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I am writing to object to the licence application made by YDS Restaurant Ltd in relation to Sisi's, 7-9 St Bride Street, EC4A 4AS, on the grounds that if it is granted it will cause significant public nuisance.

The premises for which the licence is sought sit immediately below several residential apartments, in Sovereign House. The residents in those apartments are likely to be adversely affected by noise and vibration emanating from the premises, particularly given the numbers of customers and entertainment planned, and by disturbance as customers leave and disperse. This is not just supposition; instances of disturbance were reported to local councillors in relation to previous occupants.

I note that amendments have been made to the application since it was lodged, in particular to pull forward the terminal hour for the supply of alcohol. These are welcome. However, given the nature of the location, I contend that it remains an unsuitable place for the licence applied for and that the application should be refused.

If, despite this objection and the others which I know have been lodged, it is decided to grant a licence, then conditions should be imposed to avoid public nuisance and enable residents to sleep undisturbed after 11 pm. In particular I suggest these include a terminal hour for supply of alcohol which is no later than 10 pm, supply of late night refreshments terminating no later than 11 pm, and termination of music of any kind by 11 pm.

I look forward to hearing when a hearing will be set.

Many thanks.

Catherine McGuinness



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