

Appendix C2

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 September 2023 20:44
To: Licensing <Licensing@leicester.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Licensing variation application for Sophy, King Street, Leicester

Dear Sir or Madam

We wish to raise our concern about the latest application from the license holder of Sophy on King Street for a variation to extend the hours of their license for the supply of alcohol and the playing of recorded music. We have objected to a previous application. Our objection to the current application is, as before, on grounds of the public nuisance the variation is likely to cause.

We are sometimes affected by the noise from the bar itself, but we are frequently affected to a significant extent by the noise made by customers who leave the bar and make their way up New Walk late at night or very early in the morning. It is not unusual for us to be wakened by shouting and the sounds of fighting and scuffles between customers as they disperse from Sophy during the night.

We continue to be dismayed that a city centre bar should be applying for such a late license in 2023. We have surely moved on from the days of the high value placed on the local 'night-time economy' when there were far fewer people living in this part of the city. Sophy is in what is now a

densely populated residential area. Leaving aside the issue of Sophy's dubious reputation as a focus for violence and antisocial behaviour, extending the already late licensing hours to make this a fully all-night bar from Wednesdays through to Sundays is out of step with the licensing for the majority of city centre premises now and is, as we pointed out in our objection to the previous application, simply inappropriate in the current climate.

Yours faithfully

