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Subject Comment on Liquor Licensing Consultation

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am Kelly Lam, the class representative of Maryknoll Convent School of F.6B. We are a class of 30 students and we are writing to make several suggestions concerning the regulatory control over "upstairs bars".

First, We strongly think that new liquor licences and new club liquor licences should not be issued in certain high risk targeted buildings for example life residents buildings. The issue of licences may cause different problems affecting the residents of the building. Residents' safety is not ensured when upstairs bars exist in their estates, as there are different visitors entering the building. There may be people disturbing the other residents after they were drunk. On the other hand, the upstairs bars are causing troubles to the residents of building as they are sharing the facilitates and the resources like lift. Upstairs bars may be causing noise pollution as the playing of music affects the neighbouring residents. This cause s inconvenient of the residents living in the building. Also, it is difficult for the police to inspect those upstairs bars and clubs if they are having illegal activities like drug abusing.

We respect their living space but we do not encourage the trend. The government should at least consults the residents of the building before issuing the licences to the bars to ensure that the residents notice and understand the move-in of upstairs bars. Other than having upstairs bars, the other way to ensure their safety and minimize disturbances is having a building of bars, allowing the bars to cluster like Dundas Square in Mongkok which is full of upstairs cafes. This building can be allocated in Yaumatei, Tsim Sha Tsui, Central, Wanchai and other places where drunkards are often found. In this way the safety of the neighbourhood is ensured and options are open for people to choose from.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully,
Kelly Lam
13th September, 2011