From:
To: M&CP - Licensing

**Subject:** Gopuff/Fancy Delivery/171-176 Aldersgate Street

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Importance: High

## THIS IS AN EXTERNAL EMAIL

Good morning.

I write in respect of the application by Fancy Delivery UK Ltd to operate a 24/7 delivery service, supported by off- and on-sales of alcohol, from the ground floor of London House, 171-176 Aldersgate Street, EC1A 4HT.

I and my daughter jointly own London House, which is on the first floor at the front of the building, immediately above the proposed licensed operation. We object to this licensed operation on the following grounds:

- 1. City of London 'Code of Good Practice for Licensed Premises' para. PN16 states that "Commercial deliveries, collections and storage/disposal of waste should be restricted to normal working hours between 8am and 6pm, Monday to Friday". The proposal is for a 24/7 commercial (incoming) delivery and outgoing collection & delivery services, of goods including alcohol, with waste generation from good unpacking. The proposal is therefore totally incompatible with the City's policy, particularly when the operation is proposed to be sited on the ground floor of an otherwise wholly residential block. This type of operation is suitable only for location in an entirely commercial setting, where disturbing the sleep of residents is not a consideration. The noise and general disturbance caused to residents by incoming and outgoing goods, and by delivery drivers/riders, and on-sales customers (see below), is not remotely acceptable 24/7.
- 2. Furthermore the application on your website seeks permission for on-sales of alcohol 24/7 (although elsewhere the hours mentioned are 08.00 to 23.00, 7 days a week). The drawing submitted by Gopuff does not show any area for consumption of alcohol on the premises, but an on-sales license would surely permit this in the future. Again, a future 24/7 (or all day/evening) bar is not appropriate at the foot of a residential block. Even worse is the prospect of retail customers being able to purchase alcohol 24/7 (or all day/evening) at the premises and drink/congregate on the pavement outside. This would be a both an exacerbated noise/disturbance problem and a potential security problem for the residents above.
- 3. A further public safety issue is that this licensed warehouse operation's incoming goods entrance is on Aldersgate Street, only some 20 metres from the exit from the roundabout at the junction with London Wall. This is an entirely unsuitable location, from a traffic management and road safety point of view, for a heavily used goods unloading operation on the street.

The City of London is well-used to ensuring that licensed premises/operations do not adversely impact upon the amenity of neighbouring residents in the Barbican area. This proposal will severely adversely affect the amenity of the residents of London House, 171-176 Aldersgate Street, and possibly also of the residents of the nearby blocks of the Barbican Estate. We trust

that you will reject this licensing application.

Kind regards

Graham Webb

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