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To: Breese, Robert
Subject: RE: new premise licence application - 165 Fleet Street
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THIS IS AN EXTERNAL EMAIL

Dear Mr Breese,

I am writing as a business manager in the Fleet Street area, namely the Director of **Dr Johnson's House museum**, █ Gough Square.

I am writing with regard to the new premise licence application for 165 Fleet Street as I wish for the City to note that I, on behalf of my organisation, **object in the strongest terms possible to the requested licence** and proposed activities on the ground floor and basement of 165 Fleet Street.

The objections I have relate to the licencing objectives: public safety and the prevention of public nuisance. I also anticipate there being cause of objection on the grounds of crime and certainly disorder.

To have a licence to sell alcohol from as early as 10am to as late as 2am is utterly outside the needs, demands and desires of those working within the immediate and extended vicinity. I am concerned it will lead to undesirable behaviour and levels of noise disturbance and have a direct impact on the quality of the visitor experience to Dr Johnson's House museum - and their safety and that of my staff (mostly female) at the start and end of their working shift. I anticipate intoxicated patrons of 165 Fleet Street locating themselves in nearby alleys and courtyards and being bothersome to passersby. The potential to lose business because people do not feel safe in the area - especially if a reputation spreads for such behaviour, which it can do rapidly on social media platforms - is tangible and not insignificant.

As you know, the area behind 165 Feet Street is a maze of alleyways and courtyards and the scope for anti-social behaviour is huge - people gather hear to drink and be loud in groups small and large, and if they have a plentiful supply of alcohol until 2am or later, I believe in warmer weather they will take their drinks to these courtyards and drink there - certainly after closing time.

Whatever signs my be placed asking patrons of the place to leave quietly are redundant as in my experience, they are utterly disregarded. I do not expect it will be within the remit of the staff of 165 Fleet Street to police the surrounding area to ensure people are leaving the premises respectfully.

Thank you for noting this objection. I would be grateful for an email acknowledging receipt of this email.

Kind regards
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