

Representing the interests of Barbican Residents

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City of London Licensing Authority Walbrook Wharf 78-83 Upper Thames Street London EC4R 3TD

Re: LN/200507956

Application to vary a Premises Licence
Daisy Green
2 London Wall Place
London
EC2Y 5AU

I write on behalf of the Barbican Association to object on the grounds of the Prevention of Public Nuisance to the application, in particular noise disturbance.

The very attractive London Wall Place gardens surrounding the Barbie Green premises have become an icon in the area, a peaceful place for people to enjoy. The area directly adjacent to the restaurant has recently been completed by the CoL and includes a large number of benches. If off-sales are allowed from Barbie Green there is a real risk that this area becomes an outside drinking area. As can be seen around the city, even in the lockdown recently, these premises can attract large numbers of noisy patrons on the street.

The "Court Yard" of the premises and other seating nearby is close to Roman House and within the line of sight and sound of Barbican flats in Andrewes and Willoughby Houses. I am sure you are aware that the soffits, the undersides of the balconies in the Barbican, are excellent reflectors of street-level sounds into the rooms. The windows are not double-glazed, and the Roman House rooms are south facing and are not always kept closed during the evening.

At the Bad Egg premises off Moor Lane we have witnessed excessive drinking, loud noise, smokers in the street and revellers have even been seen squatting in Moor Lane to go to the toilet. There are no public toilets near Barbie Green and the toilets inside are small and downstairs in the basement.

The London Wall Place gardens are the responsibility of the Brookfield management team and are regularly patrolled. However, it is important to note that the area adjacent to the Barbie Green restaurant is the responsibility of the CoL, as we found out when we had a skateboarding problem. The potential for litter in an outside drinking area is huge with cans, wine bottles and takeaway food containers.s

There was a recommendation from Dawn Patel Environmental Health Officer, Pollution Team, CoL, dated 8 May 2018 following the previous Enoteca application (at the current

Barbie Green premises). In it she states that Montcalm/Jugged Hare Chiswell Street being in a similar proximity to residences 'brings customers inside at 2100 through the week to minimise disturbance to neighbours' ... 2100 hours being a suitable time to control noise'. Her experience told her that noise from outside drinking areas causes a public nuisance in residential areas.

If local people and workers want alcohol to take home, they can do this at any of the supermarkets in the area. Buying alcohol from a restaurant is different.

Despite being best practice there has been no consultation with the Barbican Association on this variation to the license. This is disappointing given that the communication channels were set up when the restaurant first opened.

In the documentation circulated after the license hearing for the original application a year ago it stated that " the sub-committee had concerns relating to the potential for public nuisance resulting from patrons purchasing alcohol and subsequently consuming the alcohol in the vicinity of the premises. It therefore decided that the supply of alcohol would be restricted to on the premises." The restaurant was told to limit the outside numbers, not to allow drinking outside after 9pm and for doors and windows to be closed at 9pm, also signage to be posted asking patrons to leave the premises quietly. All of these conditions were in recognition of it being in a heavy residential area.

We urge you to uphold the decision made a year ago not to allow off-sales to reflect the fact that this is a heavy residential area with people who work from home and children who need to get to sleep on school nights.

Kind regards,

Helen Kay

Chair, BA Planning and Licensing Sub-Committees

Breese, Robert

From:

Patel, Dawn

Sent:

08 May 2018 17:56

To:

Cc: Subject:

Enoteca, 2 London Wall Place. 201804990

Dear team,

This department acknowledges receipt of the application for a Premises license at 2 London Wall Place. The application if granted as it stands would permit people to drink outside the premises until midnight Monday to Saturday and until 2200 hours on a Sunday. Noise associated with this type of activity is not part of the current character of that area and residents of Roman House and of Andrews House on Fore Street would have line of sight to the external drinkers. The background noise level is likely to drop as the evening progresses and noise from people stood outside whilst drinking is likely to cause disturbance to neighbouring residents at a time when they wish to rest and sleep. Such disturbance is not in accordance with the licensing objective to prevent public nuisance. As such, this department wishes to make a representation.

It is understood that the Montcalm/Jugged Hare, Chiswell Street (also in close proximity to the Barbican) bring customers inside at 2100 hours through the week to minimise disturbance to neighbours. This time of 2100 hours may be a more suitable time to bring customers inside and therefore control noise.

Kind regards

Dawn PatelEnvironmental Health Officer
Pollution Team

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