From: M&CP - Licensing

Subject: Urgent- objection by 17th March. Re - Application of a Premises Licence - Aura Nightclub 55 Mark Lane,

London, City of London, EC3R 7NF (Tower Ward)

Date: 13 March 2023 14:55:00

THIS IS AN EXTERNAL EMAIL

The applicant is seeking to license premises located at 55 Mark Lane, that used to be Evans Cycles, until 03.00. This is just down the road from Proud Cabaret, and around the corner from another late night venue on Hart St/Crutched Friars.

Further up Crutched Friars there is another night club and one located at the top of the Minories. I also under the empty unit in the Minories (Dirty Martini) may be reopening.

A key concern will be on the impact on residents and businesses as clubber arrive and depart, especially around parking. Mark Lane is one way leading into Hart St and Crutched Friars, Pepys st, Muscovy St, Seething Lane and further up into the Ward in India Street and the Minories, these roads are already heavy used by clubbers attending the existing late night premises. The arrival and dispersal late at night /early hours of the morning causing noise issues and disturbance, is not one the licence holder can address or control once their patrons have left the premises. Public transport is not available late at night, as Tower Hill Station and Monument St are not on the night tube network, and trains from Fenchurch St usually finish around 00.41. Typically patrons arrive to the current late night venues by car.

In carrying out its licensing functions, the authority will promote the licensing objectives set out in the Act. These are:

- the prevention of crime and disorder
- b) public safety
- c) the prevention of public nuisance
- d) the protection of children from harm

How is this going to be observed with more and more nigh places opening up, and more disorder, noise, drunken people around. This areas has gone downhill incredibly in the last 10 years. It's not longer safe.

Chapter 8 pages 23-26, The promotion of the prevention of Public Nuisance will probably be the most relevant licencing principle to mention along with paragraph 91 on page 23, 'residents (which includes hotel guests) have a reasonable expectation that their sleep will not be unduly disturbed between the hours of 23.00 and 07.00' and paragraph 98 (and others).

It seems that everything is being done to squeeze residents out of the area, as more and more given way to noise, disorder, and people so wholly unconnected to the are coming here at all hours of the day.

Appreciate that this objection is a drop in an ocean. Something is going seriously wrong as more and more projects get support where we keep opposing them to preserve the little bit of quality of life we have.

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