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Good morning Team.

I would like to object to the above application for consent for Sui Generis (Takeaway) use. I hope my comments will be able to be considered even though submitted two days after the window for comments has closed. I regret that family illness has pushed other matters into the background until today.

My view, and that of my neighbours, is that the north end of Drury Lane is already suffering from an imbalance between the interests of the leisure industry and those of residents.

Our experience is that takeaway food sold in the area is never taken away very far, with a favoured spot for consumption being the steps of the Travelodge. These steps are directly opposite several dozen residences, including my own, and our experience in the summer months in particular is of noise and litter. (Travelodge incidentally refuses to do anything to stop people sitting on the steps despite the steps being a fire exit).

People also consume food in cars parked in the loading bays opposite the Travelodge, often to the accompaniment of loud music. Few, if any, take their litter home with them.

I would request that the takeaway service is refused outright but if granted ceases at 9:00pm.

While writing, can I also bring to your attention that a sign for the business already erected obscures the traffic lights at the junction with High Holborn. In the mysterious absence of a yellow box this junction is already often noisily contested. This sign will make matters worse.

James McWilliams