

Complaints received on behalf of residents association: The complaint below was sent on behalf of more than 10 residents. Please see the attached pictures of the Church yard area and the close proximity to nearby residents to help understand the impact 150 people would have on the residents if this TEN was granted.

Date received: 15th July 2021

To those at Hackney.Gov, and the Met.Police that this concerns,

It has just come to my attention that the landlord of the church building on Leonard Street has applied for a temporary event licence. I understand that this event will be open air.

I must object in the strongest terms to what is proposed. Leonard Street is already becoming a hazard in the evenings because of communities of youths parking, opening their vehicles and playing loud music/drinking/shouting. The noise on the street below, echoing between the brick and glazed buildings either side of a narrow one way street, already makes it impossible on occasions to sit in one's own lounge and do the things one does at home – watch TV or a movie, listen to music, read a book, have the windows open to allow air in during the stifling summer heat. Part of the problem is that the street is away from the main thoroughfare and therefore away from the public gaze. I have seen drugs been traded, aggressive behaviour towards women, and a lot of loud music and shouting.

What is apparent, is that the public seems to have no understanding that there are residents living in the street. Allowing hospitality events of any sort on the street that are open air or indoors (but particularly open air) would constitute a huge noise problem. And the problem is that it's never a one off.

Noise nuisance is a big problem already on Leonard Street. Granting this licence to the Church would double down on that problem. It would also set a precedent.

I am very much 'live and let live'. And in my world as a resident, if any of us are too noisy it's a quick txt or WhatsApp and the issue is resolved instantly. Its mutual respect. That simply is not the case regarding the relationship between residents and commercial neighbours. Whatever limitations or constraints are placed in a licence by authorities doesn't seem to matter. We don't want the police out every weekend policing the conduct of commercial neighbours clientele - we want no noise and respect for residents.

Licencing further social activity in the hospitality/entertainment sector on this stretch of Leonard Street (or any of Leonard Street) would be a violation of residents rights to live within an environment where local licencing authorities respect and protect the interests of those who have already invested in the Borough. The authority is the custodian of these matters around the rule of law and the oversight of social conduct through what it licences. It should not be materially altering the environment of a neighbourhood to the detriment of those who live there. Rather it should be assisting in the enhancement of the quality of life of its residents.

The authority does much well and to the benefit of the neighbourhood. But it must resist further licencing along Leonard street.

All these revellers and landlords enjoying Leonard Street go back to their home eventually. But this is our home. I and all those cc'd on this email ask you to reflect on these issues and protect your residents and our homes.

Regards

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