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Apartment [REDACTED]
London House
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City Of London Licencing Authority
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Dear Sirs

**Re: LICENCE APPLICATION FROM THE MEAT COMPANY
ALDERSGATE Ltd, UNIT 3, 200 ALDERSGATE STREET,
LONDON, EC1**

OUR OBJECTION TO THEIR LICENCE APPLICATION

We are the owners of Apartment [REDACTED] in the residential block of 81 apartments, London House, Aldersgate Street, in the City.

We hereby register our objection to the above application, our reasons being:

**LOCATION OF THE PREMISES VIS-A-VIS BEING NEXT DOOR TO
RESIDENTIAL APARTMENTS**

The applicant's premises are right next door to London House and, with this closeness, extended & late licencing, and live music, as well as the noise from the additional equipment that the applicants will be required to install at the rear & front of their premises, would result in a significant and broad based public nuisance situation for us and other residents in London house.

London House residents, and visitors to the premises, are entitled to expect a peaceful environment to go about their business & daily lives.

**PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE/ ANTI - SOCIAL
BEHAVIOUR/NOISE POLLUTION/PREVIOUSLY REPORTED
DISTURBANCES**

Late licencing, and the playing of loud music, and live music, would result in noise pollution from alcohol fuelled rowdiness, which has in the past been the subject of complaints relating to public nuisance issues at another nearby entertainment establishment.

We understand that the London House Residents Association has previously reported disturbances.

A SIMILAR APPLICATION WAS ALREADY REJECTED PREVIOUSLY

It is pertinent to note that elements of a similar application for late licencing and live music by a different establishment on the ground floor of London House, were previously rejected in 2007, and we doubt that the reasons for that rejection will have changed since.

NOISE POLLUTION FROM INDUSTRIAL PLANT EQUIPMENT

We understand that, to facilitate the restaurant, bar and entertainment uses, the operators would have to install additional air extractor plant for the kitchens at the front of the building on Aldersgate Street. This will cause cooking smells.

Additionally, they would require to install new air handling plant at the rear of the building, this would be facing the rear of London house. All the many apartments on this side of our building would be affected by noise from the plant. No machinery is quiet, even if attempts are made to reduce the noise, and residents sleep would be disturbed by it.

Indeed, one of the City of London Corporation statements of Licencing Policy 2013 (57) is that the risk of disturbance to local residents is greater when licensable activities continue late at night, and into the early hours of the morning, and that residents have a reasonable expectation that their sleep should not be unduly disturbed between 23:00 and 07:00hrs.

OTHER LATE NIGHT DRINKING ESTABLISHMENTS ALREADY NEARBY

There are several late licencing & live music establishments nearby in the Smithfield area, just around the corner. Another is not needed, particularly in our residential location.

PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER /PUBLIC SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

Late night drinking establishments tend to be hot spots that act as a magnet for undesirable situations developing.

With crime rates always an issue, policing in the City mean that the already stretched police and security services do not need any more possible incidents to attend to.

LACK OF CONSULTATION BY APPLICANTS

The city encourages applicants to consult with neighbours on licensing applications, but this has not been done with us.

CONCLUSION

In rounding off, we ask you that, when considering the application, that the main issues of the prevention of public nuisance, and the expectation and right of the occupants of the 81 apartments of London House to a relatively peaceful existence, and undisturbed sleep, unencumbered by the undesirable effects generated by a late licence drinking & live music establishment right next door to us, are fully protected, and we strongly urge you to reject the application which we consider is completely inappropriate in this location.

Yours faithfully

David & Jeannette Webster

