

Reasons for comment:

Noise Disturbance

Opening Hours

Parking

The extended hours proposed by Ephesus will effectively mean that becomes a nightclub, instead of a restaurant. Ephesus already has an outside area from which music is clearly audible and a disturbance to local residents late at night. If music is permitted until 2.30am on Fridays and Saturdays and until 1am on Sundays this will create even more of a noise nuisance for local people.

Live music, in particular, is invariably louder than recorded music, and will carry a long distance - especially as Ephesus operates both outdoors and indoors as mentioned above. A lot of families with young children live in the area. Loud music until 2.30am will prevent them from sleeping.

Rockdale Road is a narrow road and on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings it is already virtually impossible to drive along it on account of vehicles parked on the double yellow lines. The proposal to play live music will attract more people, hence more vehicles, and it will inevitably block access to Rockdale Road for people living in the area and, also for the ambulances which are frequently needed for those living in Rockdale Care Home.

*Further representation received:*

I am still opposed to the variation of the premises licence for Ephesus for the reasons set out in my objection lodged in July. I referred in my representation to the noise nuisance which will inevitably result if permission is given for live music; recorded music and dancing until the early hours of the morning. There is already a problem with noise from Ephesus - on Saturday, 21 August 2021, for example, music was clearly audible in Oak Tree Close at 10.30pm. If Ephesus is permitted to extend its hours of operation, this problem will only be exacerbated.

I note that the prevention of crime and disorder is one of the four licensing objectives. If Ephesus is allowed to extend its licence to sell alcohol for an additional 19 hours per week, it is quite likely that crime and disorder issues could emanate from that, eg drunken behaviour; littering and vandalism.

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