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THIS IS AN EXTERNAL EMAIL

Hello,

I understand licensing objectives are considered with consideration of general aims that people are safe, feel safe, and enjoy health and well-being.

I object on the following grounds

1) Public Nuisance (Noise)

I feel a conversion from restaurant to 24 hour delivery hub will generate public nuisance. My previous home was close to a 24 hour MacDonalds. Delivery mopeds gathered nearby at all hours awaiting jobs, talking loudly, playing football in the street, smoking, and frequently littering the pavement with takeaways. They took off and returned at full throttle, heard constantly, and locals suspected they took on other deliveries despite CCTV.

This property has a fire exit (no key required) to the adjacent NCP car park, with a record for car theft. An echo chamber frequented by skateboarders, heard from Thomas More House and Mountjoy Houses on the Barbican Estate. CCTV is apparently little deterrent. It is worth asking where will drivers await their next job? Inside NCP or the pavement/roadside outside?

Gopuff could use any form of delivery.

Please recognise that Aldersgate Street is a 'sound canyon'. Motor vehicles noise and raised voices are clearly heard from my flat overnight. I expect an increase from a delivery hub. It will be impossible to enforce consideration to neighbours.

2) Public Safety

If cargo or push bikes used, Deliveroo and Just Eat employees already mount pavements in Aldersgate Street to avoid traffic queues, and illegally ride on the Barbican Estate highwalks. Although dangerous to pedestrians and the sight impaired, City Police are unable to stop this. Bylaws offer a paltry fine, not worth pursuing. Please do not facilitate an increase. This issue already raised at our Western Cluster City Police Panel.

3) Public Disorder

Late evening, after closing time, I often hear drunken groups shouting as they walk Aldersgate Street or sitting on the public bench by the Turret, smoking and leaving beer cans into the adjacent garden. It is alcohol fuelled anti-social behaviour. I have phoned the City Police on occasion to report it. Not pleasant to walk past late night. Off Sales nearby will make this worse.

As with problem convenience stores, and selling alcohol for extended hours attracts alcoholics. This is time wasting for the police.

Overall, the nighttime economy may benefit some outside the City of London, but Aldersgate Street is the wrong place for it. There are sufficient shops open for residents and workers in daytime hours. Please refuse this licensing request.

Regards

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