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I live in London House close to this proposed licensing development.

The last 20 years has seen residential property in and around Aldersgate Street, the Barbican and the Smithfield area rise steadily. Farringdon within is a residential area at night.

Prevention of Public Nuisance

The location, close to the 81 flats of London House and opposite parts of the Barbican will create significant noise in an increasingly residential area. Aldersgate Street has a “canyon” effect. Local residents have a right to quiet enjoyment of our homes in the evenings and at weekends.

Most licensed premises are time limited, with no sale, on or off premises, permitted between 11.00pm and 8.00 am. The recent Go-Puff application also sets a precedent for restriction during such hours.

Customers will leave, late at night, with the inadvertent loudness that comes with even moderate drinking. We know from experience that notices pleading for quiet are ineffective. Outdoor tables means that noise is not contained and will allow music played inside (for which no license is needed) to obtrude itself. Normal licensing hours have traditionally assumed no outdoor noise. If outdoor tables are to be allowed, then the hours must be curtailed sooner. This also impacts Harm. Children and Workers often need to retire by 10.00 pm. Outdoor tables – if allowed at all, should no longer be used after 10.00 pm even if the internal license runs that late.

Ventilation/extraction equipment will cause noise to the rear of London House where there is another canyon effect. We know that noise at ground level sounds as if it is directly under the upper floor windows. The City has recognized this problem by refusing permission to previous applicants who wished to put extraction equipment at the rear of London House. A precedent was set. The Committee is referred to the decisions in previous applications.

The intention to sell off premises needs clarification. It suggests an intention to conduct meal deliveries in due course, which will create additional noise pollution from use of electric bikes over pavements. That should not be permitted. If the intention is only to sell to casual passers by, the point is addressed above.

Public Safety / Prevention of crime and disorder Serving alcohol – on or off - until 12.30am, 7 days a week is in obvious invitation to public drunkenness, including urination and vomiting in London House’s doorway, 15m from the proposed operation. Residents will also be vulnerable to harassment or tailgating while seeking to enter their own building.

Prevention of Harm

The application is inaccurate. There are 2 schools in the area. As off-sales will continue during the day there is the risk of children witnessing public consumption of alcohol by off-purchasers as well as witnessing the evidence of public vomiting and urination. This will not be a good lesson for young minds as to how to behave as adults.

Allowing open tables after 10.00pm will also deprive adult and child residents of necessary sleep. Sleep deprivation is a medical harm.

I oppose this application.

Yours faithfully

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