

**THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARSH OF ST OLAVE HART ST
WITH ALLHALLOWS STAINING AND ST CATHERINE COLEMAN**

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■■ Hart Street
London
EC3R 7NB

12th November 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: application by **City Galleries Limited** on **16 October 2024**

In respect of: **Proud City**

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

I am writing in my capacity of Churchwarden and Lay Vice Chair of the Parochial Church Council of St Olave Hart St to object, in the strongest possible terms, to the proposed extension of the licensing hours at the premises of the Proud City nightclub in Minster Pavement.

An extension of opening hours on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights until 5 am the following morning will compound the already unacceptable levels of noise and antisocial behaviour around the church as patrons arrive and depart the Club's premises over a far longer period of time.

Our Rector and his family are resident in the rectory at ■ Hart Street and are regularly disturbed throughout the night by the noise of people leaving Proud City in the early hours of the morning by loud thumping music from cars, by hooting and slamming of car doors, and by loud voices. We note that there are also hotels and other residential dwellings on Pepys Street and Savage Gardens whose residents are also adversely affected by the noise and antisocial behaviour. There have also been reports of drug taking and public urination on Hart Street which, I am sure you will agree, are completely unacceptable.

Our Rector, and other local residents, have a right to undisturbed sleep, as provided for by the City of London Statement of Licensing Policy paragraph 91 on page 23. This is especially important as church services are held on Sunday mornings and the disturbance is greatest in the early hours of Saturday and Sunday mornings.

we also note the alcohol license is for both on and off premises consumption, with no condition that disallows patrons from drinking outside which will further exacerbate the problems of antisocial behaviour in the local area.

A major concern is the impact of those departing the nightclub who park in Hart Street. Mark Lane is a one-way street, leading into Hart Street and Crutched Friars; these roads are already heavily used by clubbers attending the existing late-night venues. It is clear that the licence holders are unable to effectively supervise or control their patrons once they have left the premises, and this results in considerable disturbance to local residents. Public transport is not available late at night, as Tower Hill and Monument stations are not on the night tube network,

and trains from Fenchurch Street usually finish around 00.41. Typically, patrons arrive to the current late-night venues by car.

To summarise the Council would like to object to the proposed extension on the grounds of the promotion of the prevention of Public Nuisance and that residents have a reasonable expectation that their sleep will not be unduly disturbed between the hours of 23.00 and 07.00. under Chapter 8 pages 23-26 and paragraph 91 on page 23 of the City's Statement of Licensing policy 2022.

Yours faithfully,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Graham Mundy.

Graham Mundy
(Churchwarden)