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2016/5692/P	Meredith Whitten on behalf of the Covent Garden Community Association	Covent Garden Community Association 42 Earlham Street WC2H 9LA	02/12/2016 13:39:44	OBJ	<p>The CGCA strongly objects to the proposals to vary the capacity of these venues and to increase the number of events permitted each year.</p> <p>The conditions were included with the original planning permission to protect residential amenity. Nothing has changed to warrant removal of the conditions – in fact, the venues have yet to open. Local residents will still be negatively affected by noise and disturbance; increasing the capacity and number of events will only exacerbate this, as the proposals would not only subject local residents to larger crowds, but also to more frequent crowds.</p> <p>The CGCA questions why the applicant is asking for a variance before these venues have even opened. A more reasoned approach would be to wait until the venues and events have operated for a period of time (such as six months) so as to enable both the applicant and local residents to determine what the affect would be before increasing capacity and number of events.</p> <p>During the consultation period for the original proposals, the CGCA and other local organisations spent a large amount of time discussing the proposals with the applicant, and these conditions illustrate the result of those discussions. The CGCA stresses that the area is home to many long-time residents; it is not primarily an entertainment destination. As such, variance of conditions 49 &amp; 50 should not be permitted until the venues have operated under the existing conditions for at least six months.</p> <p>Otherwise, the good-faith negotiating conducted by local organisations and the applicant during the original consultation is meaningless.</p>

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