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Subject: Cos Bar, 148 Queen Victoria Street EC4

Dear Sirs

LICENSING ACT 2003 - REPRESENTATION

I write as a resident of [REDACTED] St Andrew's Hill, a block of flats which immediately abuts 148 Queen Victoria Street, to make a representation regarding the Premises Licence Holder's current application inter alia to extend its permissions for various activities including the sale of alcohol on Fridays and Saturdays to 03:00h on the following day.

Subject to the caveat below, I object to the application as I do not believe that it will promote the licensing objectives, in particular in relation to the prevention of public nuisance and crime and disorder. The reason for this belief is the proximity to residences and the conduct of the premises under its current licence. On Saturday/Sunday 16/17 February, I had cause to visit the premises to complain about the sound system being used that night by the organiser of a promoted event. I have received an assurance from the Premises Licence Holder, Ms Cantillon, that they would not in future permit the use of additional speakers, but consider that this may be insufficient to ensure that residents are not disturbed by late night entertainment, especially if live music were to be permitted.

I referred to a caveat, which relates to the equality impact of the application, to which the authority must have due regard under s149 of the Equality Act 2010. I am aware that the premises hosts an event for the LGBT community (known as 'Bijou', providing safe social space for lesbians and bisexual women) on the second Saturday of each month. As Chairman of the Licensing Authority and as the Local Government Association's lead member for equalities, I am aware that there are very few venues for people with that particular protected characteristic in the City and I would therefore be willing to see the premises have later opening hours on the second Saturday of each month to accommodate that event.

Finally however, on inspecting the outside of the premises, I noted that the notice required to be placed advertising this application was not in the statutory form (see attached photograph). I would therefore question the validity of the current application.

Yours faithfully,