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2024/2698/P	Charles Smith	30/07/2024 07:08:39	PETITNOBJ E	<p data-bbox="875 132 1951 186">As a resident of Drury Lane in Camden, I object to the proposed alcohol licensing for the escape room business that is planning to transform into a cafe (Class E).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="875 225 2045 368">1. Earlier this year, the Immersive Gallery was granted an alcohol license, which led to a significant increase in public order offences. The Met Police recorded 82 Public Order offences in February on Drury Lane and 90 in April. Granting a similar license to a cafe would inevitably lead to an increase in violations of the 1986 Public Order Act and potentially contribute to alcohol-related disorder, which the Met Police are working tirelessly to prevent. It's crucial that we take steps to ensure the safety of residents. Legislation prohibits the sale of bottled and canned alcohol for consumption on the street. The Met Police have to increasingly enforce under the 1986 Public Order Act, which includes violent disorder, affray and 'which can be related to alcohol-involved behaviour'. <li data-bbox="875 499 2045 614">2. The proposed cafe opening hours of 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. conflicts with the current retail legislation, which limits the sale of hot food to between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. This discrepancy raises significant concerns about legal compliance. It's crucial that any business in our community operates within the bounds of the law to ensure the safety and security of all residents. <li data-bbox="875 652 2045 767">3. The area is primarily residential, with many tenants being families and elderly individuals. It's crucial to ensure that they can enjoy a peaceful living environment, in line with the 'right to quiet enjoyment' under the legislation of the Human Rights Act of 1998. Any disruption to this peace, such as that caused by alcohol-related disorder, would be a significant concern for the community.

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2024/2698/P	Mrs Smith	28/07/2024 17:45:49	OBJ	<p>I ask you to kindly consider below issues when it comes to permitting the cafe (Class E) to run its business from 7.30am – 11.30pm.</p> <p>NOISE</p> <p>1). Local residents situated above & either side of the premises, strongly oppose long opening hours, reason being, it will affect right to quiet enjoyment of our homes. Alcohol-fuelled noise pollution from 7.30am to 11.30pm is unreasonable.</p> <p>The pavement outside proposed business is particularly narrow. Passers-by, including local wheelchair users (of which there are many), plus children (aged 3-11 with mothers & buggies from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, 2 minutes away) will be forced to navigate this narrow stretch through patrons queueing outside, smoking outside & drinking outside (if they bring their drinks out while they smoke).</p> <p>ASBO IN THE AREA.</p> <p>2). Local residents have liaised for 4 years with Detective Sergeant Jenny Woodward & Team whose 'Operation Yamata' strives to curb drunken anti-social behaviour, criminal activity, drug addicts & drug dealers, who frequent this very stretch of Drury Lane several times daily. So, adding an establishment that sells alcohol up to 11:30pm – will throw fuel on an already out of control fire.</p> <p>OPENING HOURS</p> <p>3). There are x2 cafes (one opposite & the other ten paces from 181 Drury Lane), that are aware of the right to quiet enjoyment of residents & close at a reasonable time of 6pm and 4.30pm.</p> <p>The café will also take-in deliveries of supplies and provide Deliveroo etc with a take-out service, which will again cause noise for local residents & take up parking space reserved for locals.</p> <p>It should be noted that if the café opens at 7.30am, the staff will be on the premises from at least 6am, prepping the café for opening.</p> <p>If the café is permitted to close at 11.30pm, the staff will be on the premises until at least 12.30pm, closing the café down, washing up, etc.</p> <p>So realistically, that will mean residents above & either side will be disturbed by noise & smells from 6am to 12.30pm.</p> <p>Please kindly consider how truly awful it will be for residents,</p> <p>COOKING</p> <p>4). Cooking on the premises will generate smell which will flood flats above & either side & likewise, generate additional deliveries of foodstuff.</p> <p>MUSIC</p> <p>5). If the establishment plays music, this will add to the noise pollution described above.</p> <p>To conclude; please do not permit this establishment to sell alcohol, play music, open at 7.30am & close at 11.30pm.</p> <p>Please consider local Camden residents.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

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2024/2698/P	James McWilliams	28/07/2024 12:44:36	COMMNT	<p>I live in the neighbouring property to the proposed cafe. I comment in a personal capacity and not as a representative of any local organisation or business.</p> <p>Overall I am supportive of the proposal. It will be good to see a space that has been shuttered for several years put back into use. I would also like to register that I found it easy to contact the agent and the applicant, each of whom were very helpful. This is a good start to what I anticipate will be good neighbourly relationships.</p> <p>This said, I would like to raise a couple of matters. I understand that the proposed hours of business are the same those for the previous business, but I would be concerned if these hours were to become the actual opening hours. A 7:00 am opening would not pose a problem but an 11:30 pm closing time will potentially prove very disruptive to our quality of life as residents. At present both the other two cafes in the north end of Drury Lane are closed by 6:00 pm and I would ask that these hours or similar are followed by the new business.</p> <p>My evidence for the likelihood that late opening will be disruptive follows from my experience of a close-by late opening business. This attracts people returning from bars and other entertainment venues and has been the cause of loud voices, revving engines, car stereos, noisy pedicabs, pollution from smoking, and litter. Undertakings businesses have given in the past that noise and disruption will be controlled have always proven ineffectual.</p> <p>The concern about noise and other disruption is increased if there is to be a takeaway service.</p> <p>My other concerns include managing a very narrow pavement; early morning or late night deliveries; and noise from within the cafe. Sound proofing between my property and its neighbours is poor and so I would ask that the business operates without music, as do the other two cafes in the street. (I appreciate that there may be no intention to have background music). I have been told that no cooking will take place on the premises, only the heating of pre-prepared food, and I much appreciate this reassurance.</p> <p>I have been told that I will be informed when fitting out is due to begin and end, and I also much appreciate this.</p> <p>I look forward to meeting our new neighbour and to a long, cordial, and mutually respectful relationship.</p>