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From: Allan Kerr <
Sent: 18 May 2014 22:54
To: M&CP - Licensing
Subject: Application for a Premises Licence for 200 Aldersgate Street, EC1A 4HD - The Meat Company Aldersgate Ltd

Dear Sirs,

I would like to oppose the following application:

Ward Aldersgate

Premises: 200 Aldersgate Street, EC1A 4HD

Applicant: The Meat Company Aldersgate Ltd

Application: To permit the sale of alcohol from 9.30am – 12 midnight Sunday to Thursday and 9.30am to 1.00am Fridays and Saturdays nights. To permit the provision of late night refreshment until half past midnight Sunday to Thursday and until 1.30am on Fridays and Saturdays.

To provide regulated entertainment, namely live music, films and recorded music, and to permit the performance and provision of facilities for dancing during opening hours.

I write as the owner of [REDACTED] London House, 172 Aldersgate Street, EC1A 4HU, one of 81 residential units in our block. Whilst the application is for a restaurant and bar, it bears all the characteristics of a club venue, bearing in mind the late opening hours and the application for live music, dancing, films and recorded music. The impact of this type of premises on residents in the area, particularly in terms of noise, public nuisance and disturbance late at night and through the early hours, is extremely likely to be very considerable. It is not clear what the regulated capacity of this venue will be but it appears from the plans that each of the two main floors has the potential to accommodate over one hundred persons. Apart from the hubbub and noise emanating from the clients of the premises, amplified live music carries notoriously far and these premises were built for office and ancillary usage, without suitable sound-proofing. This scale of venue will also necessitate substantial air treatment facilities, which will be noisy and liable to operate during the extended proposed licencing hours. All of this will impact upon the residents of the 81 flats in London House. The fact that neither the Applicants nor their solicitors have engaged at all so far with these residents, their close neighbours, does not bode well, and maybe this is because they realise that this application is completely inappropriate so close to a residential location.

There are plenty of other existing licensed premises within walking distance of Aldersgate already and I believe the City Corporation is at pains to preserve a mixed residential element within the various wards. This Application would materially damage the residential amenity of the area and have a substantial impact upon the quiet enjoyment of their property by the residents of London House, particularly during the night. I would therefore urge the Licensing Sub-Committee therefore to reject the Application.

Yours faithfully,
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