

City of London Licensing Authority,
Walbrook Wharf,
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London,
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To the City of London Licensing Authority,

As Assistant Manager of the Woodin's Shade, 212 Bishops Gate, I hereby object to the application of Olive Grill Limited for the sale of alcohol at Badolina, 210 Bishops gate, between the hours of 11.00 – 23.00 on the basis of potential to cause a public disturbance.

As a long established public house in the area, we are aware of a severe problem with vagrant and homeless persons in the area. I believe that the sale of packaged alcohol on this premises will further exacerbate the problem, by providing yet another opportunity for these persons to purchase alcohol, as there is not entry policy, security controls, or dress code. Furthermore, the outdoor seating provided by Badolina, specifically tables in Middlesex street, creates an opportunity for these persons to steal open containers that are not finished, which will lead to civil disorder and incidences of drunken behaviour to increase in Middlesex street and Bishops Gate.

In addition to this, the sale of packaged alcohol provides a security to risk to our guests, by providing a point of sale for alcohol in close proximity to a business that holds the right to refuse service to any person we deem unfit to consume alcohol or remain in the premises. The ability to walk just 15 metres to purchase more alcohol allows for individuals that have been ejected or refused service for any offences, including violence, drunken behaviour or drug use, to then continue to cause problems to our business, customers and passing members of the public. The pubs in the area already work to eradicate this problem by jointly refusing service to these persons. A premises that does not have a similar priority may not comply, creating a security risk.

Furthermore, despite rigorous controls in our business to prevent the consumption of packaged alcohol that has not been purchased on site, a new source of packaged alcohol severely increases the risk of this occurring and also further limits our ability to control the situation. It would be possible for members of the public to purchase a single drink in our premises, keep the glass, and continue to top it up with alcohol purchased at Badolina, creating a situation where nether premises has control over the amount of alcohol members of the public are consuming. This is dangerous to public health and also puts our premises licence at risk.

Finally, I believe that Badolina is not in any need of a licence to serve alcohol. It will not influence their primary source of income, their food. As a minimal addition to their income, it will create far more problems than the potential revenue it could generate.

I sincerely hope that you will consider these objections carefully, and make the decision which best protects the public of Bishops gate.

Sincerely,
Daniel Bell
Assistant Manager of the Woodin's Shades.

