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Good morning,

I am writing regarding the application for Proud Cabaret Bar to extend their operating hours, until up to 05:00am, and 03:00am on certain days of the week.

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

**Apex Hotels Address: 1 Seething Lane, London, EC3N 4AX / 60-61 Mark Lane**

I am the General manager of Apex City of London Hotel which has several bedrooms located on all streets: **Mark Lane, Hart Street, and Seething Lane.**

Large crowds leaving the premises early in the morning will cause a lot of noise, and disorder, and whilst our windows are double glazed, the noise will be so great, that it will not be filtered out. The Hotel will receive numerous, and justified complaints from our guests who pay to stay in a Hotel, to have a good and peaceful night's sleep.

Back in June 2017, we had several complaints from Hotel guests when Proud would have late night functions, which resulted in their patrons using Mark Lane for parking.

Upon leaving the premises, Patrons were shouting, loud and disorderly, and very drunk. Drivers hooting their horns in the early hours of the morning, fights breaking out amongst other things became the usual. Litter on Mark Lane, Hart Street & Seething Lane was an issue. These reports should still all be on record, as often we would have to call the Police to assist our Night Managers, who would be left in the position of having to deal with these disorderly people lurking the streets in The City. Videos of the scene were sent in at the time.

**My objections are based on the below:**

**Sleep Disruption:** Extending hours to 03:00am and or 5:00 am will severely impact Hotel residents' sleep and peace, resulting in a loss of revenue to the Hotel. Our Hotels works hard to attract visitors both Corporate and Leisure, who whilst visiting the City are carrying out an important function supporting the City, and its Destination City policy.

**Public Nuisance:** Later closing times will increase noise, loitering, and antisocial behaviour, affecting our neighbourhood's character. People urinating in our Fir Escape doorways is already an issue.

**Strain on Local Resources:** Longer hours mean more noise, public urination, litter, and vandalism, burdening police, emergency, and sanitation services without any adequate plans to address these issues.

**Parking of Vehicles:** The Application states that after 02.00 hours customers can only enter and exit the premises via the Mincing Lane entry/exit door. This would be better; however, nothing prevents their patrons from Parking on Mark Lane, and leaving the premises to come round, and cause nuisance and disorder.

It should be well documented that this particular premises has had several issues in the past?

Yours sincerely,

**Brian Tapson**

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CLUSTER GENERAL MANAGER, APEX LONDON HOTELS





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