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THIS IS AN EXTERNAL EMAIL

To – M&CP Licensing
License application – Sisi's 7-9 St Bride's Street

Dear Sir/Madam

We own [REDACTED] Sovereign House, which faces onto both St Bride's Street and Poppins Court. Our apartment is on the third floor, above the applicant's premises.

We strongly object to this application for the following reasons:

1. The proposed terminal hour of midnight, seven days a week will result in significant noise and disturbance from customers and staff using the premises. We experienced noise and disturbance from the last operator, Omnino's, from users of the building leaving the premises and loitering in the area. We were also affected by noise and disturbance from staff clearing up the premises and using the bins in Poppins Court after the restaurant was closed to customers. In our opinion the dispersal of 100 customers onto St Brides Street will result in significant noise and disturbance. The proposed terminal hour of midnight would also mean that clearing up the premises would go on for a few hours, again resulting in noise and disturbance from staff.
2. The proposal is contrary to your Licensing Policy 2022 which states that residents have a reasonable expectation that their sleep will not be unduly disturbed between 11pm and 7 am. The proposed terminal hour of midnight is contrary to this policy. Indeed, we believe that the terminal hour for the sale of alcohol should be no later than 10pm which was in line with the previous occupants and that late night refreshments should be no later than 11pm.
3. To the proposed use being seven days a week. This area is generally peaceful at weekends as offices are closed. In our opinion the use should be restricted to weekdays only.
4. The sale of alcohol without a meal having to be bought. This changes the use from a restaurant to a bar and makes public nuisance more likely.

We respectfully request that the License is refused. However, if you are minded to approve the License we would ask that the following conditions be attached:

1. A terminal hour of 11pm for all days of opening.
2. Opening days restricted to the working week.
3. All doors and windows to be kept closed always save for entry and exit.
4. Alcohol should only be sold to a person sitting down eating a meal and for consumption with that meal.
5. No consumption of drinks outside the premises. Smoking to be next to the entrance and overseen by door staff. No use of the seating in St Bride's Street.
6. Sound proofing to be installed and noise generated by amplified music should be controlled by a noise limiting device.
7. Speakers for music systems must be located and properly fitted to ensure that noise and vibrations do not travel upwards into Sovereign House.
8. No promoted events allowed.

In conclusion, the streets around Sovereign House are generally quiet, especially at weekends. The proposed use for licensed premises is totally unsuitable for the area and particularly for the residents of Sovereign House, who will undoubtedly experience unacceptable levels of noise and disturbance from the use.

Yours faithfully,

Ian and Debra Starkey

Ian Starkey

