



**Report of: Service Director - Public Protection**

Meeting of	Date	Agenda Item	Ward(s)
Licensing Sub-Committee	13 August 2012	Bi	Clerkenwell

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**Subject: PREMISES LICENCE VARIATION APPLICATION**

**RE: Sports bar & Grill, Unit E, Cowcross Place, Cowcross Street, EC1M 5DH**

## 1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This is an application for the variation of a premise licence under the Licensing Act 2003.
- 1.2 The variation application is to:
  - i) Vary condition 3 (Annex 3) so as to permit use of the outside area until 23:00 and to vary condition 5 as a consequence, which requires doors and windows to be closed after 21:00 every day.
- 1.3 The premises licence currently requires the outside seating area to be cleared, closed and rendered unusable by 21:00 every day and prohibits patrons from taking food or drink outside of the premises after 21:00.
- 1.4 This application is subject to 24 representations, predominantly from local residents.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To determine the application for a variation of the premises licence under Section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003.
- 2.2 If the Committee grants the application it should be subject to:
  - i. conditions of the current premises licence;

- ii. conditions prepared by the Licensing Officer which are consistent with the Operating Schedule (See appendix 3);
- iii. conditions recommended by Responsible Authorities (see appendix 3 );
- iv. any conditions deemed necessary by the Committee to promote the four licensing objectives.

### 3. Background

3.1 The premises currently holds a licence to:

- i) Provide regulated entertainment (exhibition of films, indoor sports, live music, recorded music, performance of dance, facilities for making music and facilities for dancing) and sale alcohol between 10:00 and 23:00, Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays, 10:00 and 00:00, Fridays, and 1200 to 22:30, Sundays.
- ii) Provide late night refreshment to 00:00 on Fridays.

3.2 Papers are attached as follows:-

Appendix 1: application form; current licence and management schedule for noise reduction

Appendix 2a: name & address details of those persons making representations;

Appendix 2: representations;

Appendix 3: suggested conditions and map of premise location.

3.3 The Licensing Authority has received 24 letters of representation, 2 of which are from people who requested that they remain anonymous.

3.4 The current hours licence hours were granted by the Licensing Sub-Committee on 12 September 2005 as a result of a contested variation application when the premises was known as The Hogs Head. This variation application was subject to objections from 37 residents and 2 local businesses. The then applicants contested the imposition of a condition requiring the provision of door supervisors all year round and the matter was resolved by way of consent order on appeal and the current conditions have remained in place since this time.

3.5 A copy of the management plan referred to in condition 6, annex 3, is attached as appendix 1.

3.6 In December 2006 the premises became known as the Slug and Lettuce. In April 2011 the premises changed name again and became known as "Sports Bar and Grill" and at the same time the licence was transferred to the current operators, "Sports Bar and Grill Farringdon Limited". At the time of this change of ownership a number of residents contacted the Licensing Team raising concerns that the premises would operate as a late bar until early hours of the morning. The owners confirmed they had no intention of changing the permitted hours. Since this time the Licensing Team has received no complaints concerning the operation of this premises.

### 4 Licensing Policy Implications

4.1 The Sports Bar and Grill is located in the Clerkenwell Cumulative Impact Area as defined in the Licensing Policy 2011 -14. Licensing Policy 27 states:

*"The Licensing Authority has adopted a special policy relating to cumulative impact in relation to the south Clerkenwell Area. This special policy creates a rebuttable presumption that applications for new premises licences, club premises certificates, or variation applications that are likely to add to the existing cumulative impact will normally be refused, unless the applicant*

can demonstrate why the operation of the premises involved will not add to the cumulative impact”.

4.2 This means that the Committee will need to decide if this application is likely to add to the existing cumulative impact. This restrictive policy is not absolute but the committee will need to consider the application on its own merits and consider whether it is justified in departing from the cumulative impact policy. The committee should take into account the potential impact of extending outside drinking until 23.00 hours in a premises immediately surrounded by a significant number of residential properties as described in the written representations, as well as any control measures offered in the operating schedule, when considering whether to depart from the policy and grant the application.

4.3 The Committee is advised to consider the control measures in the Operating Schedule in section P of the application form and to consider whether these additional measures are sufficient to prevent any cumulative impact

4.4 The Committee should also take account of Licensing Policy 20 Smoking Drinking and eating Outside and Licensing Policy 23 Location, Cumulative Impact and Saturation

#### 4. Planning Implications

4.1 The Planning Department have been asked by the Licensing Team whether the use of the decking installed outside the premises complies with the appropriate laws and the matter is currently under investigation.

#### 5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

5.1 The Council is required to consider this application in the light of all relevant information, and if approval is given, it may attach such conditions necessary to promote the licensing objectives.

#### Background papers:

The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy  
Licensing Act 2003  
Secretary of States Guidance

Final Report Clearance

Signed by

  
Service Director - Public Protection

Date 3/7/12

Received by

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Date

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Application to vary a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form.  
If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.  
You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I/We Sports Bar and Grill Farringdon Ltd

(Insert name(s) of applicant)

being the premises licence holder, apply to vary a premises licence under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below

<b>Premises licence number</b> LN/4307-200411
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Part 1 – Premises Details

<b>Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description</b> Sports Bar & Grill Unit E Cowcross Place Cowcross Street Smithfields			
<b>Post town</b>	London	<b>Post code</b>	EC1M 5DH

Telephone number at premises (if any)	020 7251 3813
Non-domestic rateable value of premises	£84,000

Part 2 – Applicant details

<b>Daytime contact telephone number</b>	
<b>E-mail address (optional)</b>	
<b>Current postal address if different from premises address</b>	
<b>Post Town</b>	<b>Postcode</b>

<b>ISLINGTON COUNCIL LICENSING</b>			
Date	26/6/12	Fee Paid	450.00
Cash/Cheque Number (please circle)	000635		
Receipt Number	0681531		
Payed by	ACI		

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**Part 3 - Variation**

Please tick yes

Do you want the proposed variation to have effect as soon as possible?

If not do you want the variation to take effect from

Day		Month		Year	

**Please describe briefly the nature of the proposed variation (Please see guidance note 1)**

To vary condition 3 (Annex 3) so as to permit use of the outside area until 23:00 and to vary condition 5 as a consequence

If your proposed variation would mean that 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend

**Part 4 Operating Schedule**

Please complete those parts of the Operating Schedule below which would be subject to change if this application to vary is successful.

**Provision of regulated entertainment**

**Please tick yes**

- a) plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A)
- b) films (if ticking yes, fill in box B)
- c) indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C)
- d) boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D)
- e) live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E)
- f) recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F)
- g) performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G)
- h) anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (if ticking yes, fill in box H)

**Provision of entertainment facilities:**

- i) making music (if ticking yes, fill in box I)
- j) dancing (if ticking yes, fill in box J)
- k) entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (i) or (j) (if ticking yes, fill in box K)

**Provision of late night refreshment** (if ticking yes, fill in box L)

**Sale by retail of alcohol** (if ticking yes, fill in box M)

**In all cases complete boxes N, O and P**

**A**

<b>Plays</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the performance of a play take place indoors                  or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors <input type="checkbox"/>		
				Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/>		
				Both <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Day</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)			
Mon						
Tue						
Wed					<b>State any seasonal variations for performing plays</b> (please read guidance note 4)	
Thur						
Fri					<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the                  performance of plays at different times to those listed in the column on                  the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)	
Sat						
Sun						

**B**

<b>Films</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the exhibition of films take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Day</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon					
Tue			<b>State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of films</b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Wed					
Thur			<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the exhibition of films at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
Sat					
Sun					



C

Indoor sporting events Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<u>Please give further details</u> (please read guidance note 3)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon			
Tue			<u>State any seasonal variations for indoor sporting events</u> (please read guidance note 4)
Wed			
Thur			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for indoor sporting events at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 5)
Fri			
Sat			
Sun			

**D**

<b>Boxing or wrestling entertainments</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon					
Tue			<b>State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling entertainment</b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Wed					
Thur			<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for boxing or wrestling entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
Sat					
Sun					

E

<b>Live music</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors <input type="checkbox"/>		
				Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/>		
				Both <input type="checkbox"/>		
Day	Start	Finish	<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)			
Mon						
Tue						
Wed					<b>State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music</b> (please read guidance note 4)	
Thur						
Fri					<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of live music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)	
Sat						
Sun						

**F**

<b>Recorded music</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors <input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/>
				Both <input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)	
Mon				
Tue			<b>State any seasonal variations for the playing of recorded music</b> (please read guidance note 4)	
Wed				
Thur			<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the playing of recorded music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)	
Fri				
Sat				
Sun				

**G**

<b>Performances of dance</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>			
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>			
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Day	Start	Finish	<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)					
Mon								
Tue								
Wed						<b>State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance</b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Thur								
Fri								
Sat						<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of dance at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Sun								

**H**

<p><b>Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)</p>			<p><b><u>Please give a description of the type of entertainment you will be providing</u></b></p>		
Day	Start	Finish	<p><b><u>Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u></b> (please read guidance note 2)</p>	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue			<p><b><u>Please give further details here</u></b> (please read guidance note 3)</p>		
Wed					
Thur			<p><b><u>State any seasonal variations for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)</u></b> (please read guidance note 4)</p>		
Fri					
Sat			<p><b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 5)</p>		
Sun					

