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City of London licensing authority

Walbrook Wharf

78-83 Upper Thames Street

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Dear Sirs

Application for a new premises licence - Wright & Bell Ltd, Has applied to the City of London on: 4 June 2018, in respect of: Wright & Bell, Premises Address: Unit 10 Barts Square West Smithfield EC1A 9DS, Ward: Farringdon within

Application details:

1) To permit the sale of alcohol on the premises 7am – 11.30pm Monday to Friday. 8am – 12midnight. 8am to 10.30pm Sunday.

We have purchased a property in the Barts Square development ([REDACTED]) and will be living there on a permanent basis with our young son from July 2018. We would like to comment as follows:

We are supportive of Wright & Bell opening the new bar and restaurant, however the closing hours are too late. We suggest that the license is granted to 11pm each weekday and 10pm weekend.

1. Neighbouring pubs and bars close earlier than this application, therefore this may set a precedent.
2. It may also encourage patrons to make their way to this venue due to the later closing hours.
3. Additionally, due to the late finish and early opening, there is less time available to service the restaurant in regards to food and drink stock replenishment, cleaning and maintenance.
4. Drinkers and diners are also likely to take a mini-cab or black-cab from outside of the premises, materially increasing the number of vehicles in Bartholomew Close late at night/early morning.
5. We currently live in a residential block in Bolt Court which is a few minutes walk from the Refinery Bar in New Street Square, EC4. The built environment surrounding The Refinery comprises tall mainly glass buildings. This has the effect of amplifying the sound of (in particular) Wednesday – Friday drinkers and diners – the venue is closed on the weekend. It is incredibly loud and we can hear the sound from over 170 metres away. This sound lasts well past closing time as drinkers linger for approx. 30 minutes before going home.

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