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Subject: Objection to the Barrel Project's variation of license

I write to object to the above request for variation of license to; "...permit limited outside drinking in Druid Street..."

My objection is based on the following:

Prevention of public nuisance

Since the Barrel Project was granted a license last year they have been granted several Temporary Extension Notices, to service private parties that run until 01:00 in the morning. When these occur, outside drinking on Druid Street is carried out despite the current absence of a requisite license. I have written to the licensing team about these breaches many times, yet the disturbances continue each time TENs are granted. Whilst the premises have been better at controlling noise breaches during regular hours, my concern is that granting permission for outside drinking during peak times will:

1. Make it harder to control the growing disturbance;

- The Barrel Project does not list a number that residents can call to request they manage noisy patrons; an unmanned mobile number is listed.
- The licensing team lacks the resources to intervene in breaches of licence, increasing the number of people allowed to drink outside will make their intervention more ambiguous.
- There are no clear signs opposite the Barrel Project, reminding patrons to consider residents, as there are further down Druid Street opposite Anspach and Hobday.

2. Since the acceleration of licensed premises on Druid Streets, residents' weekends (and sometimes weekday evenings) have been negatively impacted by noise from patrons. Summer weekends are particularly difficult, with constant shouting, cheering / often swearing for several hours an evening. It has been hard to get Southwark to take resident's concerns seriously and whilst I understand the appetite for these traders, a balance between promoting business in Southwark and safeguarding residents quality of life seems reasonable. There are a total of 16 children of school age in just one of the blocks opposite the Barrel Project (there are 2 blocks directly opposite). Often the disturbances from these premises occurs on school nights.

Public Safety

All 6 of the bars on Druid Street (with the exception of the Marquis of Wellington Pub on the opposite side) sit directly on public highways, not pavements. Patrons seem not to understand this and their growing volume regularly sees them drifting in the pathway of neighbourhood traffic. The children of patrons, allowed to wander outside (on the road) are particularly vulnerable.

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