

APPENDIX 12

I write to lodge objections to the application made by Ephesus Restaurant at 57-59 High St, Sevenoaks for the extension of licensing hours on the following grounds.

1. Even under the current licensing prohibitions, people living in the vicinity of Ephesus are subject to noise nuisance in the evenings - particularly in the summer when Ephesus opens its doors/windows. If the hours are extended as per the application, it will be almost impossible for local residents to be able to enjoy any degree of peace in the evening, and there will be no chance of getting any sleep until Ephesus has closed in the early hours of the morning. This is unacceptable and unreasonable for local residents. Ephesus is meant to be a restaurant, not a night club; why does it need to extend its opening hours?
2. There is a care home at the end of Rockdale Road which regularly requires emergency ambulance call outs. Rockdale Road is already difficult to drive along because people eating at Ephesus (and other restaurants) park there. If Ephesus' hours are extended, more cars will inevitably be parked along Rockdale Road, which will cause access problems for both Rockdale care home and anyone else needing to access Rockdale Road.
3. The proposed extension of Ephesus' opening hours is likely to result in anti-social behaviour. Already I see numerous cigarette butts and broken glass on the pavement when I walk past Ephesus in the mornings, so this is bound to get worse the longer it is allowed to remain open.

Regards
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