



I would like to object to the planning application No 2021/1927/P for the opening of a new live venue with alcohol licensing from 10 am into midnight Mon to Friday until 0.30 on Saturday and eleven on Sundays.

The property is The Garden Cinema, Page House.39_41 Parker Street WC2B 5PQ and it is situated on the corner of Parker Street and Newton Street. Both these streets are primarily residential streets and are already severely impacted by the relentless encroachment of the leisure and nighttime industries into this traditionally residential area with many homes being directly at street level. Any additional footfall into the area will add to the problems of noise, antisocial behaviour, including urination, particularly when alcohol is involved. The long opening hours from morning to night suggest that this will be a batt with alcohol sales not tied to performance times of the proposed live theatre and comedy events. This appears to be in effect opening a drinking venue under the guise of a live performance venue. We have not yet experienced the impact of the cinema footfall on the street and the two combined will have a significant deleterious effect on the quality of life and well being of residents. There is a school adjacent to the venue and the potentially undesirable effect of an all alcohol selling establishment so nearby should be considered.

In addition, a very large outdoor roof garden has been constructed. Unfortunately as usual local residents were not made aware of this proposal. It is directly opposite people's homes, their living room and kitchen windows which are quite large and not double glazed, and it is surrounded by a clear glass barrier which does not appear to be above head height. There are severe implications for serious noise disturbance, light pollution directly into people's windows and complete lack of privacy for residents. If this proposal goes ahead with two hundred people at a time potentially accessing this terrace all day long until midnight, smoking and drinking, with no restrictions or proper sound proof privacy barriers this will make life intolerable for many residents.

The impact on surrounding residential properties is going to be severe and many of the residents are social housing residents who do not really have much choice about where they live and cannot just sell up and move away. People do not realise how much residential housing exists in Covent Garden nor how much of it is family social housing or how many older residents there are in this area.

I hope these concerns will be fully taken on board when considering this matter.

I would also like to point out that residents were only made aware by a fellow resident today and that using the link provided or accessing via the Internet was not working today. Ie no one today at least has been able to object on line.

Amsterdam has decided to ban ALL new tourist developments, hotels, bars, tourist shops, coffee shops etc in Central Amsterdam to protect the local community. Just a thought..... 🤔

Many thanks

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