

We received a letter regarding the Ephesus application for extension of licence to sell alcohol and food with music, singing, and dancing until 2:30am.

We live in extremely close proximity to Ephesus and have lived here since October 2020. We have therefore witnessed Ephesus build their new outdoor area and are pleased for them, it is a lovely area. However since the reopening of all business after lockdowns we have noticed a significant increase in noise and public nuisance on Friday and Saturday nights.

Please see our thoughts below on the relevant areas:

1. The prevention of crime and disorder - in the short time we have lived here we have been kept awake due to disorder outside our home resulting in police attendance. On one occasion Ephesus had their front door smashed. We are worried that increasing their opening time and therefore the time they are able to sell alcohol will lead to a further increase in crime and disorder.
2. Public nuisance - alongside the above there is often shouting/arguments/general noise of people leaving Ephesus and in the smoking area, and that keeps us awake on weekend nights. We cannot have our windows open as it is just too loud to sleep.
- 3 & 4. Public and Children Safety - one major concern we have is the amount of rubbish that gathers in the alley and car park behind Ephesus. Their bin is often overflowing and results in rubbish all around the car park. This is unhygienic and attracts foxes. We would therefore be extremely concerned if Ephesus increase their opening hours, which will result in an increase in waste, without resolving the current issue.

We do not want to stop a business from developing however we would suggest they allow sufficient time to learn and perfect the changes that their new space is bringing before rushing to open for longer.

I trust the above makes sense, thank you

Best Wishes
Molly Shuter