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THIS IS AN EXTERNAL EMAIL

To whom it may concern

From the owner of [REDACTED] Sovereign House

This email contains my comments on the licence application for 7-9 St Bride's Street EC4A 4AS ( the "Premises") as amended.

I have lived and worked in/from Sovereign House for some 22 years. Many other residents also live and work in Sovereign House, some with families. We are all entitled to peace and quiet in the evening and during the night.

I understand that the previous licence for the Premises ( where Pizza Express and then Omninos were the occupants) was limited to service of food and drink until 10pm. The current proposal for a terminal hour of midnight is therefore a material and unacceptable change.

I list below my principal **objections** to this Licence application;

**I object** to the terminal hour of midnight, 7 days a week. The Corporation of London Statement of Licensing Policy 2022 ("Licensing Policy") states that residents have a reasonable expectation that their sleep will not be unduly disturbed between 11pm and 7am. Any licence that is granted past a terminal hour of 11pm will give rise to a public nuisance and would not be in line with the Licensing Policy.

**I object** to the licence being granted for 7 days a week. Previous tenants of the Premises have not been open on Sundays. The Premises is within the Fleet Street Conservation Area and being open on a Sunday until midnight is completely inappropriate given the special historic nature of the area.

I **object** to service of alcohol which could ( and doubtless would ) be purchased without a meal. The ambiguous provision stating merely that substantial food is available when alcohol is being served, is clearly not the same as the provisions that applied to previous tenants. To allow the serving of alcohol without food would be to change the essential nature of the Premises from a restaurant into a bar. This can only increase the likelihood of a public nuisance.

### **PUBLIC NUISANCE**

As stated above I have lived and worked in/from Sovereign House for some 22 years ( as have other residents) and my apprehensions about a public nuisance consist of the following principal issues in the event that a licence with a terminal hour of midnight be granted for *seven* days a week without the requirement for food to be served with alcohol:

1. Dispersal of 100 patrons at midnight (or likely around 12.30am when drinks have been finished) will be difficult given seating area on St Bride's Street. Patrons will spill out and cause a public nuisance, namely lots of noise, shouting, hanging about in a disorderly manner, scuffles and antisocial behaviour, littering and smoking. My two bedrooms in Sovereign House face St Brides Street and any additional noise, disturbance and cigarette smoke will prejudice my sleep and quality of life and that of others staying in my flat.
2. Clearing up after 100 patrons in a restaurant takes time and is noisy- the clearing up phase in Omninos (the previous tenant) was even noisier than the music played for its patrons. The banging, vibrations, disposing of glass and music played after hours caused a huge amount of disturbance before and after 11pm. Omninos stopped serving food and alcohol at 10pm but the clearing up phase lasted usually until midnight or 1am. A terminal hour of midnight would suggest to me that clearing up would not finish until 1 or 2am which is unacceptably late.
3. Any music played at all after 11pm will give rise to an unacceptable public nuisance. Sovereign House has 15 flats with residents who work genuinely long hours both at home, at school and in the City, and as the Policy states we have a reasonable expectation that our sleep is not unduly disturbed between 11pm and 7am. There does not appear to be an acoustic report available demonstrating there will be no noise breakout from the Premises (paragraph 93 of the Policy).

### **COND|TIONS**

I do not believe this licence should be granted, and my primary objections / submissions are as stated above. However, if notwithstanding all the powerful and heartfelt objections from me and the other residents it is granted I would ask that the strict imposition of these conditions be seriously considered:

1. terminal hour of a maximum of 11pm six days a week (paragraph 29 of the Policy);
2. no Sunday opening;
3. Alcohol shall only be sold to a person sitting down eating a meal and for consumption with that meal (MC26);
4. no consumption of drinks to be permitted outside the premises (MC17);
5. no sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises (MC28);
6. effective sound proofing must be fitted and any noise generated by amplified music should be controlled by a noise limiting device; (paragraph 93 and 94 of the Policy);
7. speakers for the music system, must be fitted properly in locations least likely to allow vibrations and noise to travel up to Sovereign House and the DJ and their equipment must be in a location least likely to cause nuisance to Sovereign House (MC14);
8. all doors and windows to be kept closed at all times save for entry or exit (MC13);
9. no promoted events allowed (MC02); and
10. licence holder shall make a contact telephone number available to nearby residents to be used in the event of complaints arising (MC19).

I trust these objections and those of other residents will be accorded the attention they deserve . I thank you for taking my objections and comments into consideration.

Yours faithfully

Christopher Edwards [REDACTED] Sovereign House