

Flat [REDACTED]
25 Savage Gardens
London EC3N 2AR



3rd June 2018

Licensing Section
City of London Corporation
Walbrook Wharf
78-83 Upper Thames Street
London EC4R 3TD

Dear Sir,

Review of Premises Licence LN200506202 granted to Gremio De London Ltd at 26A Savage Gardens, London EC3N 2AR

We are husband and wife, co-owners of Flat [REDACTED] Savage Gardens, having taken occupation 6 years ago in June 2012. You will see that we have exactly the same postcode as the premises in question, a clear indicator of the common space we share with these would-be neighbours, and of the mutual respect for living environment thereby required. We object to the granting of the alcohol licence in the light of this our grounds include noise, nuisance, litter.

Returning from holiday in January of this year, we were shocked to look out of our bedroom window and see advanced building developments in the adjoining building. We had no advance warning of any such change of use, nor had we heard anything of this from our near neighbours. This, with hindsight, is unsurprising, given De Gremio's failure to advertise their application at the outset, via a legally required notice on light blue paper outside the premises, nor via a newspaper distributed in this locality. This initial flagrant disregard of legally required process hardly engenders confidence or trust for their organisation.

Our bedroom overlooks the proposed bar and restaurant - see enclosed photograph taken from that window. De Gremio have built into the railway arch wall, on the left, a very large window with door access. There is absolutely no doubt that, if successful, De Gremio's premises will generate considerable noise into that area, into the early hours. That is between 11pm-7am, during which hours the City of London's licensing policy (paras 27/75) explicitly requires that there be no undue disturbance to sleep.

Along with the accompanying factors - lights and floodlights, platform, increase in litter - the disturbance to residential life is totally unacceptable. When we bought

the flat, the immediate vicinity was, if not beautiful, certainly quite peaceful. The nearby bars in Crutched Friars already generate disturbing volumes of noise as customers make their way past, following closing time, as well as the litter problem, when they leave beer bottles, glasses and food containers outside our flats. To create a late-closing establishment on our doorstep, serving drinks into the early hours, would expressly compound and extend the problems to intolerable levels. The potential for creating a severe vermin problem - in a previously comparatively quiet area of London, near to the Tower of London and other places frequently visited by tourists - is indisputable and causes us great fear and concern (it is further compounded by vomiting and urinating of homebound customers using the archway leading to Savage Gardens as a toilet).

We are in our late sixties and were very careful in choosing a decent, quiet location for our flat. We actually feel bamboozled by the underhand and dishonest way in which De Gremio have pushed through the application, without due regard to their unsuspecting and uninformed neighbours. It is an intolerable state of affairs, we object in the strongest of terms and urge you to put right a situation which should never have been allowed to get to this stage.

Yours faithfully,


Frank Robotham (Mr)



Margaret Robotham (Mrs)


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