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2022/3815/PVL	Covent Garden Community Association (Elizabeth Bax, Chair of Planning Subcommittee)	12/09/2022 22:52:52	OBJNOT	<p>Covent Garden Community Association objects to this application to place 10 tables and 20 chairs on the street, together with barriers.</p> <p>(Please note that the description is incorrect as it only mentions 12 of the 20 chairs)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>The main issues caused by this premises continue to be noise and obstruction.</p> <p>Please see our letter dated 30/09/21 in response to application ref. 2021-4674-TC, which outlines the problems along with photographs.</p> <p>These problems have continued for the past year and we ask that you do not approve this unsatisfactory situation for yet another year.</p> <p>In summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. These premises are in the heart of a densely residential area. People attending a drink-led venue like Escapologist, with the best will in the World, can't help but cause a high level of noise, which rises and is amplified so as to enter the windows of all the flats opposite, above and nearby. The noise of putting tables and chairs away inside is even louder and should not take place late.</li> <li>2. Local businesses no longer have a need to take over the street to recover after the pandemic. The area is now far busier than it was before Covid-19. However, residents do need their basic needs met in a way that has been neglected for several years now. This means a need for quieter streets and space to park and have deliveries made, rather than the space being used for commercial activity during every waking hour.</li> <li>3. The barriers are very thick and heavy. We understand from the police that this is for protection. This means that the area that is occupied goes well beyond the parking bays marked on the street. The barriers therefore obstruct the centre of the street. Yet many deliveries need to take place to premises opposite - including the Cambridge Theatre, the events space at 40 Earham Street, Seven Dials Club at 42 Earham Street and Red Bull at 44 Earham Street. When their delivery vans draw up they have a choice: to stop and block the traffic or to park illegally on the pavement and prevent safe pedestrian passage. The pavements are constantly impassable.</li> </ol> <p>We therefore ask you to refuse this application.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Were you minded to grant any outside furniture despite the needs of local people, then we would ask that they be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One row of 4 tables and 8 chairs so that the furniture and barriers all sit well within the parking bay lines.</li> <li>- 9pm at night, particularly on school nights Sunday to Thursday.</li> </ul>

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2022/3815/PVL	MARTIN VANDER WEYER	12/09/2022 19:38:57	OBJ	I live in the first floor flat directly opposite the Escapologist. This proposal is certain to increase noise, nuisance and alcohol-fuelled behaviour in Earham St in mid- to late evening. The Escapologist is essentially an intimate basement cocktail bar whose ambience (unlike local bistro restaurants) cannot transfer to the pavement. More likely, smokers will sit outside and leavers will linger noisily until late. This is an inappropriate proposal for the street and an infringement on the wellbeing and amenity of residents.
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