<b>Provision of facilities for making music</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b><u>Please give a description of the facilities for making music you will be providing</u></b>	
			<b><u>Will the facilities for making music be indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u></b> (please read guidance note 2)	
Day	Start	Finish	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon			<b><u>Please give further details here</u></b> (please read guidance note 3)	
Tue				
Wed			<b><u>State any seasonal variations for the provision of facilities for making music</u></b> (please read guidance note 4)	
Thur				
Fri			<b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for provision of facilities for making music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 5)	
Sat				
Sun				

J

<b>Provision of facilities for dancing</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the facilities for dancing be indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (see guidance note 2)	Indoors <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoors <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<b>Please give a description of the facilities for dancing you will be providing</b>	
Mon			<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)	
Tue				
Wed			<b>State any seasonal variations for providing dancing facilities</b> (please read guidance note 4)	
Thur				
Fri			<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of facilities for dancing at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)	
Sat				
Sun				



**K**

<b>Provision of facilities for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within i or j</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b><u>Please give a description of the type of entertainment facility you will be providing</u></b>		
Day	Start	Finish	<b><u>Will the entertainment facility be indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u></b> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue			<b><u>Please give further details here</u></b> (please read guidance note 3)		
Wed					
Thur					
Fri			<b><u>State any seasonal variations for the provision of facilities for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within i or j</u></b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Sat					
Sun					
			<b><u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of facilities for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within i or j at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u></b> (please read guidance note 5)		

L

<b>Late night refreshment</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</b> (please read guidance note 2)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<b>Please give further details here</b> (please read guidance note 3)		
Mon					
Tue			<b>State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment</b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Wed					
Thur			<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of late night refreshment at different times, to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
Sat					
Sun					

**M**

<b>Supply of alcohol</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption</b> (Please tick box) (please read guidance note 7)	On the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Off the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<b>State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol</b> (please read guidance note 4)		
Mon					
Tue					
Wed					
Thur			<b>Non-standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
Sat					
Sun					

**N**

Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (please read guidance note 8)

O

<b>Hours premises are open to the public</b> Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 6)			<b>State any seasonal variations</b> (please read guidance note 4) no change
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	no	change	
Tue	_"_	_"_	
Wed	_"_	_"_	
Thur	_"_	_"_	
Fri	_"_	_"_	
Sat	_"_	_"_	
Sun	_"_	_"_	<b>Non standard timings. Where you intend the premises to be open to the public at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list</b> (please read guidance note 5) no change

Please identify those conditions currently imposed on the licence which you believe could be removed as a consequence of the proposed variation you are seeking

Condition 3 (Annex 3) to be amended

Please tick yes

- I have enclosed the premises licence
- I have enclosed the relevant part of the premises licence

If you have not ticked one of these boxes please fill in reasons for not including the licence, or part of it, below

Reasons why I have failed to enclose the premises licence or relevant part of premises licence
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**P** Describe any additional steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives as a result of the proposed variation:

**a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e) (please read guidance note 9)**

Amended condition 3: The outside seating areas shall be cleared, closed and rendered unusable by 23:00 every day and patrons shall not be permitted to take food or drinks outside of the premises after 23:00. The applicant shall provide ropes and posts to cordon off the curtilage of the premises to ensure that the residents of City Pavilion, Zinc House and any other residence have unimpeded access to the entrance of their properties and notices shall be displayed on the premises to that effect.

Amended condition 5: Doors and windows to the premises shall be closed after 23:00 hours except for access and egress.

**b) The prevention of crime and disorder**

See a) above  
The conditions on the licence address the licensing objectives

**c) Public safety**

See a) above  
The conditions on the licence address the licensing objectives

**d) The prevention of public nuisance**

See a) above  
The conditions on the licence address the licensing objectives

**e) The protection of children from harm**

See a) above

The conditions on the licence address the licensing objectives

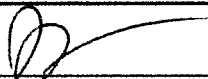
**Please tick yes**

- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee
- I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable
- I understand that I must now advertise my application
- I have enclosed the premises licence or relevant part of it or explanation
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected

**IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION**

**Part 5 – Signatures** (please read guidance note 10)

**Signature of applicant (the current premises licence holder) or applicant’s solicitor or other duly authorised agent** (please read guidance note 11). If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

Signature	
Date	22 June 2012
Capacity	Thomas & Thomas Partners LLP - Solicitors on behalf of the Applicant

**Where the premises licence is jointly held signature of 2nd applicant (the current premises licence holder) or 2nd applicant’s solicitor or other authorised agent** (please read guidance note 12). If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.

Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

## Notes for Guidance

**This application cannot be used to vary the licence so as to extend the period for which the licence has effect or to vary substantially the premises to which it relates. If you wish to make that type of change to the premises licence you should make a new premises licence application under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003.**

1. Describe the premises. For example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off-supplies you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.
2. Where taking place in a building or other structure please tick as appropriate. Indoors may include a tent.
3. For example state type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.
4. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.
5. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.
6. Please give timings in 24 hour clock (e.g. 16:00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.
7. If you wish people to be able to consume alcohol on the premises please tick on, if you wish people to be able to purchase alcohol to consume away from the premises please tick off. If you wish people to be able to do both please tick both.
8. Please give information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups, the presence of gaming machines.
9. Please list here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.
10. The application form must be signed.
11. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
12. Where there is more than one applicant, both applicants or their respective agents must sign the application form.
13. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.



**PREMISES LICENCE  
LICENSING ACT 2003**

<b>Premises licence number</b>		LN/4307-200411	
<b>Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description</b>			
<p><b>UNIT E COWCROSS PLACE COWCROSS STREET SMITHFIELDS</b></p>			
<b>Post town</b>	LONDON	<b>Post code</b>	EC1M 6DH
<b>Telephone number</b>	020 7251 3813		

<b>Where the licence is time limited the dates</b>
Not Applicable

<p><b>Licensable activities authorised by the licence</b></p> <p><b>Ground Floor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The provision of regulated entertainment by way of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The exhibition of films</li> <li>Indoor sporting events</li> <li>The performance of live music</li> <li>The playing of recorded music</li> <li>The performance of dance</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The provision of entertainment facilities for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Making music</li> <li>Dancing</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The provision of late night refreshment</li> <li>• The sale by retail of alcohol</li> </ul>
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<p><b>The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The provision of regulated entertainment for the exhibition of films: <table style="margin-left: 20px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Monday</td> <td>10.00</td> <td>to</td> <td>23.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday</td> <td>10.00</td> <td>to</td> <td>23.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday</td> <td>10.00</td> <td>to</td> <td>23.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday</td> <td>10.00</td> <td>to</td> <td>23.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday</td> <td>10.00</td> <td>to</td> <td>00.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday</td> <td>10.00</td> <td>to</td> <td>23.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunday</td> <td>12.00</td> <td>to</td> <td>22.30</td> </tr> </table> </li> </ul>	Monday	10.00	to	23.00	Tuesday	10.00	to	23.00	Wednesday	10.00	to	23.00	Thursday	10.00	to	23.00	Friday	10.00	to	00.00	Saturday	10.00	to	23.00	Sunday	12.00	to	22.30
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Saturday	10.00	to	23.00																									
Sunday	12.00	to	22.30																									



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- The provision of regulated entertainment for indoor sporting events:

Monday	10.00	to	23.00
Tuesday	10.00	to	23.00
Wednesday	10.00	to	23.00
Thursday	10.00	to	23.00
Friday	10.00	to	00.00
Saturday	10.00	to	23.00
Sunday	12.00	to	22.30

- The provision of regulated entertainment for the performance of live music:

Monday	10.00	to	23.00
Tuesday	10.00	to	23.00
Wednesday	10.00	to	23.00
Thursday	10.00	to	23.00
Friday	10.00	to	00.00
Saturday	10.00	to	23.00
Sunday	12.00	to	22.30

- The provision of regulated entertainment for the playing of recorded music:

Monday	10.00	to	23.00
Tuesday	10.00	to	23.00
Wednesday	10.00	to	23.00
Thursday	10.00	to	23.00
Friday	10.00	to	00.00
Saturday	10.00	to	23.00
Sunday	12.00	to	22.30

- The provision of regulated entertainment for the performance of dance:

Monday	10.00	to	23.00
Tuesday	10.00	to	23.00
Wednesday	10.00	to	23.00
Thursday	10.00	to	23.00
Friday	10.00	to	00.00
Saturday	10.00	to	23.00
Sunday	12.00	to	22.30

- The provision of entertainment facilities for making music:

Monday	10.00	to	23.00
Tuesday	10.00	to	23.00
Wednesday	10.00	to	23.00
Thursday	10.00	to	23.00
Friday	10.00	to	00.00
Saturday	10.00	to	23.00
Sunday	12.00	to	22.30

- The provision of entertainment facilities for dancing:

Monday	10.00	to	23.00
Tuesday	10.00	to	23.00
Wednesday	10.00	to	23.00
Thursday	10.00	to	23.00
Friday	10.00	to	00.00
Saturday	10.00	to	23.00
Sunday	12.00	to	22.30

- The provision of late night refreshment:

Friday	23.00	to	00.00
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- The sale by retail of alcohol:

Monday	10.00	to	23.00
Tuesday	10.00	to	23.00
Wednesday	10.00	to	23.00
Thursday	10.00	to	23.00
Friday	10.00	to	00.00
Saturday	10.00	to	23.00
Sunday	12.00	to	22.30

Non standard timings:

The sale of alcohol and provision of regulated entertainment is permitted to 00.30 on Fridays on Bank Holiday Weekends, Christmas Eve and Boxing Day.

