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Dear City of London Licensing Team,

As an elected member of the Court of Common Council, and chair of the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Sub-Committee, I would like to raise concerns about the new premises license application for a retail unit at 148 Fleet Street (Licensing application 23/03201/AAPNEW).

The basis of my objection is the prevention of public nuisance; the prevention of crime and disorder; and public safety.

The location of this shop is in an area where there is a cluster of known rough sleeping sites, which are frequently used by transient and established rough sleepers. If this licence application is granted it will make alcohol available on demand through off-sales between 7am and 11pm Monday to Thursday and up to 1am on Friday to Sunday in the local area.

The Fleet Street area is currently subject to significant redevelopment and could be mistaken as an abandoned part of central London. In between the many constructions sites business continue to operate and a surprisingly large number of residents continue to call the area home.

Allowing this licence will give ready access to alcohol to people whose challenging personal circumstances is already causing issues for local businesses and residents. The increase in rough sleeping is a London wide issue, and my concern is the combination of known rough sleeping sites and alcohol in close proximity will and attract more and more rough sleepers to the area exacerbating an already difficult situation.

My role as the chair of the City of London Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Sub-Committee has shown how the corporation, its officers, City workers and residents are committed to helping people living on our streets turn the lives around. Let's not add to the issue by making alcohol feely available on Fleet Street.

Based on the reason detailed above I object to Licensing application 23/03201/AAPNEW and ask you to decline it.

Kind Regards
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