

Town Clerk
City of London
Guildhall
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21 November 2021

Dear Sir

Variation for Daisy Green Food Limited, LN/200507956, dated 17 November 2021 (“the Variation”)

The Gilbert House Group is the Recognised Tenants’ Association representing the interests of the residents of Gilbert House in the Barbican Estate. What follows is the response from our Group to the above license variation to permit the sale of alcohol on and off the premises from 09.00 to 22.30 Monday to Sunday.

We are confused as the application form for variation attached on the City’s website appears to be the application for off sales made in June 2020 which was accepted, but with a scaling back of the hours of off sales to 11.00 to 18.00 on Monday to Friday only, on 12 August 2020 by the Licensing (Hearing) Sub Committee.

In the response below we are assuming that the form attached is incorrect and that the Variation is as stated in the summary note on the City’s website.

We are writing to object to the Variation on three points as follows:

1. 2 London Wall Place is on the edge of a major residential estate, being the Barbican Estate and the adjacent Roman House. Off sales will encourage people to drink in areas adjacent to the licensed premises such as St Alphage Gardens and St Giles terrace, the latter being directly below flats in Gilbert House. The proposed last times for serving off sales are 22.30 Monday to Sunday, being every day and evening of the week. Notably this includes all of Sunday which is still meant to be a quieter day. Residents are entitled to enjoy peace and quiet enjoyment of their flats and this Variation in any form will change the atmosphere of the residential estate permanently. This is contrary to the City of London’s policies designed to manage premises so as not to cause undue disturbance.
2. Serving alcohol on premises at 09.00 every day of the week has the potential to cause a significant increase in noise levels which will impact on neighbouring residents. Again, this is contrary to the City of London’s policies designed to manage premises so as not to cause undue disturbance.
3. The Variation would set a worrying precedent. If granted this risks applications for similar variations from other licensed premises adjacent to the Barbican Estate. The City of London must ensure that appropriate protection of residential areas is managed consistently and in a way that does not permanently and adversely change residents’ enjoyment of their homes.

In summary we believe that the Variation should be rejected.

Yours faithfully
Ian Dixon Chair, Gilbert House Group