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19 June 2021

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Dear Sirs

**LICENCE APPLICATIONS – REF 873450 AND 874848  
VINEGAR YARD – MAIN SITE AND SNOWFIELDS SITE**

Vinegar Yard has become a popular destination and, whilst I do not object to the use in principle, I would urge the licensing team to impose sensible restrictions on its hours of use, reflecting that it borders onto a residential area and the majority of the drinking activity and associated revelry takes place outside.

I am unable to find a record of the current licence but I remember that in 2019 Vinegar Yard closed at 21:00 each night. This is probably actually a little early, and did result in a mass exodus of people at that time, who are then looking for somewhere else to go, with the associated rowdy behaviour and difficulties within the local community. Therefore, to extend the hours to 22:00 is probably fair and will not overly harm the community.

Any time beyond this will cause a nuisance within the community. To be consistent, other local establishments (eg, The Horseshoe pub on Melior Street and Texas Joe's on Snowfields) have to close their outside areas at 22:00.

In a similar vein, it is not appropriate for live music, films or loud recorded music to be performed or played in any of the outside areas. We are currently witnessing the effects of this, with the Euros 2020 tournament being broadcast on a large screen. This is causing a real and demonstrable nuisance, particularly with the PA system announcements and the chanting crowds. There are no noise attenuation measures and it therefore does not work and is inappropriate in this location.

I hope you will bear these representations in mind when considering the granting or renewal of these licences.

Yours faithfully

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## PARTY 2

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 23, 2021 10:01 AM  
**To:** Regen, Licensing <[Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing.Regen@southwark.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Objection to 874847 and 874848

To whom it may concern,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

2. June 23, 2021

3. Opposed to Applications 874847 and 874848

4. While we are happy that Vinegar Yards is here and is open, as an immediate neighbour (our flat looks onto Meilor and Fenning Streets, we oppose extending the hours from a prevention of public nuisance, public safety, and prevention of crime and disorder points of view. Extending the hours will encourage much longer hanging around after closing. This is something we see every night and this extension will allow this to continue well after midnight. Additionally, the lovely park at the corner of Fenning and Meilor st often becomes the point of lingering and hanging out well after the current closing time. Our bedroom window overlooks the park and therefore receives much of the noise. Obviously this also increases the risk of crime.

In addition, we believe that this would set a dangerous precedent for other neighbourhood bars and restaurants.

Lastly, we are constantly woken up early in the morning (4 to 6 am) with the collection of the bottles from the evening before. This will only get worse with the extended hours.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

## PARTY 3

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Senders Email Address: [REDACTED]

Message:

I [REDACTED] strongly object to the licence applied for by vinegar yard, licence number, 874847, they are already way too loud for an outside venue when you have residential buildings within 50 yards, and to extend the hours when you have school children living in close proximity would be crazy, it will only lead to a situation where residents will be calling the noise prevention team every night, no need if the venue didn't make so much noise

## PARTY 4

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Applications 874847 and 874848

I wish to object to the extent of these applications.

From experience (details are not available on the Brent site) the current closing of the Vinegar Yard site is 21:00.

The proposal to extend these hours to 23:00 and 23:15 is excessive.

I'm the owner of Apartment [REDACTED] and am continuously disgusted by the disregard given to residents on Melior Street by the planners and developers of this site (and other sites on St Thomas Street East.). NB The entrance to Snowfields is also on Melior Street.

The Horseshoe Arms has to close down to outside customers by 22:00 which seems reasonable. This sadly is often not observed and noise is carried on along Melior Street and Melior Place at sleeptime hours.

It would seem appropriate to consider closing at 22:00 so any stragglers of which there are likely to be many around our apartments have left by 23:00.

On Melior Street there is also a refuge for the homeless at the Fenning Street corner garden which is linked with The Manna Centre. Sensitivity needs to be given to the proximity of Vinegar Yard to this.

Overall however the use for outside music and films is not acceptable. The music and noise previously generated by the venue as it stands is barely tolerable on a sunny day with open windows. The venue is lovely and a huge attraction to large groups of young people. See photos attached. These need to be controlled as they can consume huge quantities of alcohol and there is little food. I note the alcohol application is not linked with food consumption and there appears to be no expansion of the food element.

Equally the proposal for alcohol to be consumed off the premises is mind bogglingly inconsiderate to travellers in and out of London Bridge and residents in the area whether, as Snowfields is, attached to the site or within a half a mile. It will create brawls and noise at best in and around the station and more serious crime at worst. Who will be looking out for the safety of the women on the streets? This is not a statement made lightly as someone who, like many of the young women today, has experienced "stalking" and attempted molestations late at night by drunken men.

The security proposed in the application presumably as part of a pre-consultation does need to be reconsidered and extended to the area around the site.

Finally - it's the 21st Century and a newspaper ad is an insult as a way of announcing the application, please sort this out and look into more appropriate communication channels.

Please advise me of any updates on these applications.

Thanks

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