On New Year's Eve the sale of alcohol and provision of regulated entertainment is permitted to the start of permitted hours New Year's Day.

**The opening hours of the premises:**

Monday	10.00	to	23.30	
Tuesday	10.00	to	23.30	
Wednesday	10.00	to	23.30	
Thursday	10.00	to	23.30	
Friday	10.00	to	00.30	the following day
Saturday	10.00	to	23.30	
Sunday	12.00	to	23.00	

**Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/or off supplies**

On and off supplies

**Name, (registered) address, telephone number and e-mail (where relevant) of holder of premises licence**

Sports Bar and Grill Farringdon Ltd  
 Flat 201 The Listed Building  
 350 The Highway  
 London  
 E1W 3HU

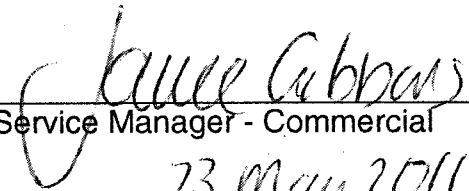
**Registered number of holder, for example company number, charity number  
(where applicable)**  
07443429

**Name, address and telephone number of designated premises supervisor where  
the premises licence authorises the supply of alcohol**  
David Evans

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**Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by  
designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises the  
supply of alcohol**  
9733 Tower Hamlets Borough Council

Islington Council  
Public Protection Division  
222 Upper Street  
London  
N1 1XR  
Tel: 020 7527 3031  
Email: [licensing@islington.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@islington.gov.uk)

  
Service Manager - Commercial  
23 May 2011  
Date of Issue

## **Annex 1 - Mandatory conditions**

1. No supply of alcohol may be made under the premises licence:
  - a) at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence, or
  - b) at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.
2. Every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.
3. All door supervisors shall be licensed by the Security Industry Authority.
4. The admission of children to the exhibition of a film shall be restricted in accordance with the recommendation of a film classification body as defined in the Video Recordings Act 1984 or Islington Council acting as the licensing authority where it has given notice in section 20(3) of the Licensing Act 2003.
5. The responsible person shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any "irresponsible promotions" in relation to the premises.

In this condition, an "irresponsible promotion" means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises in a manner which carries a significant risk of leading or contributing to crime and disorder, prejudice to public safety, public nuisance, or harm to children:

- a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to:
  - i) drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or
  - ii) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);
- b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic (other than any promotion or discount available to an individual in respect of alcohol for consumption at a table meal, as defined in section 159 of the Act);
- c) provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less;
- d) provision of free or discounted alcohol in relation to the viewing on the premises of a sporting event, where that provision is dependent on:
  - i) the outcome of a race, competition or other event or process, or
  - ii) the likelihood of anything occurring or not occurring;
- e) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner.

6. The responsible person shall ensure that no alcohol is dispensed directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of a disability).
7. The responsible person shall ensure that free tap water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.
8. The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder shall ensure that an age verification policy applies to the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.

The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and a holographic mark.

9. The responsible person shall ensure that:
  - a) where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures:
    - i) beer or cider: ½ pint;
    - ii) gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25 ml or 35 ml; and
    - iii) still wine in a glass: 125 ml; and
1. customers are made aware of the availability of these measures

## **Annex 2 - Conditions consistent with the Operating Schedule**

1. Unless otherwise specified on this licence no regulated entertainment shall take place at the premises with the exception of pre-booked private events limited to the provision of music and dancing for pre-invited guests.
2. This licence is subject to such further conditions as are consistent with any restrictions imposed on the use of the premises for the existing licensable activities under the licence by virtue of the enactments hereinafter set out:
 

Children and Young Persons Act 1933  
 Cinematograph (Safety) Regulations 1955  
 Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol Etc) Act 1985
3. No customers apparently carrying open bottles upon entry shall be admitted to the premises at any times the premises are open to the public.
4. Where CCTV is installed with recording facilities such recordings shall be retained for a period of 30 days and made available within a reasonable time upon request by the police.
5. Alcoholic and other drinks may not be removed from the premises in open containers save for consumption in any external area provided for that purpose.
6. The reasonable requirements of the fire officer shall be complied with.
7. The reasonable requirements of the building control officer shall be complied with.

8. Prominent, clear and legible notices shall be displayed at all exits requesting that the public respect the needs of local residents and to leave the premises and area quietly.
9. Persons under the age of 18 shall not be permitted to enter the premises after 22.00.

### **Annex 3 - Conditions attached after a hearing by the licensing authority**

1. The licensee shall appoint a noise consultant registered with the Institute of Acoustics or Association of Noise Consultants to prepare a scheme of sound insulation and noise control measures, which may include the installation of a noise limiting device, to prevent persons in the neighbourhood from being unreasonably disturbed by noise of music from the premises. The scheme shall be submitted for approval by the Council, and the approved scheme fully implemented to the satisfaction of the Council and the licensee notified in writing accordingly, prior to the premises being used for music and dancing.
2. Bottling out from the premises between 22.00 hours and 07.00 hours on any day of the week is prohibited.
3. The outside seating areas shall be cleared, closed and rendered unusable by 21:00 every day and patrons shall not be permitted to take food or drinks outside of the premises after 21.00. The applicant shall provide ropes and posts to cordon off the curtilage of the premises to ensure that the residents of City Pavillion, Zinc House and any other residence have unimpeded access to the entrance of their properties and notices shall be displayed on the premises to that effect.
4. The licensee shall employ a dedicated cab company and devise a system for collection of customers that will minimise disturbance to local residents.
5. Doors and windows to the premises will be kept closed after 21.00 everyday.
6. From 15<sup>th</sup> May to 15<sup>th</sup> September annually at least one SIA registered door supervisor will be employed at the premises on a Friday evening from 21:00 until 30 minutes after closing and will be tasked with minimising patron noise outside the premises ensuring that external areas are operated in accordance with the management plan in force at these premises.
7. Signage inside the premises shall be displayed asking patrons to leave in a considerate manner and to remind patrons to use the toilet facilities prior to leaving the premises.
8. The phone number of a responsible manager shall be advertised at the entrance and they shall be contactable during the hours of operation and one hour after the closing time.
9. The premises shall operate at all times in accordance with a management plan, a copy of which shall be produced upon request by the licensing authority, a responsible authority or interested party.

### **Annex 4 – Plans**

Reference Number: 5232-04-201 03/03/05

## Management Schedule for Noise reduction at Hogshead Cowcross

### Street

As required by condition 6, annex 3 of PREMISES Licence.

#### Issues to Address

- Eliminating bottling down noise at period likely to disturb nearby residents
- Maintaining unrestricted access to nearby residential entrances
- Effective management of external areas
- Reducing noise breakout due to windows and doors being left open
- Minimising bottles and glasses in external areas
- Reducing and clearing litter around the premises including the alley and near residents access point

#### Management Plan to Address Issues as Identified.

1. All external doors to remain closed except for access and egress from 21:00. Duty manager to assign employees responsible to check and ensure doors remain closed for each shift beyond 21:00.
2. Bottles and glass not to be placed in external storage areas after 22:00 or before 09.00. Sufficient internal bottle storage to be provided.
3. All external outdoor patio furniture to be removed or disabled from use from 21:00
4. Patio sectioned with post and rope or similar barriers for use by customers only.
5. Preferred taxi company notices displayed within the premises. Preferred taxi firms to be given a ring back number. Staff trained on procedure for calling taxis, taking customer details and instructions to taxi drivers, including pick ups outside pizza express, ring backs or coming in to collect fares.
6. A contact number for the shift manager to be provided to resident groups for use in the event of noise disturbance. This telephone will be answered during, and up to one hour after the last customer leaves the premises (normally this will be 90 minutes after the terminal hour for the sale of alcohol) and complaints or enquiries to be dealt with upon receipt. A register of complaint and action taken to be maintained on the premises, and staff training to be provided.
7. Where disturbance is reported and the source is not the Hogshead this finding will be communicated to the person who made the complaint and details will be recorded in the complaint book.
8. Notices adjoining exits and in outdoor areas requesting patrons to respect the interests of nearby residents and minimise noise where possible
9. One employee shall be nominated to ensure that all team members receive appropriate training on the procedures connected to the external areas, including procedures relating to noise, patron management, complaints,



clearing and litter management. This employee shall ensure these procedures are followed, and are updated if the need arises. The Hogshead will confirm the name/identity of this person to security staff at City Pavilion and advise if staff changes are made whenever possible

10. Front doors to be fitted with an automatic closing system.
11. One dedicated glass and litter collector to be employed on busy evenings from 19:00. Glass and litter collections to occur at regular intervals depending on the time of year, customer numbers and other variable factors. The aim shall be clearance of litter at least once per 60 minutes, and glass collection every 30 minutes.
12. On days or times where no glass/litter collector is employed, designated staff will undertake these duties, and may be either tasked with a duty for the entire premises, or a part of the premises and external areas in which all duties must be carried out.
13. From 15 May to 15 September annually at least one SIA registered door supervisor will be employed at the premises on a Friday evening from 21:00 until 30 minutes after closing and will be tasked with minimising patron noise outside the premises and ensuring that external areas are operated in accordance with this management plan. The SIA registered supervisor must also ensure that patrons of the Hogshead leave the piazza area immediately after the Hogshead closes. The Hogshead need to confirm the name/identity of this person to security staff at City Pavilion and advise if staff changes are made.
14. A log of all door supervisors will be maintained on the premises and that log shall include the following details:
  - The name and badge number of the door supervisor(s)
  - The start and finish time of the door supervisor
  - Details of any complaint made to that supervisor on issues of noise or disturbance.
15. Customers will be required to vacate external areas from 20:30. From 21:00 registered door staff or nominated management will ensure that external areas are cleared of customers and any customers in these areas are asked to move inside. The external areas will be regularly patrolled by staff.
16. A management representative of the premises will be available to liaise with residents' representatives in relation to any ongoing issues, including refinement of this management plan.

