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Dear Sir/Madam,

**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:

1. 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 and disturbance. The proposed change of use to a live music and events space will (if allowed) lead to a significant increase in disturbance to neighbours.
2. The proposed extension of opening hours / hours for playing music will self-evidently lead to increased disturbance. The proposed closing time of 2am of 3am is far too late, given the predominantly residential character of Delancey Street.
3. The plans submitted do not require the operator to retain tables and chairs, thus seeking to reverse the original planning ruling that there shall be no vertical drinking. This is of very real concern to the residents as it completely changes the nature of the venue from a restaurant with music to a music and dancing venue. People drinking without an accompanying meal will be likely to consume more alcohol and/or to become drunker leading to more anti-social behaviour.
4. The application seeks to expand the capacity of the venue. More people using the venue will lead to more people coming and going – thus creating further noise and anti-social activity at the quietest time of night.
5. 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 residents' parked cars). The proposed changes to the opening hours and use would make all of these problems far worse.

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

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