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2018/1005/P	Patricia Thomas	7 Hartland Road NW1 8DB London NW1 8DB	03/05/2018 13:37:33	COMMNT	<p>I am commenting on this application as Chair of the 250 or so residents who live in the three roads which make up the Harmood, Clarence, Hartland Residents Association. I have circulated the letter to them in draft and they support the views I am putting forward.</p> <p>These three roads are very close to the Gilgamesh building which occupied this site as a restaurant until the beginning of the year. We have been very conscious of its presence because it has been an extremely noisy venue since it opened in 2006, both in itself and because of late-night revellers coming and going. Although we realise that the planning and licensing regimes are separate, it is relevant that the building has an alcohol licence to 2am Monday to Saturday. Since 2008 Gilgamesh has been a constant cause of complaint. We have been told by Camden Licensing that they had never had so many complaints as they did when there was a party on the Gilgamesh rooftop in February 2015. You will be aware that there was also a Police Review in 2012 following violent incidents.</p> <p>This information is relevant here because of the extreme risk of noise breakout from the events being held there in the evenings. The risk would be higher than it would be for a restaurant. The statement says that there would not be noise breakout because there are no opening windows. While this certainly helps contain the noise, it does not prevent it entirely as a fully glazed elevation will leak noise. Similarly, the Committee will be aware that noise limiters have long been in place in the Camden Market venues but, for a variety of reasons, they fail to stop noise from a determined operator.</p> <p>The Residents Association asks the Committee to attach a s.106 to any consent, requiring the inclusion of noise monitors on the outside of the building which are linked to an amplitude recording device that sends a signal to Camden Environmental Health if the noise level rises above a level pre-determined by Camden. The building owner could be asked to agree that, if the number of noise transgressions exceeds a given number (3?), he should be asked to replace the glazed facade with a higher level of sound proofing.</p> <p>There also needs to be a condition that there is no queueing outside the building and that there are always staff members on hand to control the queue.</p> <p>The application seeks planning permission to use the building in a variety of ways. We have no objection to rooms being used as offices but this would obviously carry implications for the licensing of the building. Switching between restaurant and event space is clearly intended to maximise income and, while we have no objection to that, we do not want this freedom to be at the expense of the peaceful enjoyment of our homes.</p> <p>Incidentally, the application claims that the writer has had discussions with neighbours. Certainly there have been no discussions with ourselves, nor I understand with the residents of Oval Road who are even more affected than ourselves. Nobody is yet in residence in the new Hawley Wharf developments, so it is difficult to understand who the relevant neighbours can be.</p>

We ask the Planning Committee to take note that this building has caused huge difficulties

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to its neighbours in the past. When planning permission was first given, Camden was naturally unaware of the problems that would arise. These problems are now all too apparent, and we urge the Committee to take full note of them when arriving at a decision.

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