

I refer to the above application for Ephesus restaurant to increase their licensing hours.

My husband, daughter and I live directly above Ephesus restaurant, therefore I would imagine the proposed changes would affect us most.

I would like to commend the restaurant owner and staff for the improvements they have made to their dining facilities particularly bearing in mind the hardships they must have faced during lockdown.

We certainly hear music and revelry from the restaurant, but it is never intrusive, never offensive and there has never been any detrimental effects of the restaurant or its clientele on our lives. To that end I would encourage the restaurant to be allowed to do all it can to improve business in Sevenoaks, and to allow them to continue to improve their facilities and to increase their revenue in whatever way they see fit.

The staff and management are supremely polite and helpful and I sincerely feel their good behaviour and courtesy should be repaid by residents by allowing them to expand their business in whatever way they see fit.

I imagine that some of those complaining were also those who were the recipients of unbought food which the restaurant distributed at their own volition during lockdown. This altruism should be repaid by residents with support during a time when we should be celebrating our freedom not restricting it.

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