

As a resident of 3 Carlton Street, East Tower Central Park, living in such close to the Old Clare Hotel I am strongly against this proposal. For a period of 5 months from November 2015 to March 2016 the Old Clare Rooftop Pool & Bar was illegally operating its bar to the public and it caused a massive negative impact on living in my apartment. The bar was in use from 12pm to 10pm 7 days a week and having a high volume of people using this space 7 days a week from 12pm to 10pm caused a huge impact on the ability to live in my apartment from the intrusion of privacy and noise.

In terms of privacy, it heavily impacted on my ability to open the apartment windows and I had to have the blinds shut when the bar was in use, which was 7 days a week 12pm to 10pm. If you familiarise yourself with the design of Central Park East Tower, the design has been created to maximise light with floor to ceiling windows. Additionally the nature of the design of the building with all the beautiful plants meant that when the bar was operating it attracted the public outside to the neighbourhood who wanted to take photo's of Central Park East Tower which was another huge invasion of my privacy. As I live just two floors up from the Old Clare Rooftop, if I stood looking out of my window I used to get people waving at me from the bar, which was a horrible thing to face when you are trying to live in your apartment. As a result, having the Old Clare Rooftop Bar open significantly impacted on the ability to live in my apartment and resulted in a huge invasion of privacy.

During the period of the Old Clare Rooftop being open to the public (Nov 2015 – March 2016), I experienced a significant impact from the noise produced from the rooftop. Living in such close proximity to the Old Clare Rooftop where only a narrow road divides the two buildings and I am just two floors up from the Old Clare Rooftop meant that the noise created from 100 people on the rooftop impacted on my ability to have my apartment windows open which meant that I could not ventilate my apartment with natural air. As mentioned previously, the design of the windows of Central Park East Tower are floor to ceiling which means to open the windows you have to slide the entire glass panel across which results in a large surface area of the window being open for noise. When the Old Clare Rooftop bar was in use there was a huge impact felt even when windows were closed as the atmosphere of the rooftop created a pool party vibe with patrons talking loudly and screaming and was like this for the entire period it was open. Not only was I impacted by the noise caused by the crowd but was also impacted by the music and DJ's setup for all-day weekend parties. This heavily impacted on my ability to live in my apartment and I had to leave the apartment most days, which negatively impacted on my life.

I sincerely hope you take this evidence into consideration when deciding on this proposal. I have attached evidence of the Old Clare Rooftop Pool & Bar being open to the public last year along with them advertising to the public when they were open. With the impact of this bar already been felt across Central Park residents last years I strongly urge you to take the impact of resident into account. The Old Clare Rooftop was never proposed for use as a public space for partying otherwise I would have never have moved into this building. Evidently the Old Clare Rooftop should be left for use of hotel guests accessing the pool area only as originally intended.