BA Planning and Licensing Sub-Committee
See PDF below

### Breese, Robert

From:

Patel, Dawn

Sent:

08 May 2018 17:56

To:

Cc:

Subject:

Enoteca, 2 London Wall Place. 201804990

### Dear team,

This department acknowledges receipt of the application for a Premises license at 2 London Wall Place. The application if granted as it stands would permit people to drink outside the premises until midnight Monday to Saturday and until 2200 hours on a Sunday. Noise associated with this type of activity is not part of the current character of that area and residents of Roman House and of Andrews House on Fore Street would have line of sight to the external drinkers. The background noise level is likely to drop as the evening progresses and noise from people stood outside whilst drinking is likely to cause disturbance to neighbouring residents at a time when they wish to rest and sleep. Such disturbance is not in accordance with the licensing objective to prevent public nuisance. As such, this department wishes to make a representation.

It is understood that the Montcalm/Jugged Hare, Chiswell Street (also in close proximity to the Barbican) bring customers inside at 2100 hours through the week to minimise disturbance to neighbours. This time of 2100 hours may be a more suitable time to bring customers inside and therefore control noise.

### Kind regards

**Dawn Patel Environmental Health Officer Pollution Team** 

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