

We refer to the application dated 23 April 2018 by Enoteca (Guildhall Limited) for a premises licence in respect of 2 London Wall Place.

Whilst we welcome the arrival of a new restaurant and bar in our immediate vicinity, we seek modification to the application on the basis that it does not promote the licensing objective at s.4(2)(c) of the Licensing Act 2003: prevention of public nuisance.

The reasons for this are as follows:

**The proposed opening hours are too long**

1. Opening until midnight and 11pm on Sundays will cause noise nuisance to nearby residents during the evening and during weekends, especially at closing times.
2. Whilst notices requesting that customers leave quietly and have respect for the local residents are proposed, no pictures of example notices have been appended to the application, nor has it been specified where these will be affixed. It is likely that notices alone will not be sufficient to stop customers leaving noisily, as demonstrated for example at the Wood Street Wine Bar (corner of Fore St / Wood St), where signage does not stop noisy loitering, patrons smoking and talking in groups or having phone calls outside the premises. This is also a problem near the Jugged Hare, where patrons congregate noisily to the detriment of residents, despite some signage.
3. The consequent traffic, especially at closing time, such as taxis and people finding their way late at night to tubes, will cause further noise disruption over a wider area than the immediate premises.
4. Such disruption so late at night every day of the week is likely to have a material effect on the wellbeing of nearby residents, particularly those in Andrewes, Gilbert and Willoughby Houses, together with Wallside.
5. It is proposed that closing times instead match those for Pizza Express on London Wall: i.e. Mon to Thurs 10.30pm, Fri 11pm, Sat 9.30pm and Sun 7pm.

**Alcohol should not be sold for consumption off the premises**

1. The application does not make provision for a place for the said consumption, so there is no control over where customers will consume their purchases. There is a real risk that customers purchase alcohol late in the evening, and then consume it nearby in the immediate vicinity, for example in St. Alphage Gardens or elsewhere around the newly landscaped area, or further afield, for example St Giles Terrace, via the ready access provided by the new Highwalk and at ground level. This is contrary to the requirement that patrons leave the premises quietly and respect residents.
2. Selling alcohol for consumption off the premises will cause further noise disruption for local residents and may create litter in the environment.
3. This aspect of the application is unlikely to be the main revenue-generator of the business, and as far as we are aware is not something that has been allowed in any similar business nearby. It should therefore be refused.
4. If this limb of our objection fails, then we seek modification of the license to reflect the guidance in the City of London Code of Good Practice for Licensed Premises (January 2013), in particular to require: a) door supervisors or staff to comply with PN14; b) compliance with PN16 regarding commercial deliveries etc; and c) compliance with PN18 regarding litter removal.

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