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2023/1177/PVL	Peter	26/03/2023 18:10:07	COMMNT	<p>Whatever is proposed at this location will add to the congestion at this entrance to Neal's Yard causing inconvenience and stress, especially to those who are less mobile, those with prams/ small children and wheelchair users.</p> <p>A further concern is that the large shelf will become a bar extension to the premises for the service of drinks which will lead to even more congestion and noise as the patrons conglomerate and use the shelf as a general drinks stand.</p> <p>If the council is minded to permit this should be borne in mind and the hours restricted to 9pm latest.</p>

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				<p>1. Licence Condition 36 forbids any noise from the operation that causes a nuisance. Neighbours complained throughout last year about the noise from customers outside these premises causing public nuisance, in breach of the licence. It is not possible for the applicant to control noise from customers any further, so any grant of a licence for outside dining would cause a continuation of the breach of the alcohol licence, which would be unlawful.</p> <p>2. The Licence does not allow the sale of alcohol for consumption outside the premises' demised area. Any service of alcohol to customers outside is therefore unlawful in normal circumstances. There is a temporary, post-Covid relaxation of this rule only until 30/09/23. So any grant of a licence for unrestricted outside dining beyond this date would cause a breach to the alcohol licence, which would be unlawful.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Finally, we must note that the premises have not operated in good faith. Sadly, for a long time, as your enforcement team knows, they have operated more furniture than consented, and later than consented, despite many complaints and appeals from their neighbours.</p> <p>This behaviour leads us to conclude that the applicant is not fit and proper to hold a licence.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Please contact us via Planning@CoventGarden.org.uk if you have any questions.</p> <p>Thank you for your serious consideration of these matters.</p> <p>-----</p>

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