

Mountjoy House, Barbican, London EC2Y 8BP

The Licensing Department
City of London

22 May 2014

Dear Sirs,

The Meat Company Aldersgate Ltd, Unit 3, 200 Aldersgate Street EC1

I write on behalf of the Mountjoy House Group, the Recognized Tenants' Association for this building on the Barbican Residential Estate. 98% of our homes are owner occupied and held on long leases and 26 of our homes are west facing and overlook Aldersgate Street.

Mountjoy House Group was involved in the meeting arranged by the Barbican Association with the applicant and the applicant's licensing solicitor. At that meeting it was stated (amongst other matters) that residents wanted "last orders" at 23.00 and all patrons, customers and the public out of the licensed premises by 23.30.

We understand that the applicant's solicitor has informed the Barbican Association, which has informed my house group that, as far as the timings are concerned, the applicant is willing to meet our request for "last orders" at 23.00 and all patrons, customers and the public out of the licensed premises by 23.30 on Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings; we are grateful for this. However the applicant still proposes a much later closure on Friday evenings.

For Fridays, the applicant has proposed to the Barbican Association, and to our house group, "last orders" at 24.00 midnight and all patrons, customers and the public out of the licensed premises by 00.30. This is **completely unacceptable** to residents of Mountjoy House. We note that the City of London's "Statement of Licensing Policy" says, ***"Residents have a reasonable expectation that their sleep will not be unduly disturbed between the hours of 23.00 and 07:00."***

We therefore request that the applicant's proposed timings are rejected and that new timings are imposed so that last orders are at 23.00 and customers are off the premises before 23.30, on all days of the week, so as to Prevent Nuisance caused by departing customers.

We further request that the area in which taxis should wait is Albion Way, not on the roundabout or Aldersgate Street. This would both reduce possible noise nuisance when patrons leave the premises and also be a much safer option for waiting vehicles.

Yours faithfully,
Gillian Laidlaw
Chairman, Mountjoy House Group