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(by email)

Dear Sir or Madam,

**Application for a Variation of a Premises Licence:
The Humble Grape, 1 St Bride's Passage, EC4Y 8EJ**

I am writing in my capacity as a resident of St Bride's Avenue, Fleet Street, in response to the above-named application. (The Rectory where I live is adjacent to St Bride's Church, where I am the Rector.)

Although I am fully supportive of local businesses in the area, I do feel the need to express my concern about the proposed extension of this premises licence, to permit chairs and tables to be installed in the courtyard area above the wine bar in question.

The courtyard area referred to is a paved area surrounded on all sides by high buildings. This has the effect of creating something akin to an enclosed echo chamber, in which sounds are artificially amplified, and during the summer months noise is already a significant problem at times.

My concern is that the installation of tables in this area (particularly given the quantity of seating proposed), will significantly increase the level of noise during the hours proposed, to a point that could constitute serious nuisance on a regular basis.

I would be grateful if you could take account of this concern when considering the application.

Yours sincerely,

Alison Joyce