17 Upper Street

The Licensing Support Team  
222 Upper Street  
London  
N1 1XR

10th July 2012

**Re: Sports Bar & Grill, Unit 4 Cowcross Place, London EC1M 5UG Application for a premises licence variation.**

I wish to register my strong objection to this change, on the grounds of nuisance. I am the owner of, and live in, a flat that is situated directly above the outdoor seating area to which the licence variation application applies. The seating is in a narrow area between high bare walls. This means that the sound is magnified and carried upwards. At present, when the seating area is occupied, particularly on Friday evenings, the noise is very intrusive and can be heard above the noise of television. It can be heard even through double glazing. All the windows of the flat give onto this area and there is no escaping it. On warm evenings the windows cannot be opened because of the noise below. At present the area is cleared at 21.00 and this offers some relief. To have to endure the noise until 23.00 would be intolerable.

Sincerely yours,

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**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

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**From:** Nash, Rosemary on behalf of Licensing  
**Sent:** 17 July 2012 14:28  
**To:** Fitzsimons, Aiden  
**Subject:** FW: Objection - Sports Bar & Grill application for a premises licence variation - EC1M 5UG.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [redacted] <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** 16 July 2012 14:08  
**To:** Licensing  
**Cc:** Gallacher, Simon; Lane, Terrie  
**Subject:** Objection - Sports Bar & Grill application for a premises licence variation - EC1M 5UG.

Dear Sirs,

We are the proprietors of The Rookery, a small hotel overlooking the above premises. We have had repeated occasion in the recent past to draw to the attention of your Authority unacceptable levels of late night noise, exacerbated by excess consumption of alcohol and in many instances other substances.

Our guests complain regularly that their sleep is disturbed by anti-social behaviour of this sort, despite the presence of double glazing in all of our windows.

In these circumstances it is surely self-evident that for your Licensing committee to allow further late night drinking in the vicinity would only add to such problems, which are already diminishing the areas desirability as a residential address and undermining its hard won Purple Flag status.

The purpose of this email is to place firmly on record our emphatic opposition to the proposal in question which we would urge the appropriate Committee to reject out of hand.

Yours faithfully

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**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 13 July 2012 16:32  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Sports Bar and Grill, Unit 4 Cowcross Place, London EC1M 5UG - Your ref: WK/121352867

Dear Mr. Gallacher,

Further to the above application for a premises licence variation and our subsequent telephone conversation, I write to object to the proposal. As all the residents facing on to the Piazza are aware, the situation has become intolerable in terms of public health and safety (urinating, vomiting and defecating), noise and drug taking which relate to three of the licensing objectives. To extend the licensing hours outside will only make matters worse. I've spoken to the occupants of at [redacted] who share my views and may well contact you themselves.

Regards

[redacted]

Tel: [redacted]  
Fax: [redacted]  
Email: [redacted]

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**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

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**From:** licensing@islington.gov.uk  
**Sent:** 19 July 2012 13:42  
**To:** Licensing; Gallacher, Simon  
**Subject:** WK/121352867 : Your recent Online Enquiry

**Address:** Sports Bar & Grill Farringdon, Unit 4 Cowcross Place, Cowcross Street, Islington, London, EC1M 5UG

Thank you for making representations regarding the licensing application. Your email has been forwarded to the appropriate officer dealing with this application.

..... Cowcross St, London, I wish to object to this licence. The noise from this bar is already unbearable, with shouting and breaking glass on an almost nightly basis. It is obseen that an extended licence is being considered, especially as there is a residential block (Zinc House) directly opposite. Crime will increase and will loutish behaviour. I already have to keep my children inside after 7pm owing to the drink behaviour of people standing outside. I urge you to please reject this application. Many thanks,

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London

18<sup>th</sup> July 2012

Simon Gallacher  
Licensing Officer  
Licensing Team  
Public Protection Division  
222 Upper Street  
London  
N1 1XR

Dear Mr Gallacher,

Licensing Act 2003 - Application  
Re: Sports Bar & Grill, Unit 4, Cowcross Place, London, EC1M 5UG

I am writing to object to the application on the basis of prevention of nuisance and on the basis of the protection of children from harm. On the latter I have a young teenage child who stays with me frequently and the noise would be a problem.

The area outside the bar can be very noisy with the present arrangement and this would lead to greater nuisances if it was to run to 23.00.

Yours Sincerely,

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**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

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**From:** Aiden Fitzsimons  
**Sent:** 03 July 2012 17:33  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Objection: Licensing Act 2003 - application for Sports Bar and Grill, Unit 4 Cowcross Place, EC1M 5UG

**Attachments:** image001.jpg

Dear Sirs,

I have been sent a copy of the application for a premises licence variation to allow the use of the outside space to be used until 23:00.

I strongly object to the above for a multitude of reasons:

I am responsible for managing Zinc House, 19-25 Cowcross Street EC1M 6DH where I have responsibility for 14 residential apartments. The biggest complaint by far from all the tenants is the already excessive noise in the whole area. The last thing residents need is additional noise and smoking outside the pub right outside their apartment building. Do residents not have a right to any quiet enjoyment? Do the many children who live in the building not have some rights to a decent nights sleep? Specifically mentioned at least 3 or 4 times EVERY week is both noise from the Sports Bar & Grill at the back of the building and also the street noise from the clubbers and pub goers.

It is easy to appreciate how any noise from the Sports Bar bounces straight on to our building. It obviously becomes EXTREMELY noisy every time a door is opened to allow the steady stream of drinkers entering and leaving and also the numerous smokers who congregate to pollute the air in our vicinity. By throwing open the doors and allowing use of the outside space until 23:00 would add massively to the already unbearable noise and be totally unreasonable and prevent any of the 14 families having any sort of normal life in the evenings. It is hard enough already.

I have had at least 3 complaints in recent months of open drug dealing in the tunnel that runs immediately outside our front door between Starbucks and Toni & Guy. This tunnel connects Cowcross Street to the Sports Bar. I am not trying to imply that the Sports Bar has anything to do with drug dealing and it is much more likely to be supplying clubbers to Fabric and other clubs but it is an indication that the area is already becoming pretty unsavoury and the recent murder in Charterhouse Street has also done a lot of damage to the secure feel we should expect as residents. I would not want to see an increase in potential 'clients' to these drug dealers, standing and drinking outside our building.

I must also comment there is very rarely any police presence whatsoever, which I understand is a separate, but important issue that I would suggest is also addressed when considering how to rescue the area and bring back its charm, which has been rapidly disappearing due to the expansion of the pubs and clubs.

Please keep me informed as to the progress of the application and if any further evidence or help is needed then do please contact me on the above email address or by post at my office address below.

Thank you for your attention and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

D. [unclear]

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**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 13 July 2012 11:00  
**To:** Licensina  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Application for Premises Licence Variation - Sports Bar & Grill, Unit 4, Cowcross Place, London, EC1M 5UG

FAO Simon Gallacher, Licensing Officer,

Licensing Act 2003 - Application for Premises Licence Variation  
Re: Sports Bar & Grill, Unit 4, Cowcross Place, London, EC1M 5UG .

I acknowledge receipt of the Application for Premises Licence Variation of the Sports Bar & Grill, specifically to permit the use of the outside area until 23.00. I object to this application on the basis of prevention of nuisance.

The Sports Bar is located in a ground floor unit of a residential building, City Pavilion, in which I am a resident - I live directly above the Sports Bar on the 5th floor of the building. The external noise caused by the Sports Bar is already considerable - it is important to note that the external noise from the Sports Bar is driven not only by customers gathering in the outside area, but also the noise from all the customers inside which is clearly audible due to all the patio doors being open. On top of this, the outside area is in a contained area, surrounded by neighbouring buildings, which accentuates any noise generated. This means that, even with all the windows closed in my apartment, the noise level is very substantial. I would also add that, as the outside area is used for smoking, when my windows are open I frequently experience cigarette smoke circulating around my apartment, forcing me to close my windows, which is a further nuisance.

