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From: Vanessa Atkinson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 31 May 2018 13:07
To: M&CP - Licensing
Cc: Sa
Subject: Objection to Premises License Variation Application: Merchant House 8 Bride Court EC4A 8DU

Dear Sir, Madam

We write to strongly object to the above application: Merchant House, 8 Bride Court EC4Y 8DU for Saturday opening hours 1100-2300.

We are residents at [REDACTED] Bride Court, EC4Y 8DU and our living and bedroom windows open out into the light-well, where Merchant House is located below on Bride Court. We often experience noise that travels up the light-well from a number of late night establishments of which Merchants House is one. We are concerned that extending opening hours to include a Saturday will increase the public nuisance for what has been a more peaceful time for the residents when other local late night establishments are not currently open.

I would question the reason why they are wanting to open on a Saturday - is this for private parties for example? Given the city workers are not around will they be encouraging party seekers into the area from other means? When Merchants House applied for their current licence they assured that they would provide someone to work on their front door to manage any noise. However we have never seen a door monitor present so I am not confident that additional noise from weekend patrons will be effectively managed. And even with a door monitor it will be difficult to control people hanging around when they enter/leave and causing disturbance to residents - when the general surroundings are quieter on the weekend we are concerned that additional noise will just amplify further.

Therefore we do not see how Saturday opening would align with the prevention of public nuisance which we understand is a licensing objective the City is promoting.

Please can you acknowledge this objection and confirm when the hearing will take place so we are kept informed and can consider the application.

Regards

Vanessa and Stuart Atkinson