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Dear Licensing Committee

**Application made 25 March 2022 by Fancy Delivery UK Ltd in respect of GoPuff 171-176 Aldersgate Street, London EC1A 4HT**

On behalf of Seddon House, the most westerly of the Barbican terrace blocks, which overlooks Aldersgate Street I write to object to this application.

Although it is an application for off sales of alcohol 24 hours a day/365 days of the year, the purposes of the premises is clearly that of a warehouse, issuing deliveries of food and alcohol 24 hours a day.

Not only is that an inappropriate activity for an area that is surrounded by residences, there are specific aspects of the site that make it an unsuitable place.

It seems to us that this is a substantial change of use from the pre-existing use as a cafe (and which the space is still being advertised as by its estate agent's board) and therefore needs planning permission.

However, it is before the Licensing Committee, so we object to a license being granted.

We refer to the Licensing Policy:

“Residents have a reasonable expectation that their sleep will not be unduly disturbed between the hours of 23.00 and 07:00.”

Yet activity will continue from this premises round the clock. Although Aldersgate Street is a busy street with lots of traffic, traffic is indeed thinner between 23.00 and 0700, and the noise of human voices and discrete sounds is correspondingly more intrusive.

Clearly the customers of this operation are dispersed throughout the delivery area, but there is no suggestion in the application that the applicant appreciates that the operation of the warehouse itself might cause public nuisance and risk public safety.

The warehouse is situated under a residential block and opposite other residences.

The goods entrance has no space inside for delivery vehicles to unload – which means they will stop by the pavement, close to a busy roundabout, obstructing both vehicles, cycles, and pedestrians, while unloading. That must be a safety risk. Deliveries are not to be made in residential areas between 2300 and 0700 but the applicant makes no reference to that. Similarly, the bicycle couriers will exit onto the pavement through a different exit, again crossing the pedestrian flow. That presents both nuisance and safety issues.

Thank you for taking account of this objection.

Yours faithfully

Jane Smith

■ Seddon House  
Chair, Seddon House Group