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Tudor Street  
London  
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17<sup>th</sup> April 2013

***Re: Variation of a premises licence – Cos Bar – 148 Queen Victoria Street***

Dear Sir,

I am a recently elected member for Castle Baynard and I write to comment on the above application which is in my Ward.

I understand the following variations have been requested:

- To extend the permissions for live music (including DJs), anything of a similar description to live music, recorded music or dance, provision of facilities for dancing on Fridays and Saturdays to 03:00h (the following day).
- To extend the current permissions for the sale of alcohol on Fridays and Saturdays to 03:00h (the following day).
- To extend the current permissions for late night refreshment on Fridays and Saturdays to 03:00h (the following day).
- The opening hours of the premises is (sic) to be extended on Fridays and Saturdays until 03:30h (the following day). All other permissions/conditions are to remain in place as per the current licence, in particular (but not limited to) New Year's Eve.

The Cos Bar is in the immediate vicinity of 7 residential flats at 31 and 34 St. Andrews Hill as well as nearby St. Andrews House and residences at 36 and 36A St. Andrews Hill.

There are a number of other licensed premises in the immediate vicinity of these residences as well as the Cos Bar.

If the requested variations are granted the residents nearby will continually have their sleep disrupted as customers who have been drinking for many hours leave the premises and noisily make their way home at 3 a.m. in the morning.

No matter how well run an establishment is it is impossible for a licensee to control this.

Since the smoking ban was introduced customers who smoke congregate outside licensed premises and the Cos Bar is no exception to this trend. This will lead to continual noise from customers that cannot be attenuated by closed doors and windows.

It is likely that the operators are seeking these relaxations in the terms of their licence in order to stage events into the early hours. Experience elsewhere in the City has

shown that these events tend to attract people from other parts of London and that serious crime and nuisance are inevitable accompaniments.

If this application is granted, the police will inevitably receive many complaints from angry residents about disturbance which will waste their time and distract them from their important crime prevention duties.

Given the proximity of other bars and pubs, granting this application would set a precedent for other premises to gain similar variations in their licences as well. This has the potential to expand the scale and intensity of the night life in the vicinity to a level which is completely incompatible with reasonable coexistence with the residences.

It would seem to be impossible to identify any conditions that could be imposed if the above variations were approved to prevent serious nuisance to the residents living nearby.

Because of these factors I am writing to register my strong objection to ALL of these variations being granted because of the nuisance that will be caused.

Please could you confirm your receipt of this letter and inform me of the date that the application will be heard?

Yours sincerely

A dark, ink-like handwritten signature, appearing to be 'Graham Packham', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is somewhat irregular and blotchy.

Graham Packham