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**To:** M&CP - Licensing  
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**Subject:** Objection: 165 Fleet Street - Tokyo Hit

Dear Licensing

I wish to object to the recent application by Bloomsbury Leisure Holdings Limited for a themed mini golf course with bars and a food offering, including the basement floor is to be used as a bowling alley with bars and fixed seating.

**By granting this application, I strongly believe that the licencing objective of the Prevention of Public Nuisance will not be promoted given that that want to sell alcohol on and off the premises to 02.00 am Monday to Sunday.**

There will be an increase in noise and anti-social behaviour on the pavement and at dispersal time which will affect local residents both on Fleet Street and in the surrounding small alleyways leading off Fleet Street. No amount of signage asking customers to be quiet, or CCTV notices will make customers behave better or leave quietly once they've had a lot to drink. Furthermore, once customers are on the street, there's absolutely nothing that the premises can do to manage the dispersal away from the premises. With these timings, the streets won't be completely clear or quiet until 02.30 or later.

As mentioned in The City Corporation's Statement of Licensing it considers that the risk of disturbance to local residents is greater when licensable activities continue late at night and into the early hours of the morning. **Residents have a reasonable expectation that their sleep will not be unduly disturbed between the hours of 23.00 and 07:00.**

**I further believe that a venue open till 02.00 could possibly have difficulty in promoting the Prevention of Crime & Disorder**, particularly if they apply for TENs as this would invite people who have no connection to the area whatsoever.

I cannot think of a more inappropriate use of the former HSBC premises and cannot see how this activity would add anything to the re-generation of Fleet Street, or benefit the local residents and businesses – this type of activity belongs in Soho – and therefore would strongly recommend that this application is rejected.

Yours sincerely

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