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M&CP - Licensing

Subject:

Objection to the Premises Licence Application by Contemporary Pub Company Limited (Whitefriars House, 6 Carmelite Street

RE: Objection to the granting of the Premises Licence Application by Contemporary Pub Company Limited in respect of premises at Whitefriars House, 6 Carmelite Street

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please accept our objection to the aforementioned premises Licence Application as indicated below.

As owners of a flat situated in Temple House on the floor (on Tallis Street side) We are concerned for the negative effects of the granting of the Application aforementioned.

Unfortunately as much as I respect the intraprenurial spirit of the company applying for the licence, We feel ourself dreading the opening of such a business just few steps away from my building.

Please let us highlight our main area of concern:

1) We feel that with the opening of yet another would further add public nuisance to all living and working in the area.

Tallis street/Carmelite street is primarely an office and residential area. We already have some clear nuisance late at night from inebriated individuals who leave Jamies at 36 Tudor Street or the Tempio restaurant on 3 Temple avenue. During the summer time the open windows exacerbates the problem; (it is not possible to install air conditioning systems in our building due to regulatory issues) in fact it makes it impossible to sleep till such bar/restaurant close down for the night at the patrons leave loudly such premises. The opening of yet another business of such a nature will make the area even more prone to alteration of the relative quiet needed in each home. In more than one instance My husband and I preferred to walk (especially late in the evening) away from these two places in order to avoid encounters with people who clearly have no more civilized controls over their actions.

- 2) We are also afraid the presence of another business like this would clearly increase the possibility to being further exposed to criminal behaviour. As we all know criminals concentrate their efforts where they see multiple opportunities to perpetrate their criminal plans. Another bar/restaurant (and this time more upscale, judging from the business plan presented) could attract more unwanted attention from criminals as they see the number of affluent customers such a business could attract. We all know how uneffective CCTV cameras are at preventing crimes. We clearly all know that most of the time criminals have their faces covered and could care less about cameras. We would not welcome being witness to a crime right under our own windows.
- 3) We are concerned of possibly exposing our children to a further concentration of unsocial and criminal behaviour. Quite often we have our nieces and nephews coming to visit us in order to attend english courses. They are all turning in their pre-teen years and while we always felt we could take responsibility for their education and safety while with us, we are now afraid this opening could make the area less safe for them. Several premises are left vacant of Fleet street and we feel such a businesses should (where possible) stay away from residential areas as much as feasible to help the community to limit as much as possible early exposure to unsocial and possibly criminal behaviours of very impressionable children. My niece two years ago came back all distraught from a brief walk with her dog as she saw a clearly inebriated group of 3 people yelling something about her dog and totally oblivious to the mark that act would leave on such a young mind. I understand we can not completely isolate them from harm but where is possible we should avoid concentrating the possibility of being witness to such uncivilized behaviours.

We hope you will give consideration to our concerns and are confident you will take the right decision for all involved.

Regards
Lucia and Guido Murru
Temple House