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Subject: The University of Chicago Booth School of Business Late Night Alcohol Licence Application
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THIS IS AN EXTERNAL EMAIL

Dear Sir/Madam,

Upon learning that an application for a late-night alcohol license has been submitted by the current lessees of the building adjacent to my place of residence, I would like to express my firm objection to the following application:

Applicant: The University of Chicago Booth School of Business

Address: One Bartholomew Close, Bart's Square EC1A 7BL

Ward: Farringdon Within

Application: Late-night license:

1. To permit the sale of alcohol on and off the premises, 9 am – 3 am, Monday to Sunday.
2. To provide late night refreshment, 11pm – 3am Monday to Sunday.
3. To permit regulated entertainment, such as, recorded and live music, performance of dance, exhibits of film and provision of plays 9am – 3am Monday to Sunday.

Grounds for objection

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- I am a resident of Bartholomew Close (EC1A 7BB), in the building adjacent to the University of Chicago Booth School of Business
- Currently in the square we already have 3 restaurants in operation and an events venue (Butchers Hall)
- I find the current level of disturbance caused by the operation of these establishments already to be unacceptable – there have been many an instance when the loud noise, anti-social behaviour of patrons after-hours, and additional litter scattered around the Square and Close have been the undesirable consequences residents have had to endure as a result of the business of these premises.
- To allow another venue is such a small Square to sell alcohol and become a place of night-time entertainment will bring considerable disruption to this residential area – with the consequence being an exacerbation of the above mentioned anti-social behaviour into the night.
- Furthermore, the nature of the application raises the issue of the buildings directly facing the square being even more impacted – meaning residents having to deal with the consequences of a larger number of patrons loitering in the area, and consequently there being heightened chances of disturbance, noise pollution, crime, and increased amounts of litter

I would therefore ask you to decline to grant this license. Not to a reduced amount of time or for a more limited purpose, but completely. As is, the Square and neighbourhood already have plenty of services that cater to entertainment and drinking, and an additional out-of-hours license would only serve to further decrease the quality of life of those living locally.

Many thanks in advance for considering my views and I remain at your disposal to further clarify any points regarding this objection.

Sincerely,

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