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2023/0428/P	Covent Garden Community Association (form completed by Amanda Rigby, Vice-Chair)	24/04/2023 00:22:13	OBJNOT	<p>As the amenity society for the area, Covent Garden Community Association must object to this application.</p> <p>We must also point out that one of the signs that has already been installed, and for which we have seen no application, obstructs the view of traffic lights for vehicles approaching from Drury Lane. We believe that it should be removed as soon as possible for safety reasons. Please see photographs below.</p> <p>(Refer to CGCA's full letter of objection to see pictures.)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Firstly, we do not believe that this should be classed as a retrospective application as the use has not yet been started. As you can see from the photos taken today, 22/04/23, the restaurant has not yet opened.</p> <p>Secondly, we ask you to refuse consent for Sui Generis (Takeaway) use. This location is not suitable for a takeaway operation as there are many family flats nearby on Drury Lane and in the surrounding Streets to the South.</p> <p>Unfortunately, if takeaway food is made available nearby, people tend to drift into these areas to consume it. They sit on doorsteps, leave litter and cause disturbance. Disturbance is particularly serious if they are eating there at night, when it can be all too often accompanied by urination and vomiting if people have been drinking.</p> <p>An additional problem in this location is caused by guests of the Travelodge hotel just behind the application site. If takeaway food is made available nearby, guests sit outside the hotel and cause a very high level of nuisance to residents living opposite on Drury Lane. A pizza unit close by at 186 Drury Lane has been subject to numerous complaints and has been enforced against by the council's licensing department for these reasons. Adding any local takeaway offerings would make the situation worse.</p> <p>Under the unit's existing Class E use, some takeaway is already permitted on an ancillary basis. Please do not increase this and so put more pressure on residents who feel that they already have too much to deal with.</p> <p>If, despite this objection, you are minded to grant Sui Generis (Takeaway) use, please restrict the hours of operation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 08:00 – 21:00 Monday to Thursday,</li> <li>- 08:00 – 22:00 Friday,</li> <li>- 09:00 – 22:00 Saturday,</li> <li>- 10:00 – 21:00 Sunday.</li> </ul> <p>Families in the area have indicated to us that this is the limit of what they could reasonably live with. They would, however, prefer it to be refused outright.</p> <p>-----</p>

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2023/0428/P	Peter Bloxham	22/04/2023 22:42:40	OBJ	<p>This is to object to this application. I only became aware of it earlier today and have therefore not been able to review it fully.</p> <p>I live in Grape Street, which is very close to the premises. I am therefore concerned about any activity which may tend to increase the risk of antisocial activity in the area, particularly in the newly revamped Shaftesbury Avenue triangle with its seats inviting late night carousers.</p> <p>I note the application is retrospective, which suggests the applicant is currently in breach. This should be considered in assessing whether it is likely to comply with general or special conditions.</p> <p>In many respects the same issues arise as in relation to the ECCO application (close by in Drury Lane, since withdrawn). My comments are incorporated by reference.</p> <p>I do not know what hours are proposed. If the applicant is wishing to make this a late night activity, this should be refused absolutely on the grounds of the risk to antisocial activity and damage to amenity of residents, hotel guests and LSE students.</p> <p>Nor do I know whether the applicant seeks, now or in the future, an alcohol licence. This is another fact against granting the application.</p> <p>I am not sure what is meant by take away. I have no objection to individuals in day time buying produce to take away, but I am concerned that if this extends to delivery and collection services, this would be very problematic because it would lead to groups of delivery riders congregating on a busy corner with very little pavement space, obstructing pedestrians (potentially forcing them on to the Drury Lane roadway) and causing noise and other antisocial activities (such as playing recorded music or speaking in loud voices either among themselves or on their phones). So collection and delivery, and parking of delivery vehicles, should be prohibited.</p> <p>Any suggestion that this would be a dark kitchen should be refused utterly.</p> <p>I assume that the Seven Dials special policy applies, so that the assumption should be against allowing this retrospective application.</p> <p>If there is hearing on this application, please advise me so that I can attend.</p>

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