

From: Michael Murphy
Sent: Sat, 16 Mar 2024 16:55:50 +0000
To: Breese, Robert;M&CP - Licensing
Subject: Re: Bloomsbury Leisure Holdings Limited application at 165 Fleet Street

THIS IS AN EXTERNAL EMAIL

Dear Robert

I am writing in my capacity as a resident of the neighbouring premises of 6 Bolt Court and I wish to object to this application.

I chose to move to this location due to the proximity to my work and the unique characteristic of this area, primarily the fact it is a location where the noise after typical working hours is minimal.

This area of the City has a very characteristic network of streets and alleyways which features a Grade 1 listed building, a City of London Corporation blue plaque on 6 Bolt Court itself, and the only English Heritage blue plaque to be found in the square mile, just around the corner at Dr Johnson's house.

Part of this unique character is how quiet it is. In allowing the use of 165 Fleet Street as an entertainment venue and to allow for late night opening with the sale and consumption of alcohol, pretty much on my doorstep, I fear we will lose the tranquility the area currently has to offer, and that this would be impactful in my daily life and the lives of my neighbouring residents, as well as having a detrimental impact on the character of this area.

When any group of people leave a venue, it can be loud and immediately disruptive to the surrounding areas - regardless of how much signage is used. The sound levels within a group I find typically increase with the introduction of alcohol and a competitive group setting such as offered by the social activities proposed here. What is an acceptable noise level at 6pm would sound very different, and louder, at 10pm in the evening as the ambient noise in the area changes, more so at 2am. Therefore, any noise coming from the users of this establishment will be a disturbance to the immediate area and is something that will become more intrusive as the night progresses. From my observations, whenever alcohol is involved, and a group of people need to organise themselves to leave an area, noise levels escalate. At the minimum I would therefore anticipate unacceptable noise coming from this location at closing time when myself and neighbouring residents are sleeping, but generally throughout the evening as groups come and go from this venue.

The residents of 6 Bolt Court, and particularly those who are facing directly on to the court adjoining these properties, would get the full impact of this disturbance. Properties within this period building are not double glazed and we need to rely on having windows open to let any cool air in, so we cannot simply shut out the sound that will come from this venue or those who congregate into the late hours outside. Instead we are subject to the amplification of noise as it

travels through the narrow lanes and echoes from the surrounding buildings, something which is exacerbated at night time.

I am concerned that if this proposal were to go ahead there would be a negative impact on the day to day living conditions of residents, myself included, and feel that there is nothing beneficial to the immediate community from this venue opening. I therefore respectfully urge that you please deny this application.

regards

Mike Murphy
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