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To: Regen, Licensing
Subject: Licence no 857121 - The Ivy application

The Shad Thames Residents' Association wishes to object to the proposed opening hours for The Ivy restaurant.

Our objection is on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance. Dispersal noise from persons leaving licensed premises even at midnight disturbs residents' sleep, as well as the peaceful enjoyment of their homes. We sincerely hope we have the right to respect of our homes and private lives as stated in the Human Rights Act 1998.

We are concerned that the restaurant, in very close proximity to residential properties, with a proposed closing time of 0030 will be the cause of late night noise.

The proposed sale by retail of alcohol to be consumed on (and off) the premises until 0000 will cause late night noise. If, however, the licensing committee decided to permit the premises to change this to 2300 there would be considerably less disturbance. Similarly, music to be played indoors should be amended from the proposed 0000 to 2300.

What is not clear from the application is the item for late night refreshments – indoors and outdoors from 2300 to 0000 ... Whatever the reason for this request, which is not immediately evident, then the timing should be amended to 2200 to 2300. We do hope this will not lead to the restaurant providing late night refreshments outdoors beyond 2300 – again, this would mean more late night noise in close proximity to residential properties.

As the restaurant is immediately adjacent to many residential properties, residents will not only suffer from dispersal noise, but also from noise emanating from the premises during opening hours.

We know that it is not possible to control late night dispersal noise, as licensees have no control over patrons once they have left the premises. Residents' living near the restaurant will also suffer from late night noise and disturbance from additional traffic when cars and taxis arrive and wait to collect patrons.

We presume the applicant is aware of the Guidance to the Licensing Act, which states that there is no presumption in favour of lengthening licensing hours and that the four objectives should be of paramount consideration at all times. As mentioned, we would highlight the third objective - the prevention of public nuisance – which states that licensed premises can cause a range of nuisances, impacting on people living, working or sleeping in the vicinity of the premises, and one of the principle concerns relates to noise nuisance.

The Licensing Committee is aware that the Shad Thames area was not designated as an area eligible for a Saturation Policy – and, that we do our utmost to monitor applications such as this one. We would ask the Licensing Committee to allow The Ivy restaurant to remain open only until 23.000pm in view of its proximity to so many residential properties.

This application was discussed by email by the core group of the Shad Thames Residents' Association, and the decision to object subsequently agreed by email.

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