

Dear Sir/Madam,

Spitalfields Community Group OBJECTS to the application to vary a premises licence at Preem Restaurant, 118-122 Brick Lane E1 6RL. The application is excessive, for late night refreshment with recorded music and supply of alcohol until at least 0200 seven days a week.

Spitalfields Community Group was formed in September 2011 with the aim of promoting and protecting the quality of life of people living and working in the ward of Spitalfields and Banglatown. We have over 200 members and are growing. Our current survey, conducted to identify priorities for action, highlighted the growing problems faced by locals as a result of the existing dense concentration of licensed premises in the area, exacerbating the negative impact on us of the night time economy. In accordance with this focus, SCG has recently supported the adoption of a cumulative impact zone for the Brick Lane area, within which the premises at 118-122 is situated.

ASB caused by excessive alcohol consumption in the Brick Lane area is well documented, with many recent reports by residents of problems caused by drunken patrons at night and throughout the weekend. These problems include noise nuisance (screaming, shouting, swearing, singing, playing music etc) litter and vandalism to cars and homes, street urination and defecation, vomiting, and aggressive and intimidating behaviour. Patrons leaving Brick Lane for transport hubs on Bishopsgate and Commercial Street pass along residential streets causing unwanted mayhem and misery.

The hours applied for by Preem are excessive; there can be no justification for making alcohol available for consumption until 0200 throughout the week. Drunken revellers will cause disturbance in residential streets right through the night. The high crime incident rate in the Brick Lane is fuelled, at least in part, by premises with late licences. The strain on police and public health resources is unacceptable.

In addition the proposed removal of several other conditions on the Preem licence can only add to the problems in the area. Specifically:

- the removal of condition 1, annex 3 and condition 15 will negatively affect the amenity of our members who live within earshot of the premises.
- the removal of condition 5, annex 3 and condition 16 will add to the already considerable problems caused by street drinking. Off-sales are the source of many of the ASB problems faced in the area. There can be no justification for adding to these.
- the removal of condition 10 will lead to patrons being more drunk when they leave the premises. The serving of food slows the rate of consumption of alcohol.

For the reasons above Spitalfields Community Group OBJECTS to the application for a variation to a premises licence at 118-122 Brick Lane E1 6RL.