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From: Catherine Cox [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 July 2018 13:42
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: M&CP - Licensing
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] Unit 10 Barts Square West Smithfield EC1A 9DS (Wright and Bell)

To the Licensing Department,

I, too, would like to object to the proposed terms of this licence application for the same reasons as set out by others in the emails below, although I would like to add the following:

It seems to me that the City has an obligation carefully to balance the needs of its commercial and residential occupants. There are few areas of relatively dense residential population in the City, but Barts Square is one. The developers' own literature starts "Tranquil and secluded, yet set in the heart of the City, Barts Square wears its central London location lightly". They themselves refer to "secluded residents' gardens" and landscaping for "lasting tranquility".

The City acknowledges the need for less noise and the well-being of its residents by imposing strict hours of noisy work on weekdays and weekends for building contractors in residential areas. Everyone needs to be able to have quiet enjoyment of their own homes. The area around Bartholomew Close provides accommodation for doctors among others. People's ability to function safely and effectively in their jobs requires them to be able to refresh and relax at home (and get sufficient sleep) - which it is not possible to do if customers of a local restaurant or bar are making a lot of noise. Little Britain has always been, and should remain, a quiet residential enclave next to Barts Hospital.

As well as the patient group in Barts being predominantly very sick heart and cancer patients, there is also a patient hostel on the east side of the hospital for patients recovering from chemotherapy etc.

It is a mere 2 or 3 minutes walk from the Barts Square to the restaurants in Smithfield, Cowcross Street, St John Street, One New Change, St Paul's and Gresham Street, so there is no compelling local amenity argument for having a restaurant with late opening hours in the middle of a residential area. (The developers' own guide to local eat and drink venues lists 48 venues.)

I am also concerned that late licensing hours will result in an increase in mini-cabs and Ubers. Does not the narrow street there still also provide a key emergency ambulance access point to Barts Hospital for time-critical heart attack patients - or has that now been moved? Barts Heart Centre is the largest cardiac centre in the UK and is very busy. Most heart attack patients in London are taken there. What will be the implications for the lives of these patients if emergency treatment is delayed due to access issues?

In short, this location is not suited to a large and noisy restaurant with late opening hours.

Kind regards

Catherine Cox
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On 2 Jul 2018, at 09:51, Brendan Barns [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello Licensing

I would also like to object to this licence. I do think the property address should have been made clearer. No-one knows who 'Unit 10' is.

Given the City has just closed Little Britain to pedestrians for up to 2 years the local community has major concerns about the consequences of late night patrons who will be using the north end of Bartholomew Close to make their way out of the area. There should not be late night closing for all the reasons already stated below.

I also agree with other comments that in the original planning there was no proposal for a full day licensed restaurant and bar at Unit 10/90 Bartholomew Close. How many more of these will the developer try to impose on the quiet residential area they have supposedly created?

Kind regards

Brendan Barns
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On Jul 1, 30 Heisei, at 10:19 am, Susie Carrington █ > wrote:

- >
- > Re: Wright and Bell, Unit 10, Barts Square, West Smithfield, EC1A 9DS
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- > To whom it may concern:
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- > We are writing to give notice of our opposition to this application in its current form.
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- > It is not appropriate to grant such late hours of licensing to a large restaurant and bar (some 6,300 square feet) sandwiched between a predominantly residential neighbourhood and a large hospital. It will create a considerable public nuisance in terms of noise, especially to residents at Spencer Heights, to many of the new residents in the Barts Square Development, existing residents in Bartholomew Close and patients at Barts Hospital. The dense positioning of all the buildings in this development mean that sound rises up and echoes around as it is. The addition of a huge restaurant/bar will only exacerbate the situation.
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- > As well as the hours being unacceptable, we would ask that you impose conditions which mean that no tables be allowed on the pavements, at least in the evenings, doors and windows are kept closed and that there is no noise from air conditioning. If these late hours are granted, it would also mean a lot of noise from taxis and car doors being shut, until midnight or later.
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- > We ask that you consider the rights of the residents of the area, and consider the needs of the patients at Barts, and refuse this application as it stands.
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- > yours faithfully,

> Rick and Susie Carrington
> [REDACTED]
> [REDACTED], Bartholomew Close,
> London, EC1A 7HN.
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