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Dear Sir,

I am writing to object to the application 2020/1133/P, Basement and Ground Floor 68A Neal Street London WC2H 9PA.

The event 'Alcotraz' has already been running for months and causing enormous nuisance on Neal St. It is billed as a 'theatrical experience' but is, in effect, an illegal bar with patrons being encouraged to smuggle in alcohol. Up to 50 people congregate on the street then make their way into the premises, returning periodically through the evening to smoke, all of which creates an unacceptable amount of street noise.

The event has been taking place in the centre of a largely residential mixed-use block, directly adjacent to many people's homes on all sides. Unbelievably, access to the event is via the entry door of a residential building, bringing the noisy crowd directly through the common parts of the building. The entire proposition is absurd, creating disproportionate levels of disturbance for long-term residents all around.

Neal St. is a narrow, high, empty, cobbled street, so sound travels without obstacle, particularly when shops have closed. Being largely pedestrianised, there is no background traffic noise to mask intrusive noise which exacerbates the problem enormously.

Everything about this proposal is completely inappropriate for this street, creating unacceptable disturbance to residents from crowd noise & from the intrusion of smoking. This isn't mere supposition - having been subjected illegally to 'Alcotraz' events for some time now, we know this to be true in practice.

For the sake of the quality of life for the many long-term residents whose lives will be adversely affected by this, I urge you to reject this application entirely.

Best regards,

W. Williams
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