

Breese, Robert

From: Priest, Henrika
Sent: 26 November 2015 21:34
To: M&CP - Licensing
Subject: Objection - The Humble Grape, 1 St Bride's Passage

Dear Sirs

By way of background, large crowds from two licenced premises already use Bride Lane for outside drinking causing a significant amount of noise and disturbance to residents in 24 Bride Lane and those in Bride Court till well past midnight and regularly they also block traffic to Bride Lane. In addition, drinking in Bride Court also generates a great deal of noise disturbance to the flats above, which is magnified due to the narrow tiled court layout.

Given the size of The Humble Grape, and its location, and taking the history and background of the area into account, I am now very concerned about the cumulative impact that adding a large venue with outside drinking and, indeed, dispersal after midnight would have on this small residential area that is Bride Lane, Bride Court and New Bridge Street.

Moreover, the City Corporation's Licensing Policy clearly states that residents have a reasonable expectation that their sleep will not be unduly disturbed between the hours of 23.00 and 07.00. Even the smallest noise is hugely magnified because of this particular street being a quiet side street, and it would not be possible to ensure that local residents would not suffer unacceptable nuisance because of groups drinking outside The Humble Grape and then dispersing after midnight. Therefore it would not promote the licencing objective of preventing public nuisance.

I am writing in my capacity of Common Councilman of Castle Baynard Ward, and local resident, and I would strongly recommend that the application is amended to not allow drinking outside, and to keep the closing time of 11.30 pm. In addition, we would welcome if the applicant puts together a customer dispersal policy as part of his licence.

Yours faithfully

Henrika Priest

Henrika Priest
Common Councilman, Castle Baynard Ward
Mobile: [REDACTED]