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Subject: 171-176 Aldersgate Street, Barbican EC1A 4HT Ward: Farringdon Within; GoPuff Licensing application filed by Fancy Delivery UK Limited;
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Sirs

I have lived in London House since it opened and seen various types of commercial tenants. My comments are based on experience. All previous tenants have been pubs or restaurants, serving on-premises clientele who largely, though not exclusively, confined their activities inside, for limited hours only. Over the last 20 years, residential property in and around Aldersgate Street, the Barbican and the Smithfield area, has risen steadily. We are already well supplied with food shops in walking distance.

Opposing by reference to your licensing criteria

The prevention of disorder:

Disorder follows sale of alcohol. It also follows establishments that remain open throughout the night. Restaurants and pubs have a vested interest in discouraging over-consumption and disorderly behaviour. A 24 hour warehouse does not. Noise and nuisance from patrons departing restaurants and pubs has a cut-off time. A 24 hour operation has none. These nuisances affect both those passing and those residing above the unit. The shop will not be serving local residents. The essence of delivery is that it serves distant patrons.

Public safety. Obstructed pavements force pedestrians into traffic. Alcohol fuelled anti-social conduct cannot be ruled out in the later hours.

The prevention of public nuisance

The above comments apply equally to public nuisance. There is also wider public nuisance: Noise and obstruction from deliveries (often very early or late) and congregations of delivery staff, all in need of somewhere to park their cycles – for which there is no provision. The pavement will be an obstacle course.

Businesses of this sort also generate considerable waste – too often seen overflowing the pavement where licensing authorities have given insufficient thought. There is nowhere to store it until the normal waste collection service steps in. The licence would have to attach a condition requiring the licensee to remove all waste before 7.00 am when the City wakes up and before tourists begin to arrive looking for St Paul's, the Museum of London, the Barbican, Barts Church or other local attractions.

This part of the City is popular with tourists during day and night. Locating an obtrusive, disorderly, untidy and unsightly business in such an area can only be justified if it somehow enhances the area as a tourist hub. For the reasons given, this will not. Discouraging tourists by damaging our image as a well-kept city, is a public nuisance in itself.

Yours sincerely

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