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From: Daniel James [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 June 2022 23:14
To: M&CP - Licensing
Subject: James

THIS IS AN EXTERNAL EMAIL

Sirs,

Re: Licence Application by The Pavilion Bar and Restaurant, Ltd. 200 Aldersgate Street, EC1A 4HD

My wife and I have a flat in London House, [REDACTED] Aldersgate Street, which is very close to the property in question.

I have read the PDF copy of the application, as it appears on the City of London website, and I believe that the application should be refused on the following grounds:

1. The application states that the business is "focused on business/office trade". If this is the case there is no need for them to have a licence to sell alcohol late into the evening.
2. The application states that the provision of late night refreshment is to take place both indoors and out. The supplied plan does not indicate any outdoor area where refreshment might be served or consumed. It may be that the applicant proposes to place tables on the pavement outside the front of the premises. The pavement outside the premises can be quite busy at times, and covering it with tables would make this worse, causing a nuisance to those who use it as a route to and from work or home.
3. Patrons outside the restaurant will doubtless sometimes speak to one another. This will not be a problem during the day when the sound of voices will be lost in the buzz of the City, but in the evening -- as drinks are consumed and as the speakers gain in enthusiasm for their arguments -- the conversation will become louder as the background noise subsides and the result will become intrusive, causing nuisance to nearby residents in their apartments in London House and the nearby Barbican Centre.
4. When serving hours end the staff will have to secure any outside furnishings. The sound of tables and chairs being humped and stacked and brought indoors, late in the evening, would be a nuisance in the same way as stray conversation.
5. Patrons leaving a late-night drinking-hole may find that they have inadvertently have over-indulged, and may have difficulty in finding a suitable place in which to relieve themselves. In London House we have had experience of this from when the ground floor unit was let as a pub, and it was far from uncommon to discover the pavement outside the building decorated with urine and/or vomit. This is a Public Health issue, as such contamination would be likely to cause harm to residents and other passers-by.
6. The application explicitly states that there are no schools in the vicinity. This is materially incorrect as there are a number of schools not far from the site in question, in particular The City of London School for Girls which is within a couple of hundred metres.

I therefore wish to register my opposition to the application.

Yours,

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