As it currently stands the situation is tolerable because the noise significantly reduces or ceases at or soon after 9pm, and so does the cigarette smoke. However, the altering of the licence for outside use to 23.00 would cause significant nuisance as the very substantial noise would continue much later into the night, preventing sleep, and the circulation of cigarette smoke would also continue. It is important to note there that it is more difficult for the Sports Bar to control their customers later into the night, due to the influence of alcohol, so I would be much less confident in their ability to effectively end the noise/smoking by 23.00 as suggested. I have lived in the building for a number of years and under the previous tenant, the Slug and Lettuce, when the licence enabled gathering outside later into the night, this was a frequent occurrence which caused considerable nuisance on a daily basis.

I have also discussed my comments above with a fellow resident of [redacted], who lives in [redacted] agrees with my comments and would like to add his objection to mine, on the same basis of prevention of nuisance, for the same reasons as highlighted above.

Yours sincerely

Confidential (8)

**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

**From:** Nash, Rosemary on behalf of Licensing  
**Sent:** 05 July 2012 16:54  
**To:** Fitzsimons, Aiden; Gallacher, Simon  
**Subject:** FW: Noise

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 05 July 2012 16:46  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Fw: Noise

Sent from my BlackBerry® wireless device

**From:** [redacted]  
**Date:** Thu, 5 Jul 2012 16:37:25 +0100  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Noise

I am writing in response to the application for longer license at sports bar and grill Cowcross place, ec1m5ug

Before I even received this I was about to put in a formal complaint anyway from all 3 RESIDENTIAL flats where we live-which are CLOSE, DIRECTLY ABOVE/OPPOSITE this premises-ABOUT THE INCREASED NOISE LEVELS at many times of the day and night (and especially during summer months with all doors/windows open and the many TVs /music on in there). The outdoor space has been growing and growing (in fact I would like to know what legal footprint they are allowed outside with their license and check this with the owner of this private Cowcross place.) Especially on late eves of thurs-Sunday <x-apple-data-detectors://7> there are sometimes CROWDS of very noisy, drunk people outside (we can barely hear in our flat) and even when Sports grill closes THEY REMAIN THERE AND ARE NOT POLICED BY EITHER SPORTS BAR STAFF TO GO HOME/AWAY....we just then have to suffer the noise and sometimes unruly behaviour and mounds of litter which is not cleared across sats and sundays by the Britten st apartments cleaner above this grill.

So I am totally against anything that extends these licensing hours further-especially as this place is now very OUTDOOR too (not listed in their license) and even when indoor with windows and doors all open.

We now also have 5 sets of v noisy shutters opening at 7am <x-apple-data-detectors://8> daily (except 9am <x-apple-data-detectors://9> sundays) which wakes everyone up-when they open for breakfast (the previous Slug and Lettuce at least didn't open for breakfast which was helpful)

So I would like a detailed examination of what exactly is allowed here under the law. Please keep me fully posted as I am more than concerned about the REAL CHANGE in this delicately built echo chamber of a piazza since the rather more raucous Sports bar and Grill arrived.

Thanks,

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**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

**From:**  
**Sent:** 06 July 2012 10:19  
**To:** Licensing  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** \*\*\*\*\*PLEASE READ: Licensing Act 2003. Sports Bar and Grill, Unit 4, Cowcross Place, London, EC1M 5UG\*\*\*\*\*

Dear M. Gallacher,

I live on the 1st floor in City Pavillon and often witness some anti social behaviour/ illegal activities (eg pit bull training, drug trafficking, etc) in Albion Yard , around the Sports Bar and Grill and around Farringdon Tube.

I already raised several complaints with the Police, Islington Dog Warden and Islington Anti Social Behaviour departments over the past few months but have seen little improvements so far.

The recent death of an innocent man on 25 June 2012 (<http://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/man-stabbed-to-death-in-violent-clash-outside-farringdon-nightclub-7880020.html>) can only raise safety concerns in the Farringdon area.

There are already numerous bars/clubs in the area with late alcohol licences which increase the number of crime, nuisance and disorder acts.

Hence, I strongly object to the proposed variation to the premises license for Sports Bar and Grill, Unit 4, Cowcross Place, London, EC1M 5UG

Please keep me updated via email/post on the outcome of this proposal.

Many thanks

Best Regards

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**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 19 July 2012 14:02  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Fwd: Sports Bar and Grill--Application to extend License.

**Attachments:** 1.JPG; 2.JPG; 3.JPG; 4.JPG



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Hi Simon or whoever it may concern,

I'm emailing you regarding the application made by the Sports Bar and Grill off Cowcross st to extend their "outside hours" till 11pm. If allowed this would be the single worst decision for the residents of the courtyard (Zinc house etc) that is possible.

The main reason for this is that the Sports bar is already totally reckless towards the license and as far as I can tell does not care or even realise that people live in the area. To be honest I was amazed to discover that they are meant (under the current license) to have everyone inside and close the doors/windows by 9. As soon as I heard this-that night I went and took a photo at 10.03pm (i have records to prove this) and as usual there was a whole group of people outside sitting on the built up area making noise and completely ignored by the bar. (see photo 1). This is basically a nightly occurrence. There is NEVER EVER a designated taxi rank and even the signs they have are very poorly displayed (see photo 4). Extending their license will only worsen the situation as they won't even begin to move people on till 11 at best and even then I imagine that I will still be awake each night at midnight as the bar continues to think only of profits and not people.

Furthermore as you will see in photos 3 and 4 the area is rarely kept tidy and the benches and built up smoking area provide the perfect hang out for drunks etc even later into the night.

This bar should be given a warning about the way it treats the many residents who live above it and definately not rewarded with an extension to the license. Please assure me that you will think of all the families and hard working constituents that put up with this bar when making this decision, and that my email will be read by the appropriate people.

Thank you for your time,

















**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 06 July 2012 14:28  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Application for Sports Bar and Grill, Unit 4 Cowcross Place, EC1M 5UG - Ref WK/121352867

Dear Sir/Madam,

I hope you are well. I am currently a resident of flat 5 Cowcross st, London, EC1M 6DH and I have recently received a copy of the proposed change of license for the Sports Bar and Grill on Cowcross Place.

I would like to make an objection to the change of license, As a resident of Zinc House, and given the proximity of the bar to my flat, any change of license would have a large impact, thus giving me several reason for my objections.

I currently live with my girlfriend, who works for a firm of surveyors in the West End and is in the process of studying for big exams, so the quieter the better. The current noise in the area is bad enough, with places such as Fabric nightclub and the local pubs and bars, without another one needing to add to the noise.

I moved to Farringdon a few years ago, and was attracted by the vibrant working environment and the local amenities, however over the past 6 months, the night life in the area has seemed to get out of control. I am not one to stop people enjoying themselves, however I feel that there are certain procedures that could be put in place to keep noise to a minimum after 10pm. Furthermore, although I do not have any children of my own, I do know that there are a couple of families in Zinc House, and some of the other surrounding buildings, who have young children, and surely it should be out of respect to them that the revellers in the area are to adhere to any regulations to keep as quiet as possible in the evenings.

Another point, is that if this outside space was to be used, there would be many more smokers who would stay outside all night, instead of popping out in intervals. The amount of smokers in London, littering the streets, is already bad enough, and the smoke that would inevitably drift in to my flat, is not something I want to have to live with.

I understand that the outside space would have specific boundaries, however, we both know that these will be broken and we will have people spilling out on to Cowcross street, with drinks in hand, and no doubt joining other people from the surround pubs and clubs. This will lead to the problem of smashed glasses around the area, who would deal with this? As we all know, the drink and drug culture in England, specifically London, is rife, and with this unfortunately comes violence, which the recent stabbing on Charterhouse street shows.

I enjoy a drink myself, however, I feel that there are certain procedures that need to be adhered to, so that the working residents of the surrounding areas, can be sure to get a good nights sleep, feel safe, and most importantly enjoy living in this great city.

Regards

[redacted signature]

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**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

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**From:** licensing@islington.gov.uk  
**Sent:** 18 July 2012 13:15  
**To:** Licensing; Gallacher, Simon  
**Subject:** WK/121352867 : Your recent Online Enquiry

Address: Sports Bar & Grill Farringdon, Unit 4 Cowcross Place, Cowcross Street, Islington, London, EC1M 5UG

Thank you for making representations regarding the licensing application. Your email has been forwarded to the appropriate officer dealing with this application.

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10-25 Cowcross St

OBJECTION: the bar already makes far too much NOISE as it is. Both my and my daughter's bedrooms overlook the bar and despite being on the ~~1st~~ floor, the amount of noise pollution (esp in summer) is almost unbearable. More worrying is the attraction to the area of 'party crime' - I have been offered drugs on more than one occasion outside my own front door - can't imagine the implications for my daughter when she is older! Need I mention the recent murder around at the end of the road?? ABSOLUTELY NOT!

