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172 Aldersgate Street
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By email to licensing@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Dear Sirs

Application by Gopuff for a licence at Aldersgate Street EC1A

I write to ask you to refuse this application for a licence.

The application, and the business plans of the applicant, seem to be directly contrary to the licensing objectives of the Corporation of London.

London house is a residential block of nearly 80 flats. It is a domestic environment for people working in the city and their children. The application threatens noise, nuisance and the introduction of a 24-hour business at odds with the nature of the existing environment and all of the surrounding area. It seems likely that granting the application would introduce public safety concerns, particularly for children, and the presence of delivery staff throughout the night introduces new risks. If the application is granted, it seems likely to lead to a constant stream of complaints.

I understand that the business intends to operate through bicycle couriers, but there is no suitable place for bicycles to be parked. It is also unclear how the business intends to receive deliveries when the premises are so close to the Museum of London roundabout. Given that the business is a delivery business, it must be expected that there would be a substantial number of deliveries to the premises and an even more substantial number of deliveries through the bicycle couriers from the premises. That seems very likely to cause danger to the traffic in the area and potentially to the pedestrians also. Accidents seem very likely to be the result.

In essence, the business appears to be a warehouse business and should not be allowed in a residential area with likely traffic and social problems. Such a business needs space for deliveries and space for its couriers. It would also be wise for it to operate in a commercial environment where its noise and nuisance would be less likely to generate many complaints.

Yours faithfully

Charles Thomson