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**From:** B'detteSkehan [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 02 July 2018 08:17  
**To:** M&CP - Licensing  
**Subject:** Licence application - Wright and Bell

Dear Sirs

I make representation in respect of the current alcohol licence application made by Wright and Bell re 90 Bartholomew Close.

I understand that the deadline for representations is today, 2 July.

I moved to [REDACTED] Bartholomew Close in 2013 when the plans for the Barts Square site, apart from subsequent variations, were largely agreed.

I, and my neighbours, bought our properties with full knowledge of those plans. We also bought understanding that the City of London Corporation was keen to encourage residential use and expansion in the City.

The original plans that I saw for 90 Bartholomew Close showed it as retail, and showed a pedestrianised largely green space adjacent to it and linking up to the adjacent Vicaray House (also part of the Barts Sq development).

This current Wright&Bell application requests an alcohol closing time of 11.30 pm

Monday to Saturday and 10.30pm on Sunday. I believe that this is to be a high end food and beverage operation with an additional basement bar.

Whilst I welcome the benefits brought to the area by the Barts Sq development in general, and the addition of the Wright&Bell establishment on my road (that road being a narrow medieval lane with buildings closely set facing each other long its length creating noise reverberation and amplification issues) I have serious concerns about noise associated with it.

Other 'civilised' (for want of a

better word, to contrast the offerings to that of a lively pub) establishments in the area have a licence which ceases at 11.00 pm. I give as an example Club Gascon in West Smithfield which is just on from Little Britain where the entrance to The Wright & Bell establishment will be. It has an 11.00pm licence. The Fullers pub and St Barts Brewery next door to Club Gascon 10.00 pm licences.

I believe that giving Wright&Bell a 11.30pm licence would cause unnecessary additional noise in this largely residential area already plagued with daytime and weekend construction noise. Additionally it now appears from graphics that the cafe on the pavement licence will be sought for tables within the pedestrian plaza - stretching across to the space outside the retail units outside Vicaray House.

I am also concerned that as there is a bar in the Wright&Bell establishment there will be a (City norm) culture of outside drinking in warmer months - the noise which would emanate from this would be unacceptable.

Drinkers and diners leaving the area in foot and heading north will, for the next potentially 24 months of Little Britain closure at any rate, and depending on their destination some ongoing, pass along the length of Bartholomew Close, and under my bedroom window. I am used to places like the Hand and Shears and the Old Red Cow stopping arriving at 11.00pm and the noise subsiding very shortly afterwards. Giving Wright&Bell the later licence will lengthen the noise window. There are children and elderly people living in my building - please consider us. Another concern is that if the licence were to be approved a precedent would be set and all the surrounding establishments would wish to apply for extensions of their licences to stay competitive.

I trust you will give due consideration to my concerns.

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