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Simon Gallacher  
Licensing Officer  
Licensing Team  
Public Protection Division  
222 Upper Street  
London  
N1 1XR

18<sup>th</sup> July 2012

Re: Sports Bar & Grill, Unit 4, Cowcross Place, London, EC1M 5UG

Dear Simon,

I live at 33 Britton Street which is the same building that Sports Bar and Grill has their operation. My apartment is numbers which is directly above the bar on the floor and have been there for some 6 years.

My children often stay during the holiday periods and although the existing arrangements for the bar to use the outside area up until 9 have worked reasonably well extending this period would not be appropriate for an inner-city domestic residence building. We already have noise going well into the evening.

The noise and smoking area does not allow windows to be open which is difficult living in warmer weather.

Also the history of late night outdoor drinking area has been chequered as no doubt police reports will confirm that it is very difficult for even the most well intentioned staff to control people drinking outside of the bar and restaurant. It is also the late evening when people have had a number of drinks that issues in the past have required police presence.

Given that there are many families and the proximity to dwellings is but one floor away I am completely opposed to the application.

Yours Faithfully,

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**Gallacher, Simon**

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**From:** :N  
**Sent:** 14 July 2012 22:49  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Representation: Sports Bar and Grill, Unit 4, Cowcross Place, EC1M 5UG REF: WK/121352867

Dear Mr Gallacher

Many thanks for your letter regarding the proposed variation of the license for the Sports Bar and Grill, Unit 4, Cowcross Place, London, EC1M 5UG

I am writing to you today to object to this proposed variation for the following reasons.

I am a resident in immediate vicinity of the bar and would be heavily impacted on the following grounds:

- the prevention of nuisance
- the protection of children from harm
- the prevention of crime and disorder
- public safety

I will outline below how the variation of the license could result in these impacting residents, and in some respects do occur currently under the current terms of the license.

The prevention of nuisance

The location of the premises is immediately underneath a major residential building which houses a number of flats, and in addition it faces a number of other residential properties. Further the nature of the positioning of the premises is such that it is in an extremely tight confined space which results in significant noise being generated and retained in the area, unlike other premises which may face out onto a main road.

The premise's frontage and open area is bounded on three sides by residential property, with noise generated by its patrons basically echoing and rebounding off the buildings, thus the volume of nature of the noise, especially on a busy night is extremely loud. Even closing windows in the flats does not block out the noise. At times, when I have been having a phone call in my own property, I have been asked if I am standing outside at a bar due to the volume and nature of the noise.

As you can imagine, as an evening progresses in licensed premises, patrons consume more alcohol and consequently get louder / have volume control issues and thus to allow patrons to remain outside to 11pm at night will only intensify the amount of noise and disturbance caused by the outside area.

Further the abusive language that can be heard at many times as well as increased noise / types (e.g. cheers, screaming etc. due the bar showing live sporting events on a much more frequent basis than its neighbouring bars) is extreme at times and to be honest hearing people use foul language when you have guests etc., and it sounding as though its coming from right outside your window (which it effectively is) can be embarrassing and disheartening.

The protection of children from harm

Whilst it is not always possible to protect children from hearing or seeing inappropriate behaviour or words, I have unfortunately had to experience the impact of the bar's patrons on my godson who is 5 years old. On occasions where he has stayed over the noise and also language of some of the bar's patrons, abusive and aggressive antics have impacted him whereby he cannot sleep at night until after 9pm (the current time patrons but go inside the bar). Also he is visibly upset when dealing with the large numbers of drunken patrons if I walk him past them through the front door and consequently have to take him through a side door to the flats. Where the terms of the license be varied, the amount of nuisance and very likely abusive language coming from the premises would impact upon him till extremely late at night. A child should be

able to get some semblance of sleep and 11pm is not an appropriate time to be putting a 5 year old child to bed. Whilst he does not live at the premises, I would be upset not to be able to have him stay over when he comes to visit - and as I am aware that there are other children in the flats I would imagine this issue is even more prevalent to them.

The prevention of crime and disorder  
Public safety

As the premises is situation in the Farringdon / Charterhouse Street area, this is currently an area which is saturated with late night bars and clubs. As noted in past Islington Council policy documents on the area it is an iconic through route of the borough where residents and businesses live side by side however it also attracts a large number of non residents who pass through the area and use the various venues. This has resulted in recent years of an increase in crime and anti social behaviour, most recently a killing of an individual on Charterhouse Street in June 2012. Whilst I fully recognise this event was in no way linked to the Sports Bar and Grill, I do believe that the council has a very strong duty to protect the residents and the area from increasing any further extensions to licenses or variations which may increase anti social behaviour. One of the few benefits of the Bar is that it is situated away from the main Cowcross Street, which consequently after 9pm, without large volumes of people situated outside the bar, means less risk of individuals coming through to the piazza area outside. An increase of individuals outside the premises increases the level of anti social behaviour, littering, abusive action, potential for fighting etc - and it must be recognised that the bar and its open area is situated immediately beside the entrance to the flats, therefore resident safety should be paramount here.

Current use impact

I would also like to point out that even with the variation of the current license to allow for outside usage to 11pm, the current usage of 9pm is often not rigidly enforced, therefore I fear that 11pm would not even be the cut off time for moving individuals inside. As an example, this evening, Saturday 14 July 2012, people are still outside the premises at 10.30pm at night. I have taken the liberty to provide you with video evidence of this which I will send by separate email due to size of the file. One of which even has one of the individuals saying loudly "I wouldn't want to live round here!". I concur!

Also, when people are moved inside at 9pm, a number of people remain outside to smoke (due to the smoking ban) however it is normally the case that these individuals require "support" from their non-smoking friends to continue to entertain them outside, and consequently groups of smokers and their friends remain outside chatting. Also at the close of business, there is no attempt to move patrons on from the area and many of them congregate outside the bar for upwards of an hour after closing time causing a public nuisance.

Conclusion

Whilst I have no issue with the proprietors of the premises who do run a good bar and attempt to police their patrons as best they can, the reason for my objection is not about their operation of the bar, but the actual usage and impact their patrons will have. The bar currently opens at 7am in the morning and the noise of opening their security shutters wakens all the residents. One of the few positive elements of living in close proximity to the bar is that patrons are required to go inside at a reasonable hour and the volume of noise reduces to a level which can allow residents to get some sleep or rest. To vary the licence in the manner proposed would in all likelihood result in extremely high noise, nuisance, and disorder right outside the residential properties impacted until close to midnight (or beyond) which really doesn't allow the residents any real opportunity to get a good nights sleep when the bar opens a short number of hours later. The impact upon people's well being should be taken into account. As effectively neighbours, the bar and its patrons together with the residents should have some level of compromise, however currently there is no consideration of residents welfare in extending the hours to which the outside area can be used, nor are the current licensing terms being fairly complied with at all times.

I do hope my views will be taken into fair consideraton, and I apologise for the length of detail, however having lived in many areas of London this set up with the bar is probably one of the most impactful I have ever experienced.

Kind regards

**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 11 July 2012 13:48  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Re: Sports Bar and Grill, Unit 4 Cowcross Place, EC1M 5UG

your ref: WK/121352867

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object to the above Application for a Premises License Variation on the grounds of the level of nuisance it would cause, in turn leading to increased rates of crime and disorder.

Having been a resident in City Pavilion for many years I can remember the situation prior to the agreement of the closure of the outside area at a reasonable hour. The reason for this agreement was as a result of a constant nuisance from those visiting the bar, clearly having had too much to drink and being able to continue drinking in the outside area until closing time. The volume of noise, arguments and smashed glass were a constant sore for the residents.

The earlier closure of the outside area resulted in a profound drop in the level of nuisance and firmly put the onus on the owner of the bar to ensure that customers behaved themselves while on their premises.

I fear that if the license variation was granted, the situation would revert to what it was previously and the level of nuisance caused would be significant, with a subsequent increase in crime and disorder.

Regards,

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**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

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**From:** Nash, Rosemary on behalf of Licensing  
**Sent:** 12 July 2012 18:21  
**To:** Fitzsimons, Aiden  
**Subject:** FW: Your ref: WK/121352867

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [redacted]@sky.com]  
**Sent:** 12 July 2012 18:13  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Your ref: WK/121352867

Dear Sirs,

I live at City Pavilion my apartment is on the first and second floors above the Sports Bar in Cowcross Place,

Your letter refers to a proposed variation to existing planning permission with regard to the outside area. It refers to a time of 23;00 hrs but does not say which day of the week, I assume it is Sunday. However I would object to any extension of outside activities given the existing nuisance already caused by these activities. Customers inevitably consume far too much alcohol creating excess noise and nuisance. There is also the issue of additional litter and increased incidence of urination in what is a public thoroughfare.

I therefore object on the grounds of public nuisance.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted] Robinson

33 BRIDGE ST

**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

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**From:** licensing@islington.gov.uk  
**Sent:** 18 July 2012 11:45  
**To:** Licensing; Gallacher, Simon  
**Subject:** WK/121352867 : Your recent Online Enquiry

Address: Sports Bar & Grill Farringdon, Unit 4 Cowcross Place, Cowcross Street, Islington, London, EC1M 5UG

Thank you for making representations regarding the licensing application. Your email has been forwarded to the appropriate officer dealing with this application.

