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Sent: 04 April 2017 22:11
To: M&CP - Licensing
Subject: Application for Licence by Disappearing Dining Club under section 17 Licensing Act 2003 - Grd floor 26 Newbury Street EC1A 7HU

Dear Sirs,

We refer to the above licence application and hereby notify you of our strongest objection for the following reasons:

As per our former objection, we repeat again that Newbury St is an extraordinarily narrow street which is mainly residential and is a one way street. We are on the first floor of the building and the apartment faces 26 Newbury Street. We already find that noise from Council rubbish collections, local roadworks, vibrates enormously due to the proximity of the buildings. The pavement is very narrow on each side and the road is generally only accessible by small cars. Additional traffic created by numerous daily delivery vans will exacerbate the noise and traffic levels even and this will be extremely detrimental to us as residents.

Contrary to direct representations by DDC to local residents that guests would be informed to have their taxis pick up and drop off at Long Lane, there is no mention whatsoever in the application of this requirement - which in any case will be unenforceable.

We do not believe that the licence will promote the City of London Licensing Objectives but ask you to take note in particular of the following:

a) Prevention of Crime and Disorder.

Taxis/traffic/ambulances

The applicant has failed to recognise that Newbury St is a very narrow one way street. Only one car can enter and leave. It will be impossible for DDC to control how customers arrive or leave the building in terms of ordering taxis. These will inevitably create a queue of traffic in the street and immediately below our apartment. Since alcohol will be served throughout the day and evening inevitably customers will be inebriated and disorderly when they leave and as they slam taxi doors or argue over which taxi should exit the street first.

Contrary to direct representations made to local residents by the applicant stating that he intended only to apply for a licence from Wednesday to Sunday, it now appears the licence is for daily openings from 11am to 22.45 (with only a marginal adjustment for a Sunday). The council has actively encouraged residents to live in the City of London and many do so in order to be at their desks in the City at a very early hour - often a requirement for employees in the financial markets in order for the City to remain at the forefront of global financial trading. It is inevitable that an establishment serving alcohol from 11am to almost midnight every day throughout the year will give rise to frequent disorderly behaviour and this will be highly detrimental to residents. CCTV's whilst a nice feature will not necessarily prevent rowdy behaviour when people are drunk

b) Prevention of a Public Nuisance

(i) Noise management: alcohol being served by waiters will not prevent drunkenness. It is in the interests of the restaurant to ensure maximum consumption of alcohol since that is very profitable. This will lead to disorderly behaviour.

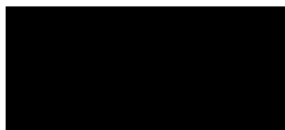
(ii) Notices requesting customers to respect needs of residents will not be read by drunken customers. This is impossible for DDC to control. The noise of customers waiting for taxis, closing doors, having conversations will be a nuisance.

(iii) Running a restaurant requires a constant stream of delivery vans - again very difficult in a one way narrow street. It will also require regular removal of glass and deliveries and rubbish on pavements will attract vermin - an additional health hazard. The pavements are narrow. This will be a health hazard. The rubbish will attract rats and foxes at night - also creating risks to the public in a narrow space.

(iv) Since the street is narrow, air does not circulate well during the summer. The licensed premises will need to open all their windows for air so the sound of music, the noise of a restaurant in full service will travel through the street. There is no room on the pavement for smokers, or for guests wanting to get some air in the sticky heat of summer. This simply cannot be controlled. People who are paying for a meal don't want to be told they can't go outside to cool down....?

Granting a licence, even with conditions, sets a terrible precedent in such a narrow residential street. We would urge the council to not grant such a licence for the above reasons.

Yours sincerely

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