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RE PLANNING APPLICATION 2016/4513/P 29 HATTON WALL

This is an unwelcome development in view by reason of the recent history of this street: under the circumstances it is deeply disturbing that Camden would even consider it.

A great deal of disturbance was generated by the so-called *Clerkenwell House* bar/restaurant that was cited in numbers 23/27 and worse, despite complaints relating to noisy customers drinking in the street; loud music directed into the street from a loudspeaker in the doorway and a stream of taxis arriving and departing noisily until 3am from Monday to Saturday every week being brought to Camden's licensing panel's attention in May 2011 – these issues were largely ignored.

Not until a youth was tragically shot dead on New Year's Day 2012 was this so-called bar/restaurant closed down. The street has been largely peaceful since.

The first point of concern specific to the above application is that the applicant has jumped the gun on this matter, assuming planning permission is automatic and has been carrying out preparatory basement excavations via the garage door in number 29 for several months. Why this has passed unnoticed merits an explanation.

The second point specific to the above application is that another outlet for serving alcohol is not needed in the vicinity. Hatton Wall has the Craft and Three Tuns public houses; the Clerk & Well public house and the Griffin within 100 yards in the Clerkenwell Road; an off-licence a stone's throw away in Leather Lane and another at Sainsbury's in the Clerkenwell Road. The Wedge Issue pizza restaurant also within a stone's throw also serves alcohol.

As the saying goes – once bitten, twice shy and we would like to see this application rejected.

Yours truly

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Alistair McLaurin on behalf of the Black Bull Court RTM company
