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From: Sade Okutubo [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 May 2014 11:56
To: M&CP - Licensing
Subject: Unit 3, 200 Aldersgate street -licensing application

Dear Sir/Madam,

The licensing application as above for unit 3, 200 aldersgate street has come to my attention.

A dimension to this application not so clear at first glance, is that the business to be licensed will also require kitchen extractor fans and air handling units to be placed to the front and rear elevations of 200 Aldersgate street.

I strongly object to this application for the following reasons:

As a resident, on the rear of London House, 172 Aldersgate street, we are surrounded by The Cameron McKenna building, NCP car park and 200 Aldersgate.

We suffer considerably from the constant noise emanating from the extractor vents in the kitchens at Cameron McKenna building, the basement plant from the same building, the smoke extractor fan from the NCP car park, and plants from 200 Aldersgate.

All of these plants generate a constant noise nuisance 24 hours a day which intensifies at variable times.

Currently, a constant noise and vibration nuisance commences daily at 4am from the CM basement plant, I am awakened by the noise at 4am daily, weekends and bank holidays included!

This particular nuisance continues through and at times becomes intermittent, turning off and on every few minutes. The same noise sometimes occurs all through a 24hour period.

In addition, the CM kitchen extractor fan starts up at 615 am every morning adding to the noisy racket, this runs all day and typically switching off between 8 and 9pm.

Frequently, the NCP car park smoke extractor generates a very loud noise accompanied by a fire alarm sounding. A large amount of air is shifted out of the basement at this time, This apparently is caused by the trigger of a fire alarm in the car park. It does not follow any pattern, occurs randomly and can go on for hours, at any time of day or night, before security staff get round to deactivating the alarm.

This is all compounded by the echo chamber effect caused by the juxtaposition of three tall buildings forming a triangle in which any generated noise bounces around and intensifies.

All of this leads to a very noisy environment indeed. A relentless humming noise generating a feeling akin to "chinese water torture".

A relentless noisy environment leading to early morning wakening, insomnia in addition to a feeling of constant stress and almost impossible to concentrate, means peace and quiet are just not available. It is just never quiet!

The City of London believes its residents are entitled to peace and quiet between 2300 and 0700 hours. Clearly, this is not occurring at my address.

I am utterly horrified at the thought of yet more noise being added into this already extremely noisy area, further raising the decibels of the din occurring on the back of the building.

Clearly this new business will generate more noise with its air handling and kitchen vents, and such vents are associated with this licensing application.

Whilst I appreciate the City needs business, and welcome such ventures, can the health and well being of affected residents be taken as paramount consideration when such ventures maybe egregious in nature?

It is on this basis that I raise my objections to the licensing application before you.

Regards

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