Zinc House 19-25 Cowcross Street Islington London EC1M 6DH I am objecting to the proposed variation/extension because the Sports Bar generates a lot of noise already and since the smoking ban the continual smell of smoke wafting up and through any open window makes living very unpleasant. We have to keep the windows on the north of the flat closed after 7.00pm which is unpleasant. Extending the legal times when people can do this will make this worse. The result of the extreme proximity of the surrounding buildings is that it magnifies the effects of both the noise and the smoke. The effects of passive smoking for both adults and children sleeping in Zinc House with their windows open will increase. Increasing the hours that this area is in use will encourage more late night loiterers which will have a detrimental effect on the safety of the residents who are already subjected to abuse and unsolicited approaches from drug dealers and scrounging drug users.



Confidential (18)

Fitzsimons, Aiden

From: [redacted]  
Sent: 04 July 2012 10:20  
To: Licensing  
Cc: [redacted]  
Subject: Application for a premises licence variation - Sports Bar & Grill, Unit 4, Cowcross Place, London, EC1M 5UG

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on the proposed Licence variation. As you know the Sports Bar & Grill is directly underneath a large residential block of flats (City Pavilion). There are a number of children in the flats and also most of the residents work in the surrounding area. The Licence was originally granted with the current restrictions to protect the rights of all local residents and I believe there would have been far more opposition if the Bar was allowed to have people drinking outside late at night especially during the working week.

We would therefore both object to any variation in the Licence conditions that would allow people to drink and smoke outside the Bar later than the current time restriction. This is particularly important during the Summer when flat windows may be open and the noise and smell will be even more of a nuisance.

I would be grateful if you could respect the confidentiality of our details in your published report.

Yours faithfully

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Gallacher, Simon

From: [Redacted]  
Sent: 06 July 2012 09:13  
To: Licensing  
Cc: ~~Tristan Wainwright~~  
Subject: Representation re application for a premises licence variation - Sports Bar and Grill, Unit 4, Cowcross Place, London EC1M 5UG

Dear Sirs

Objection to Licensing Act 2003 - Application for a premises licence variation

Re: Sports Bar and Grill, Unit 4, Cowcross Place, London EC1M 5UG

We are writing in relation to the above application made by Sports Bar and Grill to amend its licence so as to permit use of the outside area until 23:00. We are the owner-occupiers of flat [Redacted], which is one of the flats immediately above the Sports Bar and Grill, and overlooking their outside tables and drinking area. For the reasons set out below, we wish to object to the Sports Bar and Grill's application on the basis that it will contravene one of the licensing objectives, i.e.:

- The prevention of nuisance.

Our reasons for objecting are as follows:

1. In living immediately above the Sports Bar and Grill, we get a good deal of noise inside our flat when its customers are drinking outside, which, in the summer months when the weather is good, can become very loud in our sitting room, kitchen and both of our bedrooms.
2. At the moment, we understand that the current terms of the licence only permit outside drinking until 9pm. Whilst it can be noisy until this time, we are able to have a period of quiet in the evening before we go to bed when the outside area is cleared.
3. If the application was granted, such that customers could drink outside until 11pm, this would have a material impact on the noise in our flat and on the other flats in this block (which is largely residential) which overlook the Sports Bar and Grill side of the courtyard. Particularly during the working week, we are both normally in bed by 10-10.30pm. If use of the outside area was to be allowed until 11pm, it is very likely that we would be unable to sleep until the area was cleared at 11, or until the customers disperse (if later).
4. There is a good chance that customers may become louder later on than they are at 9pm, particularly if they become more intoxicated as the evening goes on. This may also increase the likelihood that they will loiter in the area beyond 11pm.
5. This building falls within the special policy south Clerkenwell Area under Licensing Policy 27. As such, we understand that applications for variation

applications that are likely to add to the existing cumulative impact will normally be refused, unless the applicant can demonstrate why the operation of the premises involved will not add to the cumulative impact. For the reasons set out above, we submit that this variation would add to the cumulative impact of noise in this area. The courtyard in which Sports Bar and Grill is located is relatively quiet after 9pm for the reasons set out at 2 above; if the variation were allowed, this would make the courtyard much noisier and therefore add to the cumulative noise impact.

6. There is a realistic prospect that allowing this variation to the licence would detrimentally impact the value of our flat.

In writing this objection, we have reviewed the relevant parts of the Licensing Policy 2011-2014 (Licensing Act 2003) for Islington Borough Council, and it is our submission that the following parts are relevant:

#### Licensing Policy 10

Under Licensing Policy 10, the Licensing Authority is "committed to protecting the amenity of residents and businesses in the vicinity of licensed premises, particularly when late hours have been sought. Where relevant representations are received, the Licensing Authority will attach appropriate conditions to licences, necessary to support the prevention of undue noise disturbance from licensed premises."

It is our submission that the current restrictions on Sports Bar and Grill's licence are the appropriate ones, because allowing drinking outside until 9pm enables the bar to get summer drinking business, without causing undue nuisance for residents in the City Pavilion block. If this variation was to be permitted, it would cause undue noise disturbance within our flat and the other flats overlooking the bar.

#### Licensing Policy 20

Under Licensing Policy 20, "where the Licensing Authority receives relevant representations that relate to the licensing objectives, or where a responsible authority or an interested party seeks a review, the Licensing Authority will consider imposing conditions to improve the management of the outside area or prohibiting or restricting the use of these areas to promote the public nuisance objective."

Paragraph 94 of the policy goes on to state that "late at night, tables and chairs and beer gardens can cause significant public nuisance to residents whose homes overlook these areas. In some premises these facilities can encourage patrons and passers-by to loiter rather than disperse and in many cases noise control measures are not feasible."

If the Sports Bar and Grill was permitted to use its outside area until 11pm, it is our view that this would be "late at night", and would cause public nuisance to us and the other residents of City Pavilion whose homes overlook these areas. We also believe that this would encourage people to hang around in Cowcross Place/Eagle Court for longer, later on in the evening. When people drink outside the bar in the evening in groups, they naturally talk, laugh and become quite noisy. When the bar is busy and there are a good number of people drinking outside, the noise becomes high. We do not believe that noise control measures are feasible.

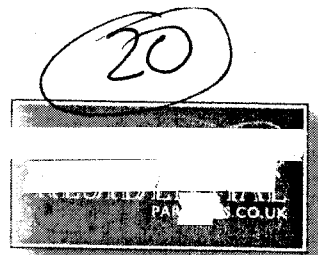
Under Licensing Policy 27, "The Licensing Authority has adopted a special policy relating to cumulative impact in relation to the south Clerkenwell Area. This special policy creates a rebuttable presumption that applications for new premises licences, club premises certificates, or variation applications that are likely to add to the existing cumulative impact will normally be refused, unless the applicant can demonstrate why the operation of the premises involved will not add to the cumulative impact."

Sports Bar and Grill is a large bar within the special policy south Clerkenwell area, and therefore the cumulative impact of allowing drinkers to remain in its outside area until 11pm could be serious for residents of City Pavilion. We submit that the presumption under this Licensing Policy 27 that this application be refused should apply, as the variation would add to the cumulative impact.

#### Conclusion

For the reasons set out above, we submit that the existing licence conditions for this business are the right ones and are appropriately managed by Sports Bar and Grill, given that it is at the bottom of a residential block. We believe that permitting the variation such that use of the outside area would be permitted until 11pm would cause public nuisance and have a material detrimental impact on the homes and lives of the residents of City Pavilion, including us. We therefore object to the application.

Yours faithfully



23<sup>rd</sup> July 2012

The Licensing Team  
222 Upper Street  
London  
N1 1XR

Dear Licensing Support Team

**LICENSING ACT 2003 – APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE VARIATION  
RE: SPORTS BAR AND GRILL, UNIT 4, COWCROSS PLACE, LONDON EC1M 5UG**

We are aware that a premises licence application has been submitted in relation to the above.

Please note that we object this application on the basis that it will cause a nuisance to our residents in terms of the increased noise levels, pollution from smokers and that there will be an increase in drunken related crimes within the Farringdon area.

To put you in the picture we act on behalf of the landlord and residents of City Pavilion, 33 Britton Street, London, EC1M 5UG which is located above the proposed site and our residents have approached us to object this application.

We feel that should the licence be approved it will cause unnecessary increased noise disturbance to our residents and visitors. We request that our residents do not make unnecessary noise between certain hours and the proposed licensing hours for this application are beyond these and will detract from our resident's right to quiet enjoyment.

We also believe that there will be an increase in air pollution and noise from smokers who will be congregating outside the premise, disregarding there butts on the street leaving the area unsightly.

There will also be an increase in drunken related crimes be it physical violence or vandalism from the patrons who may not be permitted entry or have been expelled from the venue, not to mention at closing the level of noise and mayhem that comes once a venue has closed.

In short the proposal under this application is detrimental to our building and its residents.

Should you have any queries in regards to the above objections please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 16 July 2012 13:22  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** OBJECTION to Sports Bar and Grill extended outside License on Cowcross Street  
**Attachments:** Sports Bar Grill Licensing application letter0001.pdf



Sports Bar Grill  
Licensing ap...

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident of [redacted] and have lived there for over a year now with my wife and young child.

