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From: Miranda Meek [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 December 2016 11:39
To: M&CP - Licensing
Subject: 20-21 Widegate street Objections to late licence
Attachments: IMG_20161201_194054723.jpg; IMG_20161028_184658952 (1).jpg; Scan0084.pdf

To who it might concern,

I wish to object to the application of a late opening licence for Simmon's bar, at 20-21 Widegate street E1 7HP, taking in consideration four licensing objectives:

The prevention of crime and disorder
Public safety
The prevention of public nuisance
The protection of children from harm

I reside at [REDACTED] Widegate Street with my daughters and, until recently, was the owner of all 3 flats in the building one that we reside in and two others that we have let out as holiday lets. Since the opening of the bar earlier this year, we have experienced daily and ongoing problems that breach the licencing objectives and more.

The premises is used for party events but is always overcrowded. On occasions more than 200 people in front of the bar and in the small enclosed courtyard, 4 m x 3.5 m, on the back of the premises. As result, we have suffered: broken glasses and bottles outside our home, excessive noise, blocked the entrance to our front door, suffered verbal abuse from patrons and on occasion bar staff, unable to use our rubbish area, smoke from the courtyard and front of the building getting into all our rooms and so on. I had even witnessed when one of the bar customers sustained serious injury, 3" metal spike in the foot, due to the overcrowding last summer.

The parties are also usually hosted by a DJ with amplifiers that produce excessive bass noise that travels up the entire building. This is very small and old building that transmit all noises thru out all the floors and there is not a room in the residential premises that is not affected by the noise and the smoke practically at the top floor where is the open space.

I have regularly, officially, complained to environmental health , planning control, licencing departments at the City of London. I have also contacted police and fire brigade as we are under constant fear. My teenage daughter was also harassed and intimidated by bar customers, that was recorded in the bar log book after I complained.

The premises do not use the designated areas, required by planning permission, on the front for rubbish or the courtyard that results in noise generated after the closing of the premise. Lock-ins are another problem that we are experiencing, usually until early hours in the morning. We have on numerous occasion called the environmental control to complain about the problems and have had witnesses to my above complaints. I have also complained to planning authority that they are operating with a food an alcohol licence but are not selling any food and sent the photographs of overcrowding to Tony Newman.

I have sent the recent images of overcrowding and the courtyard to the Hazel Austin Environmental Health Officer. More images or the recordings can be submitted.

The courtyard is designated smoking area and is more than 50% covered and designed to encourage people to use it as an extension to the bar. The courtyard is overcrowded and poses the serious risk to patrons and the residence.

Front of the entire building is also covered with the canopy displaying the bar name and heated to encourage people to gather and smoke. Noise and smoke are unbearable, especially screamings.

Music is always turned up more before the closing time.

Security staff is employed to control the crowds not to control the number of people at the premises.

Bar premises are split into two units one at the number 20 that is used for office space and alcohol storage one at 21 as licenced premises. The staff is using the courtyard to access both of the units and to store the rubbish not the front of the building designated entrance or designated rubbish area. As result, we are unable to sleep due to the noise till the staff have left the premises.

Cleaners arrive at early hours in the morning before 7 am that creates another big problem with the noise.

We were unable to complain about the noise on daily basis due to the intimidation from the bar owners.

I have included a couple of the emails,attached, send to the bar owner relating to the overcrowding and the noise, more can be submitted on request.

Please look at the pictures attached, more can be submitted.

I hope that the late licence will be turned down as sincere problems we are experiencing are ongoing and persistent and not addressed. This premises are not suitable for any licencing activities if the residence is taken into the consideration.

Yours sincerely,
Miranda Meek
Widegate Street
EI 7HP

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Hi Gay's,

On Saturday morning till 3 am there were people in the courtyard making noise. Last night noise levels were unbearable, again, and did not stop till 4:33 am, this morning when guests left the premises screaming. So once again people were in the courtyard until the early hour of the morning smoking and laughing. We have recorded the events and your guests.

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Best,
Miranda

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Miranda Meek [REDACTED] 28 October 2016 at 19:51
To: Nick Campbell [REDACTED] Jason Quick [REDACTED] Ricardo Bocchino Ferrari
[REDACTED] iain meek [REDACTED] Jeremy Tam [REDACTED], Arthur
Nowicki [REDACTED]

Hi Guy's,

Do you have any idea how many people are in the bar and outside the bar? I will say 150-170, maybe more, we have pictures. Your legal capacity is 64. This poses a serious risk to a residence and the customers. I will have to call Fire brigade and Police if you do not clear the premises immediately as I will not take my chance of serious incident and risk my children's lives because of your ignorance, greed and stupidity.
Music is so loud that we are recording it on the top floor with our phones lyrics and all.

Miranda



