

Re Application for alcohol license "Hugs and Bites" 23 Warren Street
Ref 115631

Noise, drinking and rubbish/human waste have been problems for the residents of Richardsons Mews since this spot has had a license for alcohol. The application does not seem to have any interest of informing how they envisage use of space ie they have put hours as 8-23h every day except Sunday (to 21h) with alcohol from midday. The stated number of people for the restaurant is "less than 5000" (a meaningless figure given they could not fit in 4999 people) which shows no desire to communicate to the local community what the plans are...this seems to be a form to "ask for a free rein and do whatever we want". Such an attitude seems likely to disregard the impact of the business on local environment.

In the mews noise amplifies as the walls in a cuboid shape act as a sounding box. Additionally, as it is off the main street people, no doubt worse when people have drunk alcohol and are therefore less socially inhibited, urinate and defecate there. Our complaints/requests to "Love Clean Streets" do go up and down. I estimate they have been less when Hugs and Bites has been closed. The evidence will be in their records.

Another point – the application counts 0.7m depth of outside street space. This is currently constructed to 0.9m with bench seating, once table and facing chairs are placed (as previous owners did) the encroachment on pavement often forces pedestrians into the road/gutter