



pavement at this location is both narrow and positioned on the opposite side of the road, increasing the risk for pedestrians who may be forced into the carriageway, especially during busier periods.

The terrace area in question is situated immediately adjacent to one of the primary fire escape routes serving the 31 private apartments above. Any increase in activity or obstruction in this area could significantly hinder emergency access and evacuation procedures, thereby posing a serious risk to residents' safety in the event of an emergency.

#### **THE PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE**

The terrace is an exposed outdoor area directly beneath 31 residential apartments, creating a high potential for disturbance to those living above. The residential areas of The Court, Watergate Mansions, and Upper Blackfriars are in very close proximity to the outdoor seating area used by Bobby's, making residents particularly vulnerable to noise and disruption.

Any extension to the current licence is likely to intensify these impacts, significantly affecting residents' quiet enjoyment of their homes. Noise generated by diners, conversation, and service activity would be more prolonged and intrusive, particularly during evening hours when residents expect a reasonable level of peace and quiet.

In addition to noise, cooking odours from the terrace present an ongoing nuisance. These smells are already being experienced within the residential areas of The Court, indicating that the existing extraction system is not operating effectively. An increase in operating hours would likely exacerbate this issue, further diminish residential amenity and contribute to a sustained public nuisance.

#### **THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM**

**Suggested conditions that could be added to the license to remedy your representation or other suggestions you would like the Licensing Sub Committee to take into account. Please use separate sheets where necessary.**

This is the third application seeking permission to operate during evening hours. It raises concern as to whether there is any reasonable limit on the number of repeated applications, or whether this is likely to become a recurring, potentially annual, process.

In light of this, I would respectfully request that the proposed variation to the original licence conditions be refused. Furthermore, consideration should be given to imposing a condition or expectation that substantially similar applications are not repeatedly brought forward, in order to prevent ongoing uncertainty and disruption for local residents.

- Generally, if there is to be a hearing to determine the premises licence application, the Licensing Sub Committee will only be able to consider matters that have been previously disclosed. No new evidence can be introduced at the hearing. It is therefore imperative that you detail all matters that you wish to be considered on this initial representation. Please attach additional sheet if necessary.