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**Re: Licensing Act 2003- Application for a Premises Licence Re:Black Rock Rooms, 9 Christopher Street, EC2A 2BS**

1 message

19 August 2022 at 16:26

To: Sanaria Hussain &lt;sanaria.hussain@hackney.gov.uk&gt;

Dear Sanaria,

Thank you for sharing this information.

The history of the venue was not clear from the summary information provided on the website of the Hackney Licensing Office. However, this additional information and the arguments made do not change our overall objection.

We want to highlight that the detrimental effects of the night time economy have significantly increased since the summer of 2021 compared to the time before the pandemic. The situation across Shoreditch is currently not under control on busy nights and residents' lives are disrupted significantly on a regular basis by the criminal behaviour and noise pollution caused by the night time economy.

Adding a venue, whether re-opened or new, will only attract more people to the neighbourhood and will further increase the level of disruption caused by the night time economy for residents.

Even if this is a re-application for an existing venue, the applicant's response indicates that the business has been shut for a period. We appreciate that the venue will seek to re-attract its previous customer base, but if that base has not been in Shoreditch since the night time economy has re-opened in the summer of 2021, drawing these previous customers back will have further negative impacts on the residents of Shoreditch.

The fact that no complaints have been made to the venue directly is of no relevance to our argument, as our concern is the number of venues attracting people to Shoreditch and those visitors' behaviour across the entire neighbourhood throughout the night, including before and after they attend the various venues.

It is not always possible to point to a particular venue as the source of the problem when groups gather to drink alcohol, play music from car stereo systems and take nitrous oxide at from 3.00am to 4.00am in the morning. Our concern as residents is to ensure that opening hours and sales of alcohol are managed overall so that the disruptions caused by the entire night time economy are managed and controlled. Re-opening this venue with its very late hours will add to the current disruption, regardless of that venue's pre-pandemic history.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly in relation to the response received from the venue, it is not at all clear to us that 'one of the world's best whisky bars' requires the ability to be open as long as a night club in order to operate successfully. We note that a licence attaches to management and a venue, and so the excessive hours applied for under this licence could in future be used for an even more disruptive venture at the same location.

All hospitality venues are currently struggling due to the effects of the pandemic, the increase in energy prices, inflation and other macroeconomic factors. The potential for closure and job losses is therefore an industry-wide issue for hospitality and should not be a factor taken into consideration when looking at whether to grant a late night licence.

Many thanks and kind regards,

Cleeve House  
Calvert Avenue  
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19 August 2022 at 15:09

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to previous correspondence.

Please see the attached statement from the Applicant in response to your representation.

Grateful if you let me know whether this may allay your concerns.

Do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information.

Kind regards  
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I'm afraid it does not. In fact I find the response aggressive and intimidating.

The point is absolutely valid that - technicality or not - this is an application that should be rejected.

Kind regards

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