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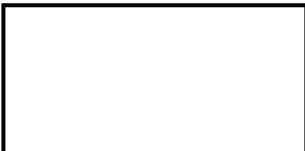
Dear Mr Hewitt,

It has been brought to our attention, as a business based in an office in Castle Court EC3V, that a neighbouring restaurant, the management of The George & Vulture Restaurant are seeking a change in licensing to become a pub.

I understand that they wish to remove conditions to the license, which would enable them to sell alcohol directly to patrons from the small bar at the rear of their premises. The door to this bar is directly in front of our front door, a mere ten feet away – it isn't unreasonable to assume that patrons will overspill into the street. Given that Castle Court is a very narrow alley and that the area is already served by two busy and sizeable pubs, whose guests drink outside in either George's Yard, Castle Court and St. Michael's alley, I would be very concerned about any addition to the crowds that already gather. At peak times, it can be overcrowded and incredibly noisy in the narrow space provided, not to mention the fact that we regularly come into the office to find litter and glasses left around our entrance door, and on the odd occasion, vomit or odours that suggest someone has urinated by the door. If we leave the office on a Thursday or Friday night, there are often groups drinking right outside our door, a situation that would surely be exacerbated by another pub opening up. For a business such as ours that receives clients and suppliers in our office, the current situation is less than ideal. I know that Jamaica Wine Inn tries to control crowds from drinking in the street too far away from their premises, but frankly it is an impossible task – they have no hope of controlling where people stand as is evidenced on any evening when it isn't raining. To anyone who has witnessed a peak Thursday or Friday, even outside of December, this is already a very boisterous area and I am opposed to any change that are almost certain to add to issues that we already witness in the vicinity. The area simply cannot accommodate more people drinking in the street.

I would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this email as I am aware that the deadline for representations is the 24th March 2020.

Kind regards,



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