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**To:** [M&CP - Licensing](#)  
**Subject:** Application Inderpal Singh Gaba for a new premises licence for Easy Shop & Go, 148 Fleet Street, London, EC4A 2BU  
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THIS IS AN EXTERNAL EMAIL

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write to make representations in opposition to the above application to permit the sale of alcohol (off sales) Sunday to Wednesday (7 am to 11 pm) and Thursday to Saturday (7 am to 1 am).

I am the owner of Flat 148 Fleet Street, and have been since 1999. This is one of four residential flats in the same building occupied by the applicant (whose shop, which opened very recently, is on the ground floor). The building comprises the four residential flats and the applicant's retail premises. The leases of each of the flats contain covenants limiting their use to private residential dwellings.

My grounds of opposition are as follows.

1. The proposed use is unsuitable for a residential building set in a mixed residential, retail and office setting. It is likely to attract people (including sadly homeless people) with alcohol problems and to increase the incidence of crime in the area, especially given the late hours that are proposed. This is not compatible with initiatives to promote the City as a place for families.
2. It is not in keeping with the atmosphere that Fleet Street should be seeking to maintain. Fleet Street is of significant national importance and is a major tourist destination, being home to the historic newspaper buildings, the churches and pubs designed by Sir Christopher Wren, Dr Johnson's house, etc, with St Paul's cathedral very nearby.
3. There is no need for an off licence in the proposed location. Sainsbury's and Tesco are nearby on Fleet Street and Fetter Lane, as are numerous pubs.
4. If, nevertheless, a licence is granted, then the hours should not extend late into the evening as proposed by the applicant.

Yours faithfully,

Richard Coleman  
(148 Fleet Street)

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