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Sent: 04 April 2017 21:09
To: M&CP - Licensing
Subject: Application for the grant of a Premises Licence under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003

We are writing to object to the application of the Disappearing Dining Club Limited for a Premises Licence in respect of their premises at Basement, 26 Newbury Street, London, EC1A 7HU as it appears on the door of the premises of the applicant at 5.30 pm today (4th April 2017) on the following grounds:

1. We live at [REDACTED] Bartholomew Close and our bedrooms are almost directly opposite to the corner of Newbury Street. We object to a license for consuming alcohol on any evening but especially at weekends when the only other licenced premises near to us is closed and this unique area enjoys a respite from drinking in the streets. We are happy that people enjoy themselves but the contrast between this unique historical area and the area around Cowcross Street at midnight on the weekends offers an opportunity to assess how things could easily develop.

2. Newbury Street is very narrow and sound is amplified as a result. Any customers to this restaurant will have to stand outside the premises to smoke. The owner of this premises will we believe, even with the best intentions and assurances, find it difficult to insist that his/her customers will not create any disturbances as a result particularly immediately after closure which is our main concern. Our window of opportunity to sleep is already very restricted on weekdays.

3. The City of London have already consciously designated this area, in particular the Barts Square Development, as increasingly residential and presumably accept that they have a duty of care whereby the incoming residents of the area should be able to enjoy the amenity of their own homes to a reasonable degree. This would include a minimal window of opportunity for adequate sleep. Our experience is that most people who live in this area work hard and have to get up early and go to bed early.

4. We believe it is very likely that if this application was approved an unwelcome precedent will be created.

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