

Objection: Kings Stores

City of London Licensing Authority
Markets and Consumer Protection
PO Box 270, Guildhall
London, EC2P 2EJ

Dear Licensing Authority,

Regarding *Kings Stores, 14 Widegate Street, E1 7HP, Bishopsgate* application for a variation of a premises license to extend opening hours to the public daily from 07:00am and extend sale of alcohol from 07:00am.

We live directly opposite Kings Stores and are already affected by noise from afternoon until late night, particularly Thursday to Saturday. Noise levels are highly disturbing since guests are allowed outside until 23:00 and there seem to be no attempts from the pub staff to encourage guests to keep noise down while outside. Often guests stand outside drinking long after 23:00 and, at closure (00:30) many guests leave noisily and some tend to stay outside the pub creating nuisance without the staff intervening. The pub also tends to keep doors and windows open, especially during noisy events such as sports broadcasts (presumably to provide ventilation when large groups of people gather indoors). The windows are often left open until at least 23:00, often until closure at 00:30 (Thursday-Saturday). Music is also being played after 23:00 even though the license does not allow it.

We fear that allowing alcohol sales from 07:00 am will create further noise and nuisance from people standing outside drinking early in the morning. Our window of silence is already very narrow. The noise problem is made worse by Kings Stores having arranged their glass collection at night, usually between 4am and 7am, every night (directly against the Code of Good Practice for Licensed Premises).

We have pointed out to Kings Stores staff and managers that we suffer from noise from their premises. Our complaints are usually respected, to varying extent, at the time they are made but have no long term effect; the same scenario is then repeated the next day as if we had never said anything.

The level of noise is so loud that we regularly cannot enjoy our down time doing normal things such as hosting guests, listen to music/watching television at reasonable sound levels, or sleep during normal hours without being disturbed and woken, even with the aid of ear plugs.

For the reasons stated above we have no faith in Kings Stores being able to manage alcohol service from 07:00 in the morning in a way that does not cause disturbance and nuisance and therefore ask you to deny the permission for extended opening hours.

Kind regards,

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London, 8th July 2016

