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THIS IS AN EXTERNAL EMAIL

Re- Proud Nightclub. 4 Minster Pavement, London, EC3R 7PP

I would like to object to the licence variation at Proud Nightclub

Extending hours to 5:00 am will further extend the disruption to sleep and peace, which the local residents suffer.

Not only will it extend the hours whereby our area is subject to noise, loitering, and antisocial behavior from patron, but it will increase road traffic, from taxies, private cars etc. who will be needed to collect these patrons, nightclub patrons do not go home on public transport- even if it was available at this time. Our area is already disturbed Uber type taxis/private cars waiting on the roadside (with head lights and sometimes engines on) waiting to pick up stray clubbers. This adds to both noise and light pollution.

Extended hours will lead to more intoxication and disorder, increasing crime risks. This club is well known to the Police and the Corporation of London, due to the number of incidents occurring in and around it. And extending hours can only increase the number and severity of these incidents- I can't see how it could be any other way.

I object to single entry/exit after 2:00 am and smoking re-entry policed. This creates difficulties in managing patrons moving between the club and outside, causing more disturbances and potential for aggression on the streets.

Longer hours mean more public urination, litter, and vandalism, burdening police, emergency, and sanitation services without adequate plans to address these issues. It is clear that public services are pushed to the limits already and expecting these services to be on hand to allow this club to remain open until 5am is shocking

The increased opening hours will lead to increase risks of accidents and altercations outside the club and on the streets. Both the Police and Corporation are aware that the local area is and feels hostile and unsafe. Extended hours will make this worse for everyone, not just club patrons.

I am aware that the nightclub may have CCTV. However this only records incidents, it doesn't prevent them. Also disturbances will happen outside, where CCTV is limited, and police may be unavailable.

I would like to remark on the temporary nature of this licence variation. I understand that it is limited to 1.10.25, because after that date the site will be occupied by a new office building, currently under construction. There is no guarantee that the building work will be complete by that time, it could be several years before the work is complete.. As such the Proud licence variation could potentially be extended for some years., to the further distress and detriment of our area and people.

Furthermore any licence variation of this nature would set a precedent. Existing licences, at this or other establishments could rely on this to extend their own hours. Also, new licences, put forward by any establishment could refer to the Proud licence, and request the same terms. With a precedent set, objectors would need to provide evidence and clear reasons as to why these hours should not be granted.

I request that the closing time is not extended on any day or night.

Yours faithfully

Jayne Evans.