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**Subject:** Re: Objection to Aura Nightclub 55 Mark Lane EC3R 7NF  
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Dear City Licensing Team,

I am writing in my capacity as Deputy for the Ward of Tower, to object to the Application for a new Premises Licence for Aura Nightclub 55 Mark Lane, London, City of London, EC3R 7NF.

This application was raised at our Wardmote on Wednesday 15th March, and the Ward voters present raised very strong objections to yet another late night venue in the Ward.

We are objecting on the following licensing principles, the promotion of the prevention of public nuisance and promotion of the prevention of crime and disorder.

The applicant is seeking to license premises located at 55 Mark Lane, that used to be Evans Cycles, until a terminal hour of 03.00. This venue is just a stones throw away from Proud Cabaret, another night club, and around the corner from another late night venue on Hart St/New London Street. We have three further night clubs, one located on Crutched Friars, and two on the Minories. The area is already at saturation point with these existing night clubs and the numerous pubs, some of which also have late-night licenses.

The proposed premises are directly adjacent to the rear section of the Apex Hotel, which has 29 bedrooms directly on Mark Lane overlooking the narrow pavement area where patrons will be queuing up to get into the venue, and depart, as well as the area it is assumed patrons will use to smoke. The hotel

bedroom windows open into this pavement area.

Just around the corner is the vicarage where the Vicar and his family live, and the Hart Lane section of the Apex Hotel with bedrooms facing onto the very narrow Hart Street, which is one way from Mark Lane.

A key concern residents and the businesses have is the detrimental impact on them as clubbers arrive and depart, especially around parking. Mark Lane is one way leading into Hart St and Crutched Friars, Pepys st, Muscovy St, Seething Lane and further up into the Ward in India Street and the Minories, these roads are already heavy used by clubbers attending the existing late night premises. The arrival and dispersal late at night/early hours of the morning causing noise issues and disturbance, and is not one the licence holder can address or control once their patrons have left the premises. Unfortunately, residents and businesses already have plenty experience of these issues with the existing venues.

Public transport is not available late at night, as Tower Hill Station and Monument St are not on the night tube network, and trains from Fenchurch St usually finish around 00.41. Typically patrons arrive to the current late night venues by car.

I note the City's Statement of Licensing policy 2022, states in paragraph 91 on page 23, 'residents (which includes hotel guests) have a reasonable expectation that their sleep will not be unduly disturbed between the hours of 23.00 and 07.00'

We are unable to comment in detail at this moment in time on layout of the venue or the proposed smoking area mention in the application, as the premise's plans are lacking detailed information, there's no bar, no furniture and fixtures identified or patrons toilet provision, neither is the smoking area location

outside the premises marked up. I believe this information should have been submitted with the application, as it forms an important part of the licence application and therefore wonder if without this information the application is actually a valid one?

Therefore we will be submitting further comments as and when the applicant provide the necessary information. We also confirm we will attend the license hearing.

In summary, our residents, students and hotel guests have a reasonable expectation that their sleep should not be unduly disturbed between the hours of 2300 and 0700, this is supported by the World Health Organisation Night Noise Guidelines for Europe and the City of London Statement of Licensing Policy.

Therefore, we strongly urge the Licensing Panel to refuse the application to prevent further public nuisance and crime and disorder issues in the Ward of Tower.

With my best wishes  
Marianne

Deputy Marianne Fredericks  
On behalf of the Ward of Tower.

Tower Ward Common Councillors CC'd