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2017/0561/P	A. Rigby	21 Mercer Street WC2H 9QR WC2H 9QR	02/03/2017 18:10:03	OBJ	<p>This is an objection to the proposal, on behalf of myself and my family.</p> <p>We object to the proposal for two reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It would reduce amenity for residents, which in turn has a negative impact on the wider community. 2. It would detract from the character of Neal's Yard – a precious feature of the important Seven Dials Conservation Area. <p>This application seeks to vary the consent given in 2015 which allowed a shop to be turned into what has now become a bar/restaurant. We believe that this new attempt to operate later is not in the spirit in which the initial permission was granted, and that closing at 11.30pm is unacceptably late in this small, echoing, special space. Noise is already caused by people leaving, and from music when the doors open, and from activity when staff clear up after hours. This is bearable at present but would be disturbing any later.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>There was a lot of opposition at the time of the 2015 consent, but you granted permission with the proviso that hours of operation would be restricted to 10.30pm because the yard is so sensitive to noise and has a special character.</p> <p>The decision notice says: “The use of the premises and the operation of the extract duct hereby permitted shall not be carried out outside the following times 08:00 to 22:30 Mondays to Saturdays and 9.30 to 22:00 on Sundays and Bank Holidays. Reason: To safeguard the amenities of the adjoining premises and the area generally in accordance with the requirements of policies...”</p> <p>Nothing has happened since to alter that reasoning, and we ask you to stick to it.</p> <p>Please also note that you imposed a planning condition that noise levels at a point 1 metre external to sensitive facades shall be at least 5dB(A) less than the existing background measurement. However, the premises are often very busy, and this condition is frequently breached as a result. When people open the doors the sound breakout is especially noisy.</p> <p>Neal's Yard used to be a peaceful haven for local residents like us. However, due to the insensitive operation of various commercial premises in the Yard, this has changed markedly in the last 2 years. It is becoming noisier and less pleasant late at night, after 10pm. At times it becomes really unpleasant, with people who have been drinking at these premises shouting loudly as they leave, with litter being jammed into overflowing bins, and people sitting on the floor making noise until very late at night. We ask you to bring all the premises into line and so to restore the character of this special space. Part of this means refusing this application.</p> <p>Neal's Yard simply cannot cope with commercial premises operating as late as they are able to in the more open streets of Covent Garden. The Yard is a small, confined space with tall buildings all around</p>

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					<p>it. Every sound echoes, and noise from licensed premises reduces residential amenity considerably - the more so as the evening progresses and people are trying to sleep.</p> <p>The saddest thing about this sort of commercial expansion is that families are moving out of the immediate area. Another long-term family moved out in January because it was becoming too challenging. They, like many others, have made way for a second home owner who will only be here a few days a month. Others move out only for short term tenants move in. If you want a community in Covent Garden you have to make planning decisions which allow family life to thrive.</p> <p>Please refuse this application, or let me know of any hearing at which it will be considered.</p>
2017/0561/P	G. Khatun	17A Monmouth Street Neal's Yard Seven Dials Covent Garden London	02/03/2017 12:00:03	OBJ	<p>The night time noise as is, is very loud, with frequently being extreme and intolerable. My sleep cycle has been affected severely, and being on medication for diabetes including insulin require a normal cycle of rest. With noise level ever increasing and extending to the night as well as early morning 'large' vehicle deliveries (producing unbelievable amount of vibrations, clanking, and metal bashing noise) and bin collections leave a very short window for taking proper rest at night. It is already like a trap, can't rest early evenings or early mornings.</p> <p>After the day-time hustle and bustle, one should be allowed a break at night!</p>
2017/0561/P	W Uddin	17A Monmouth Street Neal's Yard Seven Dials Covent Garden London	02/03/2017 11:06:28	OBJ	<p>Late opening hours in Neal's Yard should be avoided at all costs to minimise the distress it causes to normal living of the residents in the area.</p> <p>Without disrespect to any of our lovely businesses in the vicinity of the yard, both the noise escaping from the premises, and produced outside from commuting customers gets amplified due to the 'enclosed' nature of the Yard (and the adjacent narrow streets of Seven dials are no different). The behaviour of sound in an enclosed space is very much different, which 'reverberates' due to continuous reflection or scattering of sound. Also, the 'edge diffraction' of sound from the surrounding buildings' various edges results in the curvature of part of the sound waves around the edges of the barriers. This causes the obstacles to scatter the sound waves making it behave like an extra source of sound, which directly hit the upper floors where residents live. The phenomenon gets worse for the residents in the summer with windows more open. Nowadays, with climate change, getting a good night's sleep is impossible without keeping the windows open, hence directly related to health, and not just nuisance! We have three generations living on the upper floors of 17 Monmouth Street, with entrance and the entire east elevation facing the yard. The youngest member of the family, my son is 1 and the eldest, my mum is 77. Both my wife and I are working parents.</p>

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2017/0561/P	Mark Wordsworth	19 Monmouth Street London WC2H 9DD	02/03/2017 17:34:11	OBJ	<p>I own and live in 19A and 19B Monmouth Street with my family. These apartments back onto Neal's Yard as do the bedroom windows.</p> <p>In recent years the level of noise in Neal's Yard has been getting worse and worse as more units are allowed to be converted into bars and restaurants. Neal's Yard is a very small almost totally enclosed small courtyard with very high walls which trap the sound and create large echoes from the reflected noise.</p> <p>The worst perpetrator is the restaurant Homeslice which has an extremely loud sound system and frankly has the same noise levels as a nightclub without any of the sound attenuation that would be compulsory for such an establishment in a residential area. the noise that emanates from this 'restaurant' is absolutely outrageous.</p> <p>We have tried to instal sound damping glass in some of our windows but certain window styles and constructions are not allowed because it is a conservation area. I now have to sleep wearing ear plugs.</p> <p>Anything that increases the opening hours of the establishments in Neal's Yard is an extremely anti-social proposal. Instead of extending the opening hours the Council should be looking at enforcing the licensing regulations as I understand that a number of the establishments are already operating outside their licensed purpose and outside their licensed hours.</p> <p>The responsibility of controlling the sound should not rest with the neighbouring residents trying to take their own measures. Any restaurants and bars operating in Neal's Yard should be made to install acoustic glass in the windows and other sound attenuation measures to keep the sound inside. In addition there should be strict rules enforced as to the level of decibels that any establishment is allowed to emit.</p>
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