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2023/3285/P	Sophie Parkinson	19/11/2023 13:14:11	OBJ	

Dear Camden Planning Team,

I ask that you please reject application 2023/3285/P in its entirety.

3-7 Delancey Street (The Forge) was purpose built as a concert hall, but poor materials and a lack of adequate sound insulation means sound can be heard during operating hours, outside the venue and in my home which is on Arlington Road.

My bedroom is on the Arlington Road side of the house and during some concerts at The Forge, I can feel base vibrations coming from the venue whilst I'm trying to get to sleep at night. Whilst music and whole lyrics from songs being sung in the venue can be heard in bedrooms on the Delancey Passage side of the flat.

I have 38 vulnerable neighbours at 88 Arlington Road who have issues with alcohol and drug addiction as well as low level mental ill health. It is not fair that on top of these issues that they too get disturbed sleep (like we do) from the sound coming from the venue, as they too have bedrooms backing onto the side of the venue on Delancey Passage.

Camden's environmental team knows about the problems, has been called on numerous occasions and earlier this year, fought against the venue extending its licensing hours along with the police and local residents.

The police were particularly worried about the venues customers leaving the venue late at night in a drunk and disorderly fashion. As predicted by them, there are currently noise problems with people leaving the venue and this would be even worse for local residents if the venue were allowed to open later, playing music until 3am in the morning and then turfing 400 drunk people out into a residential street to make their way home.

The venue has started to book 2024 with 58 live bookings from 23/11/23 - 14/12/24 so far, and will no doubt fill the gaps with other live performances as the year progresses.

The business does not need this planning application approved to continue their business of providing entertainment in the form of bands and cabaret acts as well as serving drinks and food to their customers.

If approved, this planning application will allow the venue to turn into a club after the live acts, similar to what The Jazz Cafe do, with live acts finishing around 11pm and then more customers arriving for a club night until 3am.

Camden already has many late night establishments offering live and then recorded music until 3am. We do not need or want one more in a residential street where they will affect everyones mental health due to sleep deprivation.

Camden Council has a duty of care to all of their residents and I therefore ask again that you please reject this application in its entirety.

Yours Faithfully

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2023/3285/P	Jessica Parkinson	19/11/2023 12:59:16	OBJ	

Dear Camden Planning Team,

I ask that you please reject this application in its entirety.

3-7 Delancey Street (The Forge) already operates as a bar, restaurant and music venue.

Their application for change of use makes no sense and is simply allowing them to ask for longer operating hours.

As a local resident with my home backing onto Delancey Passage (the side of the venue), I am already much disturbed by the noise emanating out of this poorly sound insulated building. I am also greatly disturbed by the venues customers who currently leave the venue in a loud, drunk and disorderly fashion. They are often a danger to themselves, and a danger to the local community too, with the police having to get involved.

To allow the venue to open later and make music later, would be creating a disturbance to all the residents locally when most of us are trying to sleep. I myself have to get up and start a Sunday shift at 7am. If the venue were to operate until 3am, I would be disturbed for a further hour as their customers try to leave the area (or carry on partying in the surrounding streets), leaving me with peace between 4am and 6am when I have to get up. I cannot survive on two hours sleep. During the week the situation would not be much better, with their proposals of a 2am closure, giving me peace between 3am and 7am (just 4 hours sleep), before I have to get up to get to my college course or another shift at the coffee shop where I work.

I am under 25 years old and like to go to music venues, clubs and pubs with my queer (LGBTQ) friends and family. Camden already caters to our needs well. Just start at Mornington Crescent at 'Koko', work your way along the high street, passing 'The Blues Kitchen', 'The Jazz Cafe', 'Underworld', 'Electric Ballroom', and head for 'The Round House' at Chalk Farm, not to mention all the bars and pubs in-between, many offering a late club night at the weekends.

We do not need or want another late night venue in what is essentially a residential street.

I do hope that you will reject this application in its entirety, for the sake of all the residents sanity who live next to and around this venue.

Many thanks
