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London EC4Y 0DD
22nd February 2024

To: City of London Licensing Team

Premises License Application: Tokyo Hit Ground Floor & Basement, 165 Fleet Street, London, EC4A 2AE

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to object to the above application which seeks the following:

1. To permit the sale of alcohol on and off the premises, 10am – 2am Monday to Sunday.
2. To permit regulated entertainment, live and recorded music, provision of films, 10am – 2am Monday to Sunday.
3. To provide late night refreshment, 11pm – 2am Monday to Sunday.

Although Fleet Street primarily hosts retail outlets and offices, there are several residential blocks and dwellings on the street and in the alleys near the premises including, Crane Court, Johnson Court, 171 Fleet Street, Red Lion Court, 148 Fleet Street, Hind Court, Bolt Court, and a residential block of flats on Pleydell Street opposite.

Fleet Street becomes quiet at night and loud noises then are intrusive and prevent residents enjoying the amenities of their dwellings.

This application unless changed is likely to have a serious impact on the residences listed above, which will result from anti-social behaviour that regrettably accompanies licensed premises that trade after midnight.

The Corporation Licensing policy (paragraph 29) states:

“The Licensing Authority has not set framework hours believing that it is best placed to make decisions about appropriate opening hours in the area based on its local knowledge, in consultation with the responsible authorities and other persons. ***However, residents have a reasonable expectation that the terminal hour for the sale of alcohol ceases at 11pm every day.***”

It follows that if a licence is granted the terminal hour for the sale of alcohol should be set at 11pm not 2am to conform to the above section of the policy.

To avoid a breach of the four licensing objectives in particular the prevention of crime and disorder and prevention of public nuisance, the following updated model conditions recently authorised by the Corporation of London’s Licensing Committee on February 8th, 2024, should be added to the premises license if the application is granted:

MC2 - Promoted events will not be held at the premises. A promoted event is an event where the musical entertainment is provided at any time by a disc jockey or disc jockeys one or some of whom are not employees of the licence holder, and the event is promoted to the general public independent of the licensee.

MC14 - Customers permitted to temporarily leave and then re-enter the premises e.g., to smoke, shall not be permitted to take drinks or glass containers with them.

MC17 - A written dispersal policy shall be in place and implemented at the premises to move customers from the premises and the immediate vicinity in such a way as to cause minimum disturbance or nuisance to neighbours. A copy of the policy shall be retained on the premises and made available for inspection by a police officer and/or authorised officer of the licensing authority on request.

MC18 - Prominent signage shall be displayed at all exits from the premises requesting that customers leave quietly.

MC19 - All external doors, lobby doors, and windows shall be kept closed save for entry or exit, or in the event of an emergency.

MC21 - Loudspeakers shall not be located in the entrance lobby.

MC22 - All music and digital announcements shall be controlled through a digital sound processing unit (DSP) with a limiter, the limits for which shall be set and maintained at a level agreed with environmental health. The sound limiter controls shall be kept locked and only accessed by the licensee or a person authorised by the licensee.

MC23 - A noise management plan shall be in place to identify how noise arising from all sources of noise including regulated entertainment, plant, pa systems and patrons shall be effectively controlled so as to minimise the risk of public nuisance and how any complaints of noise will be dealt with. A copy of the plan shall be retained on the premises and made available for inspection by a police officer and/or authorised officer of the licensing authority on request.

MC24 - The licence holder shall make available a contact telephone number to nearby residents and the City of London Licensing Team to be used in the event of complaints arising.


MC26 - There shall be no sale of alcohol in unsealed containers for consumption off the premises.

This is a large number of conditions on a licence which normally I would never advocate, but because of the nature of the application and the location of the premises I feel that this is necessary.

The proposal to bring the building back into commercial use is welcome given the impact of the pandemic and the unprecedented scale of redevelopment in the Fleet Street area, but this application as it stands has the potential to cause serious disruption to residents and the changes suggested in my letter would significantly help to mitigate the negative impacts of the proposed application.

Please acknowledge receipt of this objection and let me know when the hearing will take place to consider this application.

Your sincerely

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Graham Packham CC

Ward Member Castle Baynard