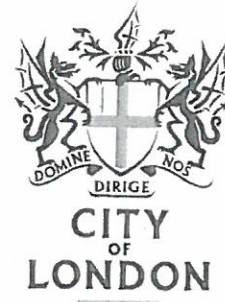


**Members' Room**

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Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Dear Sir / Madam,

**Application to vary a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 – LN/200500025**  
**Cos Bar, 148 Queen Victoria Street**

I am writing to you as I believe that the granting of an extension to the current licence is likely to have a negative effect on the promotion of one or more of the licensing objectives. Therefore I wish to make the following representation regarding this application.

I believe that this application to extend the hours of operation, would seriously affect the lives of residents in my ward, who occupy flats towards the top of St. Andrew's Hill. The noise that will be generated from this bar well into the early hours of Saturday and Sunday mornings, combined with its relative proximity to residential properties in my ward and elsewhere, puts this application completely at odds with the Corporation's stated policy on licensing. Specifically:

*(Sec. 39...) One of the greatest irritations to residents trying to sleep is the excessive noise escaping from licensed premises.*

*(Location of Premises, Licensing Hours and the Prevention of Nuisance, Sec.57...) Residents have a reasonable expectation that their sleep will not be unduly disturbed between the hours of 23.00 and 07:00. (Sec.58...) The risk of residents' sleep being disturbed by patrons leaving licensed premises is obviously greater at 02.00 than at 23.00. Residents have a reasonable expectation that their sleep will not be unduly disturbed between the hours of 23.00 and 07:00.*

*(Policy Sec.59...) It is therefore the policy of the City Corporation to strike a fair balance between the benefits to a community of a licensed venue, and the risk of disturbance to local residents and workers.*

Should this application be approved, I believe that noise from the bar, and from people outside the bar, coming and going, and smoking, is highly likely to cause a 'public nuisance', and this will be explicitly at odds with the City of London Statement of Licensing Policy 2013, and would be 'unfair' to residents in my ward.

Yours sincerely,

**Graeme Smith CC**  
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