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Sent: 04 April 2017 23:12
To: M&CP - Licensing
Subject: Disappearing Dining Club Ltd License Application

Re: Application for a New Premises License, Disappearing Dining Club Ltd, 26 Newbury St EC1A 7HU

Following my conversation yesterday with Peter Davenport (3rd April '17), please accept this email as written notification of my objection to the Application for a New Premises License, Disappearing Dining Club Ltd, 26 Newbury St EC1A 7HU.

I live at [REDACTED] Newbury St, [REDACTED] Newbury St is a long narrow street with flat fronted buildings, generating a canyon like effect - where noise at ground level reverberates and amplifies upwards, with no greenery to break up sound. There are residential properties from one end of Newbury St to the other - it is not populated solely by commercial premises. There is no current night time economy in Newbury St.

I believe that the License would have a negative impact on my life as a resident in the vicinity. This is because the application does not promote the City of London Licensing Objectives;

Page 13 of the New Premises License Application, Disappearing Dining Club Ltd - M. Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

b) The Prevention of Crime and Disorder:

'4. A noise management policy will be operated at all times and customers must comply with the noise management policy.'

There are no details pertaining to the 'noise management policy' in the license application. However, on page 4 of the application, in the general description of the premises, it states 'Music will be background music only'. Without further details about all aspects of noise that will be generated in the restaurant, it is impossible to be reassured that noise will not be an issue. In addition, how do the Disappearing Dining Club intend to enforce this policy?

d) The Prevention of Public Nuisance:

'2. Notices shall be prominently displayed at all exits requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and businesses and leave the area quietly.'

This measure does not ensure that the customers will be quiet, it only asks them to leave quietly. The combined influence of alcohol and general high spirits will make this difficult to enforce. The noise from the customers will reverberate loudly along Newbury St and be very disturbing.

'3. Patrons permitted to temporary leave and then re-enter the premises e.g. to smoke shall be limited to 2 persons at any one time and the Premises Licence Holder will at all times keep the area outside the restaurant free from rubbish/buts.'

I am concerned that this will be difficult to enforce. In addition, a 2 person policy could easily generate an argument between staff and customers on Newbury St. This will add to the level of noise disturbance as raised voices reverberate along Newbury St.

'4. Notices shall be prominently displayed in any area used for smoking requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and use the area quietly.'

People don't always pay attention to signs, particularly when alcohol has been consumed. Even a regular conversation at street level on Newbury St is amplified up and across and can be heard very clearly. When alcohol is consumed, voices naturally get louder as a person becomes less inhibited. What they may perceive to be a low and considerate noise level, could in fact be very loud and disturbing.

'5. A direct telephone number for the manager of the premises shall be publicly available to all times the premises is open. This telephone number is to be made available to residents and businesses in the vicinity.'

This is not a measure that prevents public nuisance. It is a measure to resolve public nuisance.

The proposed licence will generate additional disturbances. This includes:

Customers standing outside the restaurant when the weather is warmer, just to get some air. The noise will reverberate loudly along Newbury St and be very disturbing.

Taxis picking up and dropping off customers on Newbury St will be extremely disturbing, as the noise of car engines running and doors slamming will be amplified and continue intermittently during the lunch and evening service.

The license would operate from 11am to 22.45 every day, seven days a week (despite assurances from The Disappearing Dining Club Ltd that they would apply for a license to operate from Wednesday to Sunday). These hours significantly increase the possibility of repeated episodes of disturbance on Newbury St.

Best wishes

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Please note that I do not want my address and contact details to be published with my objection or listed publicly.