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Applied to the City of London on: 13 September 2022

In respect of: Sisi's

Premises Address: 7-9 St Bride's Street EC4A 4AS

Ward: Castle Baynard

To whom it may concern,

We have been informed by our local councillor that there is currently an application to allow a licence for a late night restaurant/bar to be opened in the ground floor of our building.

Having lived in the City of London for 10 years we obviously must allow for some acceptance of noise being in a central location. But people leaving inebriated late at night have a tendency to be louder than other businesses and have caused disturbances previously when there was a previously a club/bar on Shoe Lane. Since this closed there have been noticeably fewer people being loud late at night and this has been a welcome change.

If this application is allowed to go ahead people, mostly drunk, will scatter outside the facility for few hours after it closes (midnight/12.30am) and we cannot control this or how long they stay. Additionally, it being a less busy road at night with occasionally groups of potentially drunk people can be intimidating for any younger single female residents of the block who come home late at night (such as my daughter).

The street already has a tendency (due to its size) for people to litter and I feel that a late night establishment would encourage more of this.

The residents of Sovereign house are varied rental, family with children and professionals including doctor (myself) who need their rest period into the night including weekends, The others working from home cannot focus on their work should they need to work later into the night with the type ground floor activity likely by the applicant. Any music played travels to the flats above relatively easily (especially in summer when we need to keep windows open) and will cause serious noise pollution.

In addition to the noise/safety concerns, living in a central area and on a smaller road already means there are many smokers who congregate on the street to smoke from nearby offices. This in addition to the high concentration of traffic means the level of air pollution will be high (the Farringdon street and surrounding is already declared a high pollution area detrimental to health), adding more smokers to do the same in the evening/ late night hours will not help this already bad situation.

It is for all the above reasons we ask for to please re-consider granting this licence.

Thank you,

Kalpana Patil