

My name is Tom Gold, my partner Susie Wood and I have lived at 2 Rockdale Mews for 3 years now and other properties within 50 metres of Rockdale Road for a total of 8 years. We are extremely concerned about the proposal Ephesus Restaurant has made for live and recorded music several nights a week.

This is a quiet residential neighbourhood which just happens to be adjacent to the towns high street. There are apartments, houses and of course Rockdale Housing Association is less than 100 metres from the patio area of the restaurant. As things are now this little road is extremely congested during the daytime as well as at night. People do not pay any attention to the fact that the road has double yellow lines and park absolutely anywhere without concern for receiving a ticket from the council. I will include a couple of photos taken over the last week showing how bad the parking situation is. Should this proposal take effect where are the patrons going to park? They certainly won't park in South Park Carpark because no one else is. They will park for free anywhere they can near the new nightclub. Currently people park in the driveway to Nat West and on several occasions I have had to run people off who are about to park in our driveway.

Several days a week I have to get up for work at 04.30 and twice a month that includes weekends. I can not imagine being able to function at work if there is an indoor/outdoor party happening just down the alley from my house until 02.30 and perhaps later if people are milling around the streets. My partner also gets up for work rather early and this disruption to our lifestyle would cause a massive disruption to our lives.

Sevenoaks is a wonderful community and a delightful place to live. Shops close early and most restaurants are not open past 10pm. The proposed changes to Ephesus are counter to everything Sevenoaks stands for. People do not come to Sevenoaks to party in a nightclub. This proposal is a terrible idea for many reasons but most of all the negative effect it will have on this delightful neighbourhood, including reduced property values and the potential for anti-social activities make it clear that there is just no way it can be justified.

Respectfully,

Tom Gold

## Appendix 13



20 August 2021, 20.02



19 August 2021, 19.51



16 August 2021, 15.14