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Sent: Mon, 4 Mar 2024 21:00:25 +0000
To: Breese, Robert
Cc: [REDACTED] Ellie Shapland
Subject: 165 Fleet Street EC4A2AE

THIS IS AN EXTERNAL EMAIL

Dear Mr Breese

I am writing to object to the new premises license application at the Ground Floor and Basement at 165 Fleet Street, EC4A 2AE (Licensing application for Tokyo Hit).

The objection is based on three out of the four “licensing objectives”: namely for the prevention of crime and disorder; public safety; and the prevention of public nuisance.

On the side of and directly behind 65 Fleet Street, there are block of residential premises: [REDACTED] Bolt Court. I have a flat in these premises - [REDACTED] and our family have owned this property and lived in it since 2007.

As you will be well aware Fleet Street is a building site with developments everywhere. Whilst we welcome the improvements to the street it does have a detrimental impact in the short term.

BUT - By providing a themed mini golf course bar to show films, play live music and serve alcohol from 10am to 2am every day (and specifically the licence application states to provide late night refreshments inside and outside these premises from 11pm till 2am each day and to sell alcohol onsite and offsite every day from 10am to 2am every day - with premises open to the public till 2.30am) is hugely inappropriate for such a residential area when that will reduce the living and environmental conditions of these residents. The noise, in the early hours (11pm to 2am) , will mean huge disturbance to residents’ sleep and unfortunately potentially an increase in anti-social behaviour at those hours if a license is given to provide alcohol onsite and offsite. No other premises in that area is open until 2am and sells alcohol offsite at those hours. Despite the proposed efforts of the applicant to have a sign and also CCTV footage, this will not abate such nuisance and crime. Such licenced premises will just exacerbate the situation and put the community at risk of increased crime/disorder and public nuisance. Other license applications in this area have had their hours restricted to either 7pm, 9pm or 11pm which is far more suitable for a residential, given the local concerns of public nuisance and anti-social behaviour.

This will really be a huge detriment to the area and for the people living there now and coming in the future. For the reasons above, I object to the new premises application and urge you to decline it.

Thank you

Darren Shapland

