

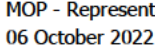


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Dear Sir / Madam

I note that the above application has been amended since the original submission with the terminal hour for the supply of alcohol now being midnight, and I understand that there will be no off sales.

However, despite these amendments, my view is that the application is still completely unsuitable for this particular venue given its location, namely right underneath Sovereign House with 15 residential flats above, and with one family with young children living right above the venue.

This venue has historically been just a restaurant and even then, it caused noise pollution for residents living above. Omnino's – the last operator – stopped serving food and alcohol at 10.00 pm but the clearing up phase lasted until midnight or even 01.00 am which was at times very noisy which also including the putting out of the rubbish in Poppins Court. A terminal hour of midnight would therefore mean clearing up would not finish until possibly 01.00 or even 02.00 am which is totally unacceptably given its location.

Moreover, the fact that the proposed venue will not only cater for around 100 people but also trying to replicate its Shoreditch counterpart will absolutely cause significant issues in terms of noise pollution both outside and, given the current inadequate sound proofing, through the ceiling upwards into the building.

1. As stated in the City of London's own Statement of Licensing Policy, residents have a reasonable expectation that their sleep will not be unduly disturbed between the hours of 23.00 and 07.00, so for that reason the terminal hour for supply of alcohol should be set to be no later than 10.00 pm as was the case for the previous occupant, with late night refreshments set to 11.00 pm.
2. I'd also strongly recommend that the venue is only open Monday – Friday.
3. No live or recorded music to be permitted as effective soundproofing and vibration transmission is impossible to implement successfully.

The following of the Corporation's model conditions should be imposed:

- All doors and windows to be kept closed at all times save for entry or exit (**MC13**)
- Alcohol shall only be sold to a person sitting down eating a meal and for consumption with that meal (**MC26**)
- Customers permitted to temporarily leave and then re-enter the premises, for example, to smoke shall not be permitted to take drinks or glass containers with them (**MC17**).
 - As a subset of this condition, I think it would be appropriate to limit the number of smokers outside the venue, and
 - To further ensure the minimization of nuisance that they do not use the seating provided in

St Bride Street and kept next to the entrance overseen by a door staff. This is a very quiet street at night and noise will travel easily because of any lingering.

- No promoted events allowed on the premises (**MC02**)

Despite all of the above, ie restrictions and conditions that could be imposed within a licenced premises, once customers leave, there's absolutely no way they can be controlled by the licenced premises, ie to ensure how quickly they make their way away from the venue, more importantly what they get up to generally on the street, ie how much noise they make, how drunk they are, etc, etc which would all impact on the residents living above and in the surrounding area.

In conclusion therefore I would strongly reject this application in its current format as this sort of licenced venue is not suitable for this area.

Yours faithfully

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