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**To:** Planning [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Planning application 2018/1970/P, 52 Lamb's Conduit Street London WC1N 3LL

Dear Planners

We appreciate that this objection is slightly late, but trust that it can be included as appropriate. Our delay was as a result of our meeting timetable which meant that we could not discuss the application before our committee meeting last night.

Yours

Michael Pountney

The RHRA asked Camden Council to investigate the way La Fromagerie was trading very soon after the premises were opened in April 2017. We were concerned that the premises were being operated as if they had A3 Restaurant permission when in fact they had A1 retail permission.

An investigation was launched – (EN17/0990) – with Cilpa Beechook as the officer in charge and we assume that the current retrospective application is the outcome of the investigation. We welcomed this as it is essential for the implementation of Camden's plan for Lamb's Conduit St that all traders should have appropriate planning status.

However, we are objecting to the application itself because the premises are causing neighbours considerable nuisance. These are the main problems:

- 1) noise from the basement area. This comes up through the well at the rear of the premises, and affects all the residential premises surrounding the well. There is no sound-proofing to mask the noise and it constitutes a persistent nuisance to neighbours.
- 2) There is no extract flue from the restaurant so that if this application were to be granted without appropriate conditions, neighbours would be exposed to persistent cooking smells

Right from the start, the proprietors of La Fromagerie have shown that they are ready to disregard the Council's planning regulations, by trading as if they had A3 permission. We urge you to refuse this application until all necessary provisions are made to deal with the very real nuisance the premises are causing.

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Michael Pountney  
Chair, Rugby & Harpur Residents Association

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*For people living in the Lamb's Conduit Street, Great Ormond Street, Rugby Street, Orde Hall Street, Dombey Street and Great James Street part of Holborn*