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To: M&CP - Licensing

Subject: University of Chicago Application for a premises licence

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THIS IS AN EXTERNAL EMAIL

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to object strongly to the application for a premises licence by the Chicago Booth Business School.

As you know, Bartholomew Close and its surrounding area is a peaceful, historic, residential area and when the Barts Square developments were originally permitted, the City of London planning authority promised residents that hospitality activities would be limited to one or two small restaurants that would close by 10-11pm. We already have several eating and drinking establishments in the development and, as we expected, late night noise and disturbance in the area has increased significantly.

It is not at all clear why a business school wants to set up a late night entertainment, drinking and hospitality business or what sort of market it is aimed at, but it is impossible to see how such a proposal will benefit the area and its residents and existing businesses. At the very least any licence should be limited to standard office hours and subject to noise constraints.

I look forward to hearing of your rejection of the application.

Thank you,

Peter Bowen

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