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Subject: Proud City4 Minster Court application
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Dear City Licensing Team,

I am writing in my capacity as Deputy for the Ward of Tower, to support the objections submitted from Tower Ward residents and businesses to the Licence variation for Proud City, 4 Minster Court London, City of London, EC3R 7PP

The objections are based on the following licensing principles, the promotion of the prevention of public nuisance and promotion of the prevention of crime and disorder.

A key concern for residents and businesses in the area is the increased detrimental impact on them as clubbers arrive and depart, over a far longer period of time. Extending the hours in reality will mean they will be disturbed from when the club opens in the evening until way after it closes at 5am, as clubbers navigate along the narrow quiet streets from their cars parked in Mark Lane, Hart Street, Crutched Friars, Pepys Street and back. The current licensing hours already causes anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance and there has also been reported incidents of crime and disorder in the surrounding streets when the patrons disperse in the early hours.

The City's Statement of Licensing policy 2022, acknowledges in paragraph 89 the problems locating late night licenses close to residents and businesses (such as hotels), and states in paragraph 91 on page 23, 'residents (which includes hotel guests) have a reasonable expectation that their sleep will not be unduly disturbed between the hours of 23.00 and 07.00'

I note the applicant has used the City's pre application service to discuss their application with the City of London Police and Licensing department, however it's most unfortunate that they did not consult the neighbouring occupiers and residents who are already directly impacted by the premises, before submitting their application. Indeed, they had a further opportunity to do so when they had to re-advertise their application, aware of the objections already made, and failed to take any of the concerns onboard. Their application provides no information for the reasons for the extension.

I note that the City police have included conditions regarding Promoted Events. The City police usually insist on a condition prohibiting all promoted events on a premises license as they are known to cause problems.

I further note the alcohol license is for on and off the premises, with no condition that prohibits patrons from drinking outside. The requested extended hours open to the public for operation are until 5am and they also want to serve alcohol until 5am. This is problematic.

The proposed conditions will not mitigate the increase in public nuisance and disturbance, nor prevent crime and disorder in the very early hours of the morning, only refusing the application will do that.

In summary, residents, students, and hotel guests have a reasonable expectation that their sleep should not be unduly disturbed between the hours of 2300 and 0700, this is supported

by the World Health Organisation Night Noise Guidelines for Europe and the City of London Statement of Licensing Policy.

Therefore, I would strongly urge the Licensing Panel to refuse the application to extend the hours to prevent further public nuisance and crime and disorder issues in the Ward of Tower and for officers to work with the venue to resolve the current and ongoing issues created by Proud City's existing licensing hours.

I note the Cleansing Department recently received around £1 million increase in budget to improve the cleanliness of the City's Streets, I would further request that the City of London Corporation and City of London police provide additional resources to ensure there are police patrols, 7 nights a week until all late night venues have closed and dispersed, along with a full monitoring of the Night Time Economy to provide a proactive response, as we used to do when I was Chair of Licensing.

With my best wishes
Marianne

Deputy Marianne Fredericks
Ward of Tower.

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/licensing/beer-and-entertainment/current-licensing-applications/proud-city>

Date updated: 16/10/2024

Public notice

Application for a variation of a premises licence

Notice is hereby given that: **City Galleries Limited**

Has applied to the City of London on: **16 October 2024**

In respect of: **Proud City**

Premises Address: **4 Minster Pavement, London, EC3R 7PP**

Ward: **Billingsgate**

Application details:

The variation will increase the hours of operation as set out in the proposed conditions agreed with the City of London.

A record of this application is held by the City of London and can be viewed by

members of the public on this webpage or by appointment at the offices of City of London licensing authority; Guildhall, Aldermanbury, London, EC2V 7HH.

Any person wishing to make a representation in relation to this application must give notice in writing to the licensing authority at the address shown above, or by [email](#) giving in detail the grounds of objection by:

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