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Subject: Objection to planning application: 2023/3285/P -3-7 Delancey Street London Camden NW1 7NL THE FORGE

I would like to object to the above planning application on the following grounds:

- Since the operators took over the venue last year, the disturbance from the music and patrons has been a continual problem for local residents. Regardless of the work from planning, licensing and environmental officers to help the operators limit the disruption and disturbance – problems are still on-going. One of the worst impacts has been patrons loitering before, during and after events. The operators have not been able to control the patrons from anti-social behaviour (drugs and drink in the street, shouting, holding up traffic, leaning against resident's parked cars).
- The venue was originally built as a purpose-built recital hall with a small restaurant on the first floor. Conditions placed on the venue were reasonable and protected residents from excessive noise/disturbance. Since then, the immediate area around the Forge has become more residential with flats built opposite in Chant House, and affordable housing as part of the new hotel opposite. Later operational hours of 2am weekdays, and 3am Fridays and Saturdays – would only create further disturbance just at a time of night when traffic is lighter and therefore the street is quieter.
- The plans submitted do not require the operator to retain tables and chairs and therefore the capacity for more people using the venue is a real concern – as this will lead to significantly more people coming and going – thus creating further noise and anti-social activity at the quietest time of night.
- At the January licensing hearing which I attended, against significant opposition from residents, police, local councillors, the noise team and planning, the two councillors that voted it in did so on the condition that the operators would hold 8 LGBTQ+ events per month. [REDACTED] I have never seen any LGBTQ events advertised at the venue and at the time of the original application it felt like "pink washing" which time has proven it to be.

I urge you to reject the application in its entirety as it's totally unsuitable for the premises and location.

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