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From: Priest, Henrika
Sent: 31 May 2018 12:37
To: M&CP - Licensing
Subject: Objection: Application for a variation of premises licence - Merchant House 8 Bride Court EC4Y 8DU, Castle Baynard ward
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Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing to object to the variation to the premises licence sought by Merchant House. If it is granted I believe that it will cause a public nuisance given its very close proximity to several residential properties namely [REDACTED] Bride Lane, 2 & 9 Bride Court – all of which have rooms or bedrooms overlooking Bride Court.

My concern relates to the reason why they wish to extend their opening hours to include Saturday as most premises, bar The Punch and the Indian restaurant, are closed due to very little footfall in the area.

I envisage that this is so that they can use the premises for private hire in which case it will cause a noise nuisance given that their main and only entrance is based in Bride Court where the echo effect of even the slightest noise is magnified.

The ambient noise reduces significantly during the evening and even very small groups of people talking, and individual conversations, can easily be heard, let alone people drinking and smoking. If large numbers of people mill about, coming and going, as is normally the case with private hire, the noise levels will be intensified and unacceptable. Added to that any noise of clearing up / closing the shutter etc which again will be very late. It's also fair to say that once customers leave, there is absolutely no way they can be controlled by the licenced premises, ie to ensure how quickly they make their way away from the premises, what they get up to generally on the street, ie how much noise they make, how drunk they are, etc etc. And therein lies the real problem which will affect the local residents going forward.

Therefore, I don't believe that the premises will be able to ensure that residents aren't unduly disturbed.

Yours faithfully,

Henrika Priest

Henrika Priest
Common Councilman, Castle Baynard Ward

From: M&CP - DataManagement
Sent: 04 May 2018 15:51
Subject: Application for a variation of premises licence - Merchant House 8 Bride Court EC4Y 8DU, Castle Baynard ward

Dear all,