

APPENDIX 11

I am writing with reference to the application by the restaurant Ephesus to vary their licensing hours, reference number 23/00893/LAPRE.

Ephesus's planning permitted hours of operation are until 11.00pm from Monday to Saturday and until 10.00pm Sundays and Public Holidays. Despite this, their application to vary their licensing hours states that on Friday and Saturday nights they intend to be open to the public and to provide late night refreshments until 2.00am and to serve alcohol and provide 'entertainment' until 1.30am.

As the restaurant is sited in a largely residential area, this will create a very considerable public nuisance and will prevent near-by residents from sleeping, which will be of particular concern to those near-by families with small children.

Because smoking inside the premises is not permitted, customers will go outside to smoke, creating both noise and litter on the pavement outside.

When customers finally leave the property to go home, they are likely to have been consuming alcohol over an extended period of time and are likely to be noisy and potentially intimidating as they leave.

The applicant has recently lost a planning appeal to extend their hours. I therefore do not understand how they can now be applying to do this by varying their licensing hours and I wish to object to this current application in the strongest possible terms.

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