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THIS IS AN EXTERNAL EMAIL

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to outline my substantial concerns regarding the above licence application.

Sovereign House, of which I am a resident is directly above this proposed bar. It is one of the very few residential pieces of the otherwise commercial landscape and is somewhat of an outpost for maintaining life within this area of the City and a sense of residential community.

All residents of this area are aware of how busy it is during office hours, however that is balanced by periods of relative peace, in particular during the weekends which makes the building tenable as residential.

With those comments in mind I have substantial concerns that allowing the licence application , even in its amended form will be to the substantial detriment of the residents of the 16 flats which sit above.

In particular;

- A licence of this nature will be entirely out of keeping with all of the other licensed premises in the immediate locality. Invariably, if a licence was granted with the requested hours, the premises would undoubtedly become a magnet for late night revellers. Whilst there is an internal capacity and no outside sales that will not stop would be customers congregating outside which is a public seating area. To re-iterate my comment ,above that is also requested for 7 days per week which would make life unbearable for residents. There are virtually no licensed premises that open in this area at the weekend, but in particular on Sunday.
- In relation to the music, that should not be permitted past standard licencing hours with strict sound-proofing requirements for the building in any event.
- It would invariably lead to an increase in anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of “our front door”, with Poppins court already acting as an unofficial urinal on too many occasions, a situation which would be made worse with the exit of up to 100 late night revellers. Without putting too finer point on it, the entrance to our flats is the first concealed doorway as you enter from St Brides Street, we can only imagine what that will become.
- There is also the issue of the service part of the operation. The service exit to these premises is onto Poppins Court where the processing of rubbish late at night (particularly bottle waste) will cause considerable disturbance to all of the bedrooms on that side of the building.

Undoubtedly getting the City back to life post Covid is important and I support any initiative that may help with that **BUT NOT** at the expense of peoples quality of life.

Keeping residents in this part of the City is so important to maintain the life that has always existed within this historically important area. I sadly believe that granting of a licence as

requested will make residing in that block untenable at worst and unpleasant at best and I firmly hope that you will have reference to that in your deliberations.

Yours Sincerely

Tom Street

