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**Sent:** Sat, 16 Mar 2024 14:54:07 +0000  
**To:** Breese, Robert  
**Cc:** Griffiths, John  
**Subject:** Objection to new premises license application: Tokyo Hit Ground Floor & Basement, 165 Fleet Street, London, EC4A 2AE

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Dear Robert

I am writing to object to the above application which is requesting 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.

My objection is based on the grounds that, as a licensing authority, our objectives include preventing crime and disorder and public nuisance, whilst also ensuring public safety.

In my capacity as one of the local Ward Councillors for Castle Baynard, I support those residents and constituents who have expressed their opposition to this application on the grounds that it will most likely increase levels of crime, disorder and noise. This will have a detrimental impact on their quality of life and wellbeing at the same time as reducing levels of public safety in the Fleet Street area.

There are specific aspects of the application which, if permitted, will contribute these negative effects:

- Allowing the playing of live music and serving of alcohol up from 10am up until 2am every day
- Providing late night refreshments inside and outside the premises from 11pm till 2am each day

As there are no other premises in the area open until 2am and selling alcohol at that time of the early morning, the premises are likely to be a magnet for drinkers from other parts of the City after other venues have served last orders. This will only contribute added noise and public nuisance in the Fleet Street area late at night and into the early morning.

Other license applications in this area have had their hours restricted to 11pm, which is far more suitable for an area with a significant residential population and one which is already experiencing growing cases of public nuisance and anti-social behaviour.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



**John Griffiths**  
Councillor for Castle Baynard Ward

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