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To: M&CP - Licensing

Subject: RE: REPRESENTATION - New Premises Licence Application - One Millennium Bridge, 2 Lambeth Hill,

London, EC4V 4AD

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## To City of London Licensing Section

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In respect of the above-named premises licence application I am submitting a representation on behalf of the Licensing Authority on the grounds that granting that application as applied for would adversely impact the licensing objectives of prevention of public nuisance, public safety and protection of children from harm.

I can confirm that Licensing and Environmental Health attended a pre-application site visit in respect of this application where Environmental Health advised their position would be that a 9pm terminal hour on the external terrace area is appropriate. This position was then reiterated by a representation submitted by Environmental Health (this was forwarded to the applicant for consideration, alongside other conditions that might appease residents who had also submitted representations).

The applicant didn't agree to all of those conditions, notably not agreeing to a condition stating no loudspeakers in the lobby or outside area (indicating the likely intention to play music outside under deregulation), and also again stated that they wish to use the outside terrace area until 10pm. We take the view that without these restrictions this will give rise to a public nuisance.

As a responsible authority, Licensing are in a unique position in that we get to see all of the representations as they come in, whilst speaking to the applicant to ascertain their position. As this period for representations has evolved a major concern for us was the prospect of patrons being allowed to vertically drink outside of the external terrace area (on Paul's Walk, part of the Thames Path), and we have conducted further site visits to assess this. The potential for public nuisance and public safety issues if patrons drink in that location is vast. City of London School is nearby, who would experience noise nuisance if there are numbers of outside drinkers on the Thames Path at any time of the day. There are also residents very nearby on the other side of the unit that would experience similar issues. Any patrons drinking in that area would also cause obstruction, and potentially public safety problems, with the many pedestrians and joggers who use that path on a daily basis. Therefore we think the following condition essential so as to ensure no public nuisance/public safety problems from this activity:

## There shall be no sales of alcohol in unsealed containers for consumption off the premises at any time.

We are strong on that position and feel that any business operating from the ground floor unit in that building would need that condition not allowing any off sales - outside of the external terrace area - so as to ensure the licensing objectives of public nuisance and public safety are not adversely impacted.

The fact that the applicant has included the external terrace as part of the on-sales licensed area has helped us clarify our position. We would think use of that external terrace until 9pm is reasonable and this is in line with the recommendations of the Environmental Health Officer. Later than this time would only be appropriate if there were no sensitive receptors nearby. This site has residents very close by (in Norfolk House and Globe View) that have a direct line of sight to the external terrace area. It can be noted that we don't object to the dispense bar proposed in that location to serve those customers on the terrace, as we don't think in itself that would adversely impact the licensing objectives. In conclusion, we would wish to see no licensable activities in that terrace area after 9pm, no drinking permitted outside of this external terrace area, and consider the other conditions proposed earlier on in the process (that weren't agreed in their entirety by the applicant) are also essential in ensuring this application doesn't adversely impact public safety, public nuisance and ensures the protection of children from harm. In order for our concerns to be appeased, and our representation to be withdrawn, we would seek the following conditions to be agreed by the applicant in their entirety, and attached to the licence:

- No music (amplified or otherwise) shall be played on the terrace/outdoors at any time.
- Loudspeakers shall not be located in the entrance lobby or outside the premises.
- All external doors, lobby doors and windows shall be kept closed save for entry or exit, or in the event of an emergency.
- The external area shall not be used for licensable activities after 21:00
- There shall be no sales of alcohol in unsealed containers for consumption off the premises at any time.

Yours faithfully

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