

City of London Licensing Team
Markets and Consumer Protection
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Dear Sir

License application for Enoteca 6 dated 23 April 2018

The Gilbert House Group is the Recognised Tenants' Association representing the interests of the residents of Gilbert House in the Barbican Estate. What follows is the response from our Group to the above license application.

We are writing to object to the application on four points all in relation to the hours of operation and the hours for the serving of alcohol as follows:

1. The proposed last times for serving alcohol are midnight Monday to Saturday and 22.00 on Sunday. However the closing hours for the premises are also proposed to be midnight Monday to Saturday (and 23.00 on Sunday). The coterminous hours do not give time for drinking up and clearing the premises. Accordingly the last times for serving alcohol should be earlier.
2. The premises are on the edge of a major residential estate. We note that the City of London's Statement of Licensing Policy says in paragraph 58 that "residents have a reasonable expectation that their sleep will not be unduly disturbed between the hours of 23.00 and 07.00". Granting a license which both allows alcohol to be served and with the hours of operation ending after 23.00 are contrary to the City's policy.
3. The proposed hours of operation and hours for serving alcohol would set a worrying precedent. We note that the Wood Street Bar and Restaurant has closing hours of 23.30 Monday to Saturday and 17.30 on Sunday with hours for serving alcohol finishing 30 minutes earlier. These are earlier than the Enoteca 6 application and we urge a consistency of approach in implementing the City's policy.
4. Granting a licence with closing time of 22.00 on Sunday takes no account of the fact that this is still supposed to be a quieter day and residents have a right to expect some peace on at least one evening a week.

In relation to the use of space outside the premises we note that the City's policy on "Noise and nuisance from customers using external areas such as beer gardens or forecourts" includes PN13: "restrict the use of external areas after 10pm if premises are in a residential area". The license when issued should address the use of space outside the premises whether or not it involves the use of furniture.

In summary we believe that the proposed hours of operation and for serving alcohol should be aligned with those for the Wood Street Bar and Restaurant we ask that these matters are taken into account when considering the license application.

Yours faithfully

Ian Dixon
Chair Gilbert House Group