I have recently received in the post an application (attached to email) made by Sports Bar and Grill for an extension of the outside drinking hours. As a result I feel it vital to object to this application as someone who leaves within exceptionally close proximity to the Bar. Whilst I can appreciate it is in a very busy area of the London I feel that my family and the other residents in the area are already subject to very high noise levels caused not only by the Sports Bar and Grill but also the number of nightclubs and other pubs in the area. If another license is granted it will only make the noise even more unbearable and push any residents that are left in the area out of it.

Noise is a major factor but with extended drinking hours in the outside area it will also leave my family and I to be subject to increased drunk and disorderly behaviour of which we already have to deal with now. On a number of occasions when entering the building where my flat is, I have been jeered at, shouted at, bumped into etc as the entrance sits within very close proximity to the Bars outdoor area and main entrance. This behaviour is obviously very concerning for someone who has a young family like myself and will increasingly put my wife off taking my young child out in the evening which is something she is feeling already.

I do hope you understand my objections to this extended license and take them into account. The area already suffers from enough noise and drunk and disorderly behaviour putting off other family's or residents coming to the area so another outside licence will only make this worse. This has very sadly been made very apparent by the recent murder outside the nightclub further up the road. It is all of our interests that make the area as safe and hospitable as possible and extending licenses will certainly not do this.

Kind Regards

**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 16 July 2012 03:53  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Objection letter - Sports Bar and Grill, Unit 4 Cowcross Place, EC1M 5UG

To Whom It May Concern

I have received a letter informing me of an application by Sports Bar and Grill for use of its exterior area until 11pm. I am a resident in Flat [redacted] Cowcross Street, EC1M 6DH. I strongly object to this proposal. The Bar is responsible for a tremendous amount of night time activity which creates excessive noise. The outside area of the Bar directly opens out into the area immediately at the back of Zinc House apartments and its daily use of this area will simply serve to create even more noise and other kinds of disturbances for residents. Even with use restricted to inside the building during, noise permeates the area, especially with doors opening and customers leaving, at times quite rowdily. I strongly suggest that your team stay in the premise for a night and see for yourselves the difficulty one has in sleeping. The weekend noise created by the Bar and other surrounding clubs is quite unbearable at times. Granting Sports Bar and Grill daily use of its outside area will make weekdays tremendously difficult to cope with too. I urge you not allow this change in the interest of residents, some of whom have children.

Kind regards,

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**Fitzsimons, Aiden**

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 13 July 2012 16:50  
**To:** Licensing  
**Subject:** Licensing Act 2003 - Sports Bar and Grill, Unit 4 Cowcross Place, EC1M 5UG

Dear Sirs,

My name is [redacted]. I am a resident at Zinc House, 6DH, Apartment 401 and am writing in response to a notice that has been brought to my attention regarding Sports Bar and Grill's application for daily use of its outside area until 23:00.

I would like to register with you my explicit objection to this application. The present evening and night time noise level of the immediate area already makes life very difficult for residents attempting to live by a daily working routine. The Sports Bar and Grill behind the building is one of the principle contributors to existing noise levels, which are at times exceedingly disturbing. If the Bar obtains permission to change its licensing, which will only contribute to yet more noise and alcohol fuelled clamour, I will seriously consider leaving the area. When deliberating upon this issue, I implore you to please seriously consider the adverse affect that granting this change will have on the daily lives of residents. It will render Cowcross a very undesirable place to live.

Yours sincerely,



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Public Protection Division  
Islington Council  
222 Upper Street  
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9 July 2012

Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: Sports Bar and Grill, Unit 4 Cowcross Place, Cowcross Street, London, EC1M 5UG**

We are writing in response to your notice received on the 2 July 2012 in relation to the proposed licence variation for the above premises.

We strongly object to the proposed changes to the licence as outlined in the recent correspondence. We were reassured in May last year that the premises would adhere to its licence and thus ensure that noise is kept to a minimum with the outside area being cleared by 2100 hours and the doors to the bar closed after this time.

If the proposed variation is granted, noise levels emanating for the bar and outside area would be unacceptable and would be heard from inside the flats of City Pavilion. This would have a detrimental impact for many people living in the property.

We are therefore submitting this objection on the grounds of:

- o The prevention of crime and disorder, and
- o The prevention of a public nuisance.

We would appreciate if you could take the above into consideration when reviewing the licence variation request.

Yours faithfully

*[Handwritten signature]*

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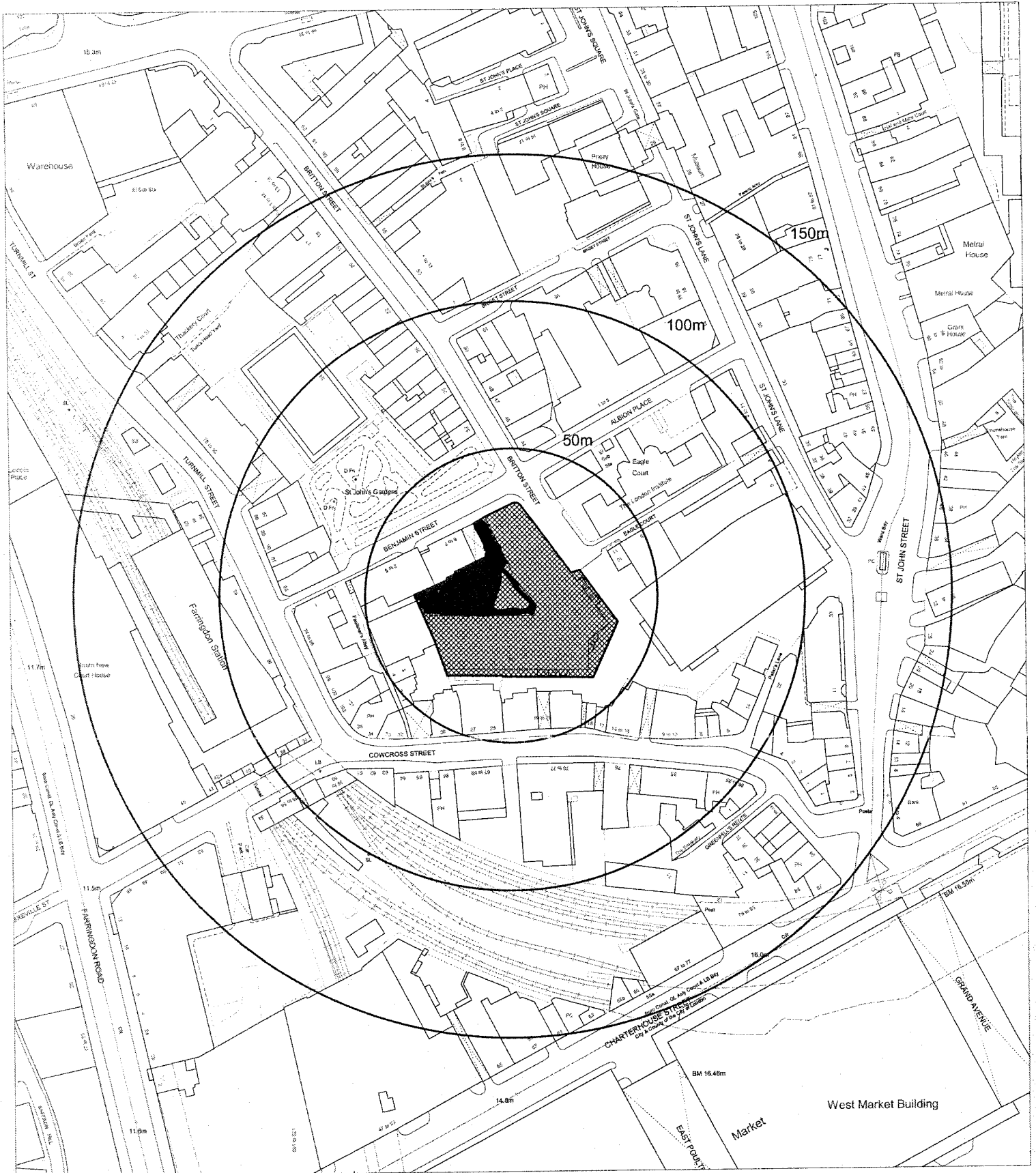
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**Suggested conditions of approval consistent with the operating schedule**

1. Amended condition 3: The outside seating areas shall be cleared, closed and rendered unusable by **23:00** every day and patrons shall not be permitted to take food or drinks outside of the premises after **23:00**. The applicant shall provide ropes and posts to cordon off the curtilage of the premises to ensure that the residents of City Pavillion, Zinc House and any other residence have unimpeded access to the entrance of their properties and notices shall be displayed on the premises to that effect.
2. Amended condition 5: Doors and windows to the premises will be kept closed after **23.00 hours except for access and egress.**

**Suggested conditions of approval recommended by Noise Team**

3. Notices will be prominently displayed outside the premises, requesting customers to respect the needs of local residents and to keep all noise to a minimum (or similar wording).
4. Amend condition 6 From 15<sup>th</sup> May to 15<sup>th</sup> September annually at least one SIA registered door supervisor will be employed at the premises on a Friday **and Saturday** evening from 21:00 until 30 minutes after closing and will be tasked with minimising patron noise outside the premises ensuring that external areas are operated in accordance with the management plan in force at these premises.



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