

Dear Simmi c Councillor Denise Jones, Councillor Abdal Ullah , Erica Zimmer (my wife)

Many thanks for sending us notice of the Licensing Sub Committee meeting on Tuesday evening and the further information from the applicants with the supplemental agenda. We hope to view the meeting remotely but other commitments prevent us attending in person and we have not registered to speak. As our comments are in direct response to the additional information you sent only on Friday I trust that the points made in this email can be registered and considered.

Having read the additional material from the applicant we are pleased that many of the points raised by the Friends of St Katharine's Dock – which we supported - appear to have been addressed. However, our main concern still remains, which is that the proximity of our apartment (14 Sanderling Lodge) and other apartments at this end of City Quay means that we will suffer considerable noise, nuisance and antisocial behaviour if the area between The Ivory House and the "Elephant Gates" is used for taxi pick-ups and as a smokers' area. This was explained in our letter of 20 January (attached again for easy reference).

It would also be hazardous for the people smoking or waiting for taxis to be in that area since there is virtually no pavement and they would almost certainly end up standing – or even sitting – on the road close to where vehicles turn in off East Smithfield.

Our suggestion is that the open passage under Commodity Quay could be used as a smokers' area, still limiting the numbers to a maximum of 10 at any one time. This is office accommodation and so there is no-one there at night to be inconvenienced.

An alternative taxi pick-up point that would not cause noise and nuisance to the residents of The Ivory House and our end of City Quay is less easy to identify but we can see no reason why people exiting The Vaults should not be directed towards the area near the Tower Hotel and Tower Bridge to await their taxis. At the very least, the late night pick up for taxis could be on East Smithfield, thus preventing a constant stream of taxis entering a residential area through the Elephant Gates after 11pm.

We appreciate that the deadline for submitting further written representations was 2 March but hope that you are still able to table this letter, given that the applicants further details only arrived on the 4th.

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We are copying this to our Ward Councillors

Peter Waller and Erica Zimmer