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**The Revd Oliver C. M. Ross**  
Area Dean to the City of London  
Rector St. Olave Hart Street

Dear Sir or Madam,

**RE. Roma – 14 New London Street EC3R 7NA**  
**MLA Leisure 2 Ltd**

I write to object to the application for an extension of licence and hours for the Roma nightclub. I gather that they are looking for an extension with the sale of alcohol from 7 AM to 2 AM Monday to Thursday; 7 AM to 4 AM Friday and Saturday; 12 PM to 10:30 PM Sunday. These hours are also to be reflected in the application for entertainment with recorded music for the same hours.

I live a matter of feet from the club, which is upon the first floor across the road of Hart St. The misery caused by this club to us as a family with the loud music pumping into every room at the front; with heavy bass, creating a kind of percussion through our house, making it difficult to sleep. Then between 2 AM and 4 AM on Friday night/Saturday morning and Saturday night/Sunday morning the noise is truly diabolical. The screaming and shouting added to the urinating in our doorway, defecating and copulating in the corners across the road, has led to disturb sleep and personal distress from me and my family. When our grandchildren are available to stay, they are woken up by the hordes that arrive and depart with unrestrained noise and behaviour.

At these moments my worst thoughts arise: 'far from granting a licence, they should be shut down and at the very least their hours reduced and their application for an alcohol license revoked'. I have frequently been across and asked for the music to be turned down and the bass to be dramatically reduced. The folk on the door are delightful but there is little that they can do when the DJ simply ramps it back up again.

It seems unfair to me that residents who are here and serve the community are tortured for financial gain and dubious pleasure by these that come in.

It needs to be noted that the percussive nature of the music travels from the first floor across the road and into our flat - rather than down onto street level where it appears to be more reasonable in volume.

Another thing to be noted is that Proud in Mark Lane is being blamed for increasing the noise and that by extending the hours for Roma, it will spread the numbers coming out of the clubs in the early hours of the morning. If this is so and a *genuine* concern I'm sure Roma will be delighted to cut their hours back and finish by 2AM or even by 12 midnight.

As a result of the aforementioned, I ask that you will not receive and accede to their application for extension of alcohol hours and music.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

*The Rev'd Oliver C.M. Ross*

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