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Subject: objection to Gopuff application at 171 Aldersgate Street EC1A 4HT
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THIS IS AN EXTERNAL EMAIL

Dear Sirs,

As a long term owner in London House I was shocked to learn of this license application for an operation that is wholly unsuited to being situated in the middle of The City below a residential building comprising 81 prestigious apartments. I am also highly surprised that we have not been notified of this application and there appears to be no separate application for any change of use. I believe that the ground floor premises cannot be used for uses other than a restaurant or bar, which it has been for the last 20 years. I am not sure how a **24 hour** warehouse operation can be established without permission.

My objections are as follows:

1. There is very restricted rear access, totally unsuitable for deliveries, so that means that all restocking of this warehouse must be through the narrow restricted frontal access on Aldersgate Street a few yards from vehicles exiting the blind corner of the roundabout. This is highly dangerous and an accident waiting to happen.
2. Lorry deliveries, particularly for the front facing apartments and those in that section of The Barbican development, will be noisy and very unwelcome at all times of the day and night. I lived elsewhere, opposite a Tesco and the use of clattering trolley cages was unbearable.
3. This operation uses electric bicycles and possibly scooters to enable deliveries to be made and the plan shows the delivery drivers entrance and exit and racks showing the positioning of the bikes inside the premises. How is it envisioned that the delivery person exits across a busy thoroughfare pavement, down a full kerb and onto the same road where vehicles exit the roundabout, sometimes at speed? Again, 2 different accidents waiting to happen, with pedestrians and vehicles. And no amount of reassuring words will hold water if they claim their delivery people really will be careful. I ride a motor bike and see them everyday and very very few of them ride with others' or indeed their own lives in mind.
4. The congregation of delivery riders in and around the pavement and road, smoking and chattering is completely unacceptable to anyone living in London House. It will be a constant battle to keep them away from our nice large reception canopy as an area to shelter. We do not have a 24 hour concierge so how are we expected to police them causing mischief?
5. I do not understand why this licence application is for sale of alcohol both on and off the premises. Why should it be needed on the premises, which I object to as not necessary.
6. There are elderly residents and many young children resident in London House and many of the above issues will be a danger to them enjoying a safe environment.

Based on the above I very much hope the application will be rejected and the applicant informed that this location is not suitable for their proposed operation.

Thank you for your kind attention.

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