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Subject: Pepe's, 179 King Street, W6 9JT

To Licensing Team

I am writing to register a formal representation on behalf of Environmental Public Protection-Nuisance (EPP) in relation to the new application for a premises license for 'Pepe's, 179 King Street, W6 9JT

As a responsible authority, EPP wish to object to the application in its entirety, under the licensing objective for the Prevention of Public Nuisance.

The premises is located on King Street, but some distance from Hammersmith Town Centre. The site is located in the immediate vicinity of nearby residential noise sensitive dwellings including flats above commercial premises in King Street. It also adjoins the new Town Hall development site which will also include noise sensitive residential dwellings.

Given the premises location in close proximity to residents, its operations during sleep hours, after 23:00hrs would give rise to significant risk of noise nuisance and sleep disturbance.

In its location, the premises may give rise to noise from customers attending and leaving the premises, delivery and vehicle noise and that of plant and machinery associated with the operation of a commercial kitchen

The applicant proposed no measures or controls to address potential public nuisance, stating within their application only that; *"Our activities are as such that they will not cause any public nuisance"*.

It is also relevant that this application appears to have been submitted immediately after recent late night observations by the EPP Team when the premises was found to be trading in the early hours of the morning, in the absence of a license. These observations and the absence of any recognition within the application that very late

operations may impact the licensing objectives, gives rise to further concern about the suitability of the applicant to operate a late night trading premises.

We are particularly concerned about noise emissions from the rear of the premises arising from the operation of their commercial kitchen extract system. This by necessity will be operational throughout their trading hours. Commercial kitchen extracts account for 42% of all commercial premises noise complaints within the borough. Such externally mounted mechanical plant is intrinsically noisy. If not designed with very late night operations in mind at the time of commissioning, such plant will rarely meet objective noise criteria at nearby noise sensitive dwellings designed to protect inhabitants' sleep.

In the absence of a detailed acoustic report to account for noise from plant or machinery upon residential neighbours, or measures to limit the impact of delivery and customer noise, we are satisfied that an increase in operational hours of the premises will lead to increased noise levels and disturbance to nearby residential properties.

I therefore request the application be refused in its entirety in order to uphold the licensing objective of prevention of public nuisance.

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