

I wish to make representation on behalf of Rockdale Housing in relation to the current Licensing Application 21/01465/LAPRE.

Rockdale Housing is a registered social landlord providing accommodation for older people which was founded in 1947. The Association is also a registered Community Benefit Society. Our mission is to provide affordable homes, care and other help to improve the quality of life for older people. On our site in Rockdale Road we have a Residential Care Home with 48 rooms and 152 sheltered rent/leasehold apartments and 28 leasehold properties in Akehurst Lane.

I have reviewed the licensing application and have strong reservations around the revised opening times and proposed live and recorded events and how this is likely to impact the quality of lives for a number of Rockdale's older residents and on-site staff. I have outlined these as below:

- **The prevention of crime and disorder:**

In this residential and commercial area, we are concerned at the potential for disorderly behaviour if large numbers of people congregate in and around the area, specifically in Rockdale Road. There is also restricted off road and office parking in the area and a number of our Care and Support staff leave their cars parked in this area overnight, by increasing the number of people in the area late in the night you put peoples cars at risk of damage; both accidental and deliberate. It is also likely there would be an increase in litter, particularly from takeaway wrappers, cigarette butts and packets and other littered items.

- **Public Safety**

Rockdale provides 24 hour support for its elderly residents and staff are located on-site overnight. Whilst we have effective lone working policies in place there is an increase risk to their safety when leaving the site in Rockdale Road to attend to an emergency overnight in Akehurst Lane (rear of Waitrose), with large numbers of people congregating, potentially under the influence of alcohol in the area heightens risks further.

- **The prevention of public nuisance:**

The 'Ephesus' premises is in close proximity of Rockdale Housing properties, predominately those in Rockdale Road. There is a real concern that guests will cause a serious noise nuisance in the early hours of the morning. Rockdale feel that allowing the sale of alcohol and similar activities this late at night will lead to noise and anti-social behaviour in local streets at a time when most respectable local residents are in bed and trying to sleep.

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