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Dear Sir/Madam,

Mr
Re: Great Exhibition Pub, 193 Crystal Place Rd, SE22 9EP
Application Ref. 838498

I have been contacted by my constituent, Mr as detailed above, with regards to the above application by the Great Exhibition Pub for a variation of its licence to allow late opening hours and live music. I have also attached Mr permission for me to act on his behalf regarding this particular application.

lives within the close vicinity of the Great Exhibition Pub and is just one of many constituents who have expressed their opposition to this particular application.

The main reason Mr is opposing this application is the levels of nuisance which will be caused were the application to be accepted. He believes that such a licence is inappropriate to the establishment's residential surroundings and allowing it would have a detrimental effect on the neighbourhood.

To quote from Mr letter to your department:

"I live immediately opposite the pub, with lounge and bedroom windows opening immediately onto it, and I am already suffering from the noise it creates. Patrons are allowed to drink in the outside areas until the pub closes and they frequently have loud music playing inside the pub which can make it difficult to hold a quiet conversation or watch television in my lounge. I fear that continuing such music late into the night would make sleep difficult in the neighbouring properties, many of which contain children.

"One Thursday a number of weeks ago there were several dozen young people congregating for well over an hour after an event night finished. On both of these occasions, members of the pub staff were present but made no discernible effort to move people on or keep them quiet."

Given the above information I am very concerned that the applicants also want to add a courtyard outside the main building.

Mr indicates that there would be issues around **the prevention of crime and disorder and ensuring public safety.**



Quoting again from his letter:

"Not only do the groups milling around outside create noise, they also spill out onto the street, creating a road safety issue. I have also encountered a member of one group urinating in the alley where my block's refuse bins are stored."

Furthermore, it is apparent from [redacted] comments that it is doubtful whether the applicants have shown that they will be able to adopt appropriate measures such as noise reduction or limiting outside use.

It is clear from [redacted] letter that it would be totally inappropriate for this establishment to be allowed to operate into the small hours of the morning, particularly given its residential location. I do therefore hope that when being considered by the Licensing Committee this application is refused.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Tessa Jowell

Rt. Hon. Dame Tessa Jowell MP

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