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Dear Licensing

**Review of the premises licence granted to Gremio de London Ltd, [REDACTED] Malham Road, London SE23 1AH for the premises Gremio de London 26A Savage Gardens EC3N 2AR**

I am the joint owner of [REDACTED] Pepys Street, London EC3N 2NU and since purchasing the flat in 2005 it has been my permanent and only home. I am writing to urge the Licensing Authority to review the premises licence issued to Gremio de London for 26A Savage Gardens. I have two main concerns regarding public nuisance:

**Firstly** the disturbance to residents of 1 Pepys Street from the use of a piece of hitherto derelict land at the back of the property.

In Gremio de London's application for a Premises Licence the applicant under the section The Prevention of Public Nuisance have stated:

"The terrace to the rear of the property is surrounded by commercial properties and as such will not need to be time limited though it will be regularly monitored and well lit."

That is a blatant untruth and I am amazed that City of London officials didn't check this statement. The facts are:

- the north side of the 'terrace' is the railway arch which houses a betting shop fronting onto Crutched Friars
- on the west side immediately adjacent to this 'terrace' are the apartments in 26 Savage Gardens and next door there are more apartments at 25 Savage Gardens
- on the south side immediately adjacent to the 'terrace' is 1 Pepys Street, a block of 90 apartments
- on the east side there are more of the apartments at 1 Pepys Street overlooking the 'terrace' and the Bavarian Beer House, 9 Crutched Friars.

In all the years I have lived in this block I never knew the previous business, Orpheus Restaurant to use this derelict area at the back of 26A Savage Gardens now referred to as a 'terrace' by Gremio de London. Having customers out on this 'terrace' until 1:30 on Thursday nights/Friday mornings and 2:30 on Friday nights/Saturday mornings drinking and chatting will be an appalling public nuisance for the residents of this block whose apartments back onto the 'terrace'.

I note in their application that Gremio de London say the recorded music will be inside but as they have installed windows and doors on the north side opening onto this outside area, which is small and completely hemmed in, then residents in the apartments backing onto the 'terrace' face night time disturbance not only from customers using the 'terrace' but also from the music on nights when the terrace is occupied and the windows and doors are open.

**Secondly** the disturbance to residents of ■ Pepys Street from customers of this proposed Tapas bar/restaurant leaving the premises via Savage Gardens after midnight on Thursday's Fridays and Saturdays. My partner and I live on the west side of ■ Pepys Street facing the Doubletree Hilton hotel. The pedestrianised part of Savage Gardens runs between the two buildings. The only other buildings in this part of Savage Gardens are 25, 26 and 26A Savage Gardens.

On Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays we already experience some late night disturbance from groups of people walking down Savage Gardens. Many of them appear to have been drinking and sometimes their noise wakes me between 1:00 – 3:00. Having customers of a tapas bar, which is so close to us, leave in the early hours of the morning on the late nights is something I dread.

Granting this licensing application to Gremio de London seems to me a huge mistake and the fact that none of us in ■ Pepys Street or 25 and 26 Savage Gardens objected when the licensing application was first made is because none of us were aware of it. The applicant had failed to display a notice using the required blue paper and they had advertised the application in the Islington Tribune which is a paper I've never ever seen in this area.

I feel badly let down by our Ward Councillors and by City officers who seem to have accepted the licensing application without question and with no regard for the residents, living on three sides of 26A Savage Gardens, whose quality of life is likely to be seriously compromised if this application is allowed to go through.

Please, please review this licensing application.

Your sincerely

Geoff Boyd