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Subject: Objection to premises licence application - GoPuff - 171-176 Aldersgate Street, Barbican EC1A 4HT
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THIS IS AN EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hello,

I write as a Barbican resident and directly impacted. There is a widely-held consensus not only at community level but also within CoL that the area of and around Barbican (including Aldersgate) / Golden Lane is an urban oasis that is primarily residential. It makes no sense to cause wide-ranging public nuisance and disruption day and night by dropping into this calm residential preserve a distribution hub that will not only despatch alcohol 24/7 but also serve on-premises alcohol all day long from early morning until late at night.

My additional concern with the sale of on-premises alcohol from such a distribution centre is that this is not in the normal setting of a restaurant or pub, and it is likely that this establishment will underprice its more traditional competitors, creating additional issues around the sale of cheaper alcohol in a less socially structured context.

I am concerned that the business model will be led by demand for alcohol. This kind of 24/7 operation will significantly alter the nature of this residential neighbourhood, with ongoing activity day and night that inevitably constitutes a disruption. Aldersgate St is the wrong place for a 24/7 despatch centre which by definition, when situated in a quiet residential community that is very still at night especially, constitutes a nuisance.

Furthermore there is already an existing nuisance and ASBO problem with despatch cyclists consistently breaching CoL bylaws by cycling on highwalks, pavements etc on the Estates and streets surrounding them. Allowing a commercial distribution centre reliant on both alcohol sales and despatch cyclists to operate day and night right by such densely populated residential estates - standing in the way of the despatchers' destinations - inevitably means constant breaches of the bylaws and ongoing nuisance for residents, thus worsening current issues.

There is also the potential of serious incidents (such collisions with pedestrians including children, the elderly, and the disabled). This will not be possible to manage effectively once the genie is out of the bottle, as we can already see - so it is best not to amplify the issue exponentially by having an army of despatch riders distributing alcohol out of this neighbourhood.

As a community and major cultural destination, we need businesses here that enhance the quality of the neighbourhood and tourists/visitors' experience rather than impoverish it and cause a nuisance.

Thank you and best wishes,
Nadia

■ Speed House, Barbican (please do not put my full personal address in the public domain)