

Appendix G

28 February 2013

To Whom it may Concern,

License Application 840295 – Del Aziz, Canvey Street SE1 9AN

I am writing in my capacity as Warden of [redacted], on Behalf of the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). [redacted] is a student hall of residence owned by LSE, which accommodates approximately 600 student residents. I am also a permanent resident of the building.

Please note the following representations under points 1 and 3 of the licensing objectives.

1. The prevention of crime and disorder

The extension of the license would generate a substantial increase in visitors to the immediate area for the purpose of alcohol consumption. There is already a late night venue on Canvey Street which draws in a large number of patrons to its weekend club nights. There is currently a significant amount of crime and anti-social behaviour associated with the night time economy in the area and I would ask that the application is refused unless Del Aziz can provide undisputable evidence that the opening of their premises until 5am will not add to the noise, crime and antisocial behaviour that is experienced in Cathedrals Ward.

3. The prevention of nuisance

The west wall of [redacted] directly faces Del Aziz, with a distance of approximately 10m between our premises and theirs. We have around 60 student bedrooms from ground level to floor seven that overlook Canvey Street and Del Aziz. Residents from these rooms already experience significant noise disturbance from late night premises on Canvey Street, including the Refinery and Del Aziz. Extending the license to 5am will cause an even greater nuisance to residents. Given the very close proximity to the entrance/exit of the premises to [redacted], it would be impossible for Del Aziz to ensure that patrons left the premises in a quiet and orderly manner without causing a nuisance to our residents. In addition, the only area that customers can smoke or be seated outside is immediately outside the premises and directly opposite our study bedrooms. Use of this area in the small hours would cause a sustained noise disturbance to residents of [redacted].

Throughout the year I receive complaints from residents about late night noise disturbance generated by premises on Canvey Street. I often have students who ask to move to other areas of the building as they find the noise disturbances so disruptive, unfortunately we are not able to accommodate these requests, which is distressing for students who are trying to study, especially at exam time. Canvey Street is a popular place for people to drink after work and the street is often filled with noisy patrons until 11.30pm. If this were to be extended to 5am it would be a completely unacceptable situation for the residents who overlook Canvey Street and already have to tolerate a considerable amount of noise.

I have already been working with the Environmental Health Team to address the on-going difficulties we have with noise disturbances, an addition late night venue on Canvey Street, immediately opposite our premises, will be a regression in the progress that we have made so far. I hope that you will take these representations into consideration when making a decision on this licensing application.

Yours faithfully,