

9 December 2021

City of London licensing authority,
Guildhall,
Aldermanbury,
London EC2V 7HH

We write to object to the variation of the Barbie Green 2 London Wall Place EC2Y 5AU licensing hours application LN/200507956, on the grounds of preventing Public Nuisance.

As previous chair of the BA Planning and Licensing sub-committees this is now the 4th time I have made a representation on the licensing hours of these premises. First it was Enoteca 2018, then 2019, 2020 and now 2021 with Barbie Green. Despite assurances to keep us informed, yet again there was no attempt to consult with their neighbours prior to the application. Will we have to go through all of this again in 2022? Does your very carefully considered decision made just over a year ago mean nothing?

The decision a year ago was to limit the off sales to 6pm Monday to Friday. The arguments are all the same:-

1. The premises overlook a heavy residential area
2. When considering the 2018 application the City's Environmental Health Department stated that 'noise from outside drinking is likely to cause disturbance to neighbouring residents'
3. London Wall Place gardens is an area to be proud of, beautifully landscaped and an amenity to be enjoyed. The many benches, whilst being a lovely place to sit in peace, pose a risk that the area becomes an outside drinking area
4. Evidence of anti-social behaviour causing a public nuisance when customers drink excessively at Bad Egg on Moor Lane
5. The Willoughby House, Andrewes House and Roman House flats that overlook Barbie Green have living rooms and bedrooms facing the premises. The windows are all south facing and need to be open on warm evenings
6. The soffits of the Barbican flats reflect noise from the street and the windows are single glazed

We urge the Committee to abide by their decision made a year ago to limit the licensing hours on the grounds of Preventing Public Nuisance.

Is it possible to stop Barbie Green applying for an extension on an annual basis when all of the original arguments still hold? After all, this is an expensive process for us all in terms of time and effort. Presumably the CoL has some recompense for their work, but Barbie Green's neighbours do not. We research past documents, we inform our neighbours, we write letters and we take time (some have to take time off work, one neighbour who spoke a year ago works for the Health service) to attend and speak at the hearings.

Yours sincerely,

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