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Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to object to the proposed retrospective change of use from E (b) into mixed class E (b) and Sui Generis take away for a take away cafe for St Giles House on the corner of Drury Lane and High Holborn WC2B 5RA.

Drury Lane already has a surfeit of take away facilities and the cumulative effect is to seriously undermine the quality of the residential street; it may not be immediately obvious but the top end of Drury Lane from Macklin Street to High Holborn is entirely residential on the east side ; on the west side of the street is Travelodge hotel which as is the nature of short stay accommodation causes considerable anti social activities at night with somewhat inebriated patrons bowling along Drury Lane to their accommodation; the existence of take away services already cause considerable amenity problems not least the noise such facilities engender and the dreadful waste that gets scattered up and down the street.

Drury Lane is within the Seven Dials Conservation Area and while the application is situated on the border of the conservation area the proposed planning use will adversely affect the quality of the environment and the setting of many listed buildings adjacent. The Conservation Area Statement highlights the fact that restaurant/take away services are detrimental to the conservation area, and makes clear additional such uses should be resisted.

The local plan also makes clear that restaurant/take away facilities should not come to dominate a local shopping street , which Drury Lane is so defined. To add to the existing problems caused by the plethora of existing take away/restaurant/ licensed premises in this very narrow street is clearly not in line with the Council's planning policies that seek to protect and enhance the amenity of residential accommodation.

I would hope the Council will refuse the application.

Thank you

Jim Monahan

