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To: Elaine Quigley
Cc: Rob Gunns; Planning; Neil McDonald
Subject: 67 Whitfield Street - undercroft: Camden ref: 2023/1172/P and Members Briefing Panel 16/10/2023

Elaine Quigley,
Planning Officer,
Planning Solutions Team,
London Borough of Camden.

Dear Elaine,

**Re: 67 Whitfield Street - undercroft: Camden ref:
2023/1172/P
and Members Briefing Panel of 16th October 2023**

I have seen that this application is now going to the Members Briefing Panel today/this evening; and thus I have read your Report attached to the Agenda.

Obviously, the immediate residents in Chitty Street will be concerned and disappointed that the application is being recommended for approval.

In the circumstances, I would like to raise the following point:

Re: applicant's Noise Assessment Report:

From my understanding of the Noise Assessment Report from the applicant's consultant/Hann Tucker Associates, the noise report reckons that residents will not hear the noise from customers in the Undercroft space because their noise will be below the background noise levels.

As stated in their Report, this noise Report has been **based on several assumptions including:**

"Doorset separating the restaurant and outdoor seating area kept closed".

(a). But your Report acknowledges that this separating door will be open
(presumable for staff to serve customers in the Undercroft area)

(b). Also, Condition 7 in the Draft Decision Letter allows for this door to be open
throughout the day and evening between 9.00am and 10.00pm.

Thus, we would query the validity of the Noise Assessment Report, because the Report is dependent on this wide door of the internal Restaurant space being closed at all times (and thus containing the restaurant's noise); whereas it will be allowed to be kept open, and thus allowing the restaurant's noise to escape to the outside and to Chitty Street.

Also, I feel that the Noise Assessment Report does not mention or take account of the Undercroft Space acting like an "acoustic chamber" (due to its hard surfaces and configuration).

Regardless of the Noise Assessment Report, I myself feel, (from both my experience of living in the area and my instinct), that the immediate residents are very likely to hear and be disturbed by the voices/noise of customers in the Undercroft space, compared with now in this very quiet street, and especially in the evenings and at weekends.

I would be grateful if this/my email could be shown to the Members Briefing Panel this afternoon/evening.

Kind regards,

Clive Henderson
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