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Sent: Wed, 13 Mar 2024 17:54:09 +0000
To: M&CP - Licensing
Subject: Objection to Licensing Application for 165 Fleet Street

THIS IS AN EXTERNAL EMAIL

To whom it may concern,

We are writing to you today to object in the strongest terms to the proposed licence application for: Ground Floor & Basement, 165 Fleet Street, EC4A 2AE (Premises: Tokyo Hit, Applicant: Bloomsbury Leisure Holdings Limited). We have read the application in its entirety and believe our concerns are warranted and are likely to transpire, regardless of any measures the applicant may implement to mitigate them.

We live on the first floor of a nearby residential building (█ Bolt Court, EC4A 3DQ) and have several concerns around the proposed application. We believe that the grant of this application will lead to:

- 1) increased disorder and crime in the area
- 2) decreased public safety
- 3) increased chance of public nuisance.

Importantly, if this premise is granted the licence to serve alcohol from 10am to 2am every day of the week, **it will change the very nature of our small community.**

1) Increased disorder and crime

Today, our neighbourhood is relatively empty (and therefore quiet) on the weekends and late in the evenings because **no other public establishments in the vicinity are open between the hours of 23:00-00:00**. The service of alcohol over such a long period and on the weekends will change the character of our neighbourhood. It will bring an increase of noise and disorder to our quiet streets, and with it the increased potential for crime. Our building has seen two attempted break ins within the last 60 days, and we fear this new licence will only increase the frequency of such crime.

2) Decreased public safety

Unfortunately, we have seen a rise in anti-social behaviour recently as well. There have been significant acts of vandalism in the area, considerable litter building up and increased instances of unhoused residents sleeping on St. Dunstan's court (which is adjacent to the proposed licence site). We fear that the addition of late night alcohol will only increase the instances of

such behaviour and make us feel less safe whenever we step out our door. The applicant has proposed to have signage and CCTV cameras to abate such acts, but we have no reason to believe that this will slow down instances of nuisance and crime. The area already has significant camera coverage and this has not done anything to prevent the anti-social behaviour we have seen.

3) Increased public nuisance

In addition, we have serious concerns about the levels of increased noise and public nuisance that this proposed licence would bring. Speaking plainly, our bedroom is on the first floor of 6 Bolt court, and allowing live and recorded music as well as the playing of films until 2am will naturally cause a significant disturbance to our sleep as well as the sleep of other residents. No other premises in this area are open until 2am, much less selling alcohol that late, and this proposal is a threat to the relative tranquillity that the area maintains after a certain time of night.

Taking in all of the considerations outlined above, we hope that you will reject this application outright.

Sincerely,

Joseph Sullivan and Katherine Bellerose

█ Bolt Court, █, EC4A 3DQ