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FAO: Lauren Hazelton (Case Officer)

My name is Matt Rymer and i have previously objected to the proposed outdoor plan of Space House.

It seems now that there are even more benches as the plans show that four will be situated directly across from my bedroom window.

I have already explained my reasons for objecting but please allow me to lay this out again.

Great Queen St has at least 4 x pubs, 1 x large nightclub (SWAY), 1 x Strip club (Red Rooms) and also many restaurants. There is also another nightclub underneath the Theatre in Drury Lane that is very close by.

Before SWAY opens their doors, you can observe sometimes as much as three different groups of 8-10 people gathering in Wild St. They lean/sit on the low stone wall that runs alongside The Grand Masonic Lodge and there they get out bottles of Vodka, mixers and consume until finished. They then at a later time make their way over to SWAY and i have witnessed this almost every weekend. They also leave their glass bottles all along the stone wall which end up being smashed over the pavement by other people that walk past at a later time.

I would have thought that this would have been an obvious question but, do you not think that these benches will attract these groups?

Throughout the entire night at different periods of time, drunk people from the many pubs and bars all seem to be drawn into Wild St where they loiter, urinate and shout loudly. They sometimes hang around for up to an hour while they shout, joke and laugh.

The worst part of the night is when SWAY closes as then many people who unfortunately use Wild St to park their cars, then hang out for ages having loud conversations, smoking and playing music from their cars before eventually driving off.

Again, these by allowing these benches to be placed at night you are simply encouraging this behaviour to continue for even longer.

I have worked in the nightclub industry for 25 years and i know from experience that there is no way that one solitary security guard is ever going to attempt to confront these people and ask them to either quieten down or move on.

In my experience of walking passed buildings late at night, the security guards that are usually situated at the reception, are most often either sleeping or staring at their phone screens.

To allow these benches to be set up along a residential street at nighttime shows either a huge lack of understanding of what occurs at night in an area full of pubs, restaurants and clubs, or a total lack of care/consideration for the residents (many whom have children).

One more thing to add that i forgot to include in my last objection was the amount of times that groups of young males gather around the ramp (across from the City Lit entrance) and use it to perform skateboard stunts. In recent years with the explosion of social media apps like TIK TOK, they now bring along camera crews which can take up to 1 to 2 hours before they get the footage they need. This has happened as late as 1.30 am and trying to sleep is impossible as the noise of the skateboards landing on the pavement from the ramp is extremely noisy.

Again, at this time of night, these seats will do nothing but accommodate this activity and i wont even bother to go into general anti-social behaviour and drug taking which i have frequently witnessed.

It is for all these reasons that i continue to object to this planning proposal.

If these seating areas are allowed to go ahead, then i would have thought that a condition making Space House to take the benches away at a certain time of night such as 10 pm would have been an essential requirement.

Yours Sincerely  
Matt Rymer