



Hello:

Thank you for your email.

We object to the closing hours that 22 Millstone are asking for based on the fact that the back of their premises (and their windows) face a courtyard which is shared by student/residents at 28 Friar Lane, students/residents above the Blue Boar on Millstone Lane, professional residents including a family with a baby at the Phoenix House; residents in two flats above Douglas Wymiss' solicitors offices and ourselves a family of four at 22 Friar Lane. Also, 18 Friar Lane is being converted from the old Douglas Wymiss office to three flats. Basically, making **the entire courtyard surrounded by residents.**

Please note: my 11 year old daughters room is to the back of our house and will be directly affected by any noise emitting from 22 Millstone Lane. Also, we open the doors to the roof garden so that there is air circulating the house at night. If there is too much noise coming from 22 Millstone Lane we will be unable to open the roof garden door and our daughter will not be able to crack her window at night for fresh air either. This is totally unacceptable during the warmer months. All residents in our courtyard have windows to bedrooms that face the courtyard hence they face the back premise and the windows to 22 Millstone Lane. Anyone that has sat on our roof garden will be well aware of how noise echos throughout the courtyard.

We would like to have their hours restrict to 11PM across the board -- throughout the entire week. We have children that need to get up for school in the morning and if noise is emitting from their premises until the early hours they will be unable to sleep and therefore they will suffer at school from sleep depreciation.

Also, we would like their windows to be closed at ALL times to contain the noise from the bar and NO LIVE music. If music is played in their premises it is to be restricted to background music and at a level that does affect us or our neighbours. I cannot stress enough how any noise echos throughout the courtyard -- if there is music and people laughing and shouting and their windows are open it will be like some kind of music festival taking place right inside the courtyard.

One last point, when I spoke to the owners they said that they wanted the bar on all four floors of the building. There is no fire escape on this building. The rooms are small and the corridors and stairs are narrow...the fire brigade needs to do an assessment because it surely will be a fire hazard to have people packed on four floors of a building with no way to escape if a fire starts on one of the floors below.