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Sent: 18 February 2020 18:54
To: M&CP - Licensing
Subject: Objection: 23 Bride Lane Licence Application

Dear Sir / Madam

I write as a local resident living in Fleet Street, around the corner from 23 Bride Lane, and as a Common Councilman of Castle Baynard Ward.

I am aware that the applicant has agreed to not allow drinking outside or to use it for live entertainment. However, I still feel very strongly that it is necessary to object on the grounds of the additional public nuisance that I believe the new premises licence will cause to this particular small enclave of the City.

There will be the usual inevitable comings and goings of a licenced premises and also between the existing distillery and the new venue given that the distillery will run it, and there is no direct access between the two. Most importantly though, will be the fact that there is yet another licenced venue dispersing customers at midnight/00.30 am. As we know, once outside, there is no possibility of managing people who have had a drink regardless of the time and generally people never leave quietly.

This will compound an already existing problem of noise pollution in this area caused by the current density of licenced premises, namely: The Old Bell and The Crown & Sugar Loaf based in Bride Lane – both with huge crowds of street drinkers outside, Chi Noodle and the Black Parrot based in Bride Court and The Punch Tavern all of whom have entries/exits into Bride Court with drinkers outside. The residents in 24 Bride Lane and in Bride Court all live just above these premises and are badly affected by the current situation. Worth noting that in summer, even I can hear the noise from Bride Lane in Fleet Street and from Bride Court through the back of my flat on Fleet Street – that's how loud it is and how easily it echoes – but of course nothing like the sound levels just above Bride Lane/Bride Court. It's also extremely likely that Bride Court will be used as short cut to New Bridge Street. In addition, of course, you have to take into consideration cleaners, late night or early morning deliveries, etc who all need access to the new premises. So the noise won't stop at midnight.

Unfortunately, this new application will cause more noise pollution nuisance to the local residents in what is already an extremely busy area and for that reason I hereby object to the application of 23 Bride Lane.

Yours faithfully

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