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Dear Sirs,

Letter of Support for Applicant: Review of Premises Licence LN/200506202 Granted to Gremio De London Limited in respect of 26A Savage Gardens, London EC3N 2AR

We refer to the application for a review of the Premises Licence granted under the Licensing Act 2003 to Gremio De London Limited of 77 Malham Road, London SE23 1AH in respect of the premises at 26A Savage Gardens, London EC3N 2AR.

We understand that the application was made by Beverly Jane Hurley and will be heard on 26 June 2018 at 2.00 pm and it cites as grounds:

- the prevention of public nuisance; and
- public safety,

grounds which we completely support.

Unfortunately we will be unable to attend the hearing; however we are strongly in favour of the application and we believe the Premises Licence should never have been granted. We only became aware of the grant of the licence recently, which is not surprising given that the notice on the premises was defective and the DeGremio's application was advertised in the Islington Tribune, a newspaper that is not even circulated in the area of the premises.

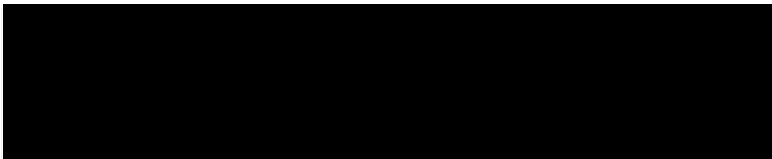
Our interest lies as leasehold owners of Flat [REDACTED] 1 Pepys Street, London EC3N 2NU. Our flat faces Savage Gardens. We purchased that property in July 2005 and for more than seven years used it as our main home in London. John used to be a Partner at the law firm Norton Rose at 3 More London Riverside. The lease currently has 130 years left to run. For personal reasons, John retired early and the flat was let to Bridgestreet Properties (London) Limited in October 2012. They remain the tenants. They sub-let the flat on short-term lets, in many respects running the apartments like a high-quality hotel suite. Many of their tenants are high-earning individuals with highly responsible work (e.g. overseas bankers on secondment to the City) and disturbance late at night including at weekends is likely to have a significant adverse

effect on their willingness to take up a tenancy there, in the end affecting the rental value and the overall prosperity of the neighbourhood. As you will appreciate, any bad experiences such as noise and other nuisance experienced by tenants quickly spread through websites such as TripAdvisor and other social media and are equally likely to have an immediate effect on the perceived quality of the flat. It is of course also a real possibility that we will wish to return to live in our flat in the future.

It is clear from the information now available to us that the area to the rear of 26A Savage Gardens (which has been derelict and not used for public purposes, so far as we know, ever since we have owned our neighbouring property) is likely to be extremely noisy. It is proposed to be used for eating and drinking and is likely to be used as a smokers' area late into the night and the early hours. There are many tall, hard surfaces in the area, including surrounding the currently derelict area itself, the railway arch at the end of Savage Gardens and the walls of the Doubletree Hilton hotel, which will cause any noise to echo and be amplified. Moreover, with the best will in the world, some customers who have been drinking late into the night will make a lot of noise on leaving the premises, creating a real nuisance for neighbours.

We strongly oppose the granting of the Premises Licence and give our support to the application for it to be reviewed.

Yours sincerely,

A large black rectangular box redacting the signature of John and Lynn Wood.

John and Lynn Wood