

Notice of Determination of Application for Variation of Premises Licence

To: Cihangir Surucu

Of: Ephesus Restaurant, 57-59 High Street, Sevenoaks, TN13 1JF

Ref: 23/00893/LAPRE

Sevenoaks District Council being the licensing authority, on the 8 March 2023 received an application for a variation to a premises licence in respect of premises known as Ephesus Restaurant, 57-59 High Street, Sevenoaks, TN13 1JF.

On the 27 April 2023 there being valid representations which were received had not been withdrawn, a hearing was held to consider these representations, and having considered them the Licensing Sub-Committee determined as follows:

To REJECT the application for the variation of the Premises Licence.

Reasons for the Decision:

The reasons for the decision are as follows:

Having had regard to the representations made by the Applicant and interested parties, the Licensing Act 2003, Secretary of State's amended Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Act and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, the Sub-Committee considers that the decision to reject the variation application for licensed activities is appropriate for the achievement of the Licensing Objectives, in particular the prevention of public nuisance, prevention of crime and disorder and public safety.

An extension of licensed hours would not be appropriate at this location and would create noise and disturbance at the premises late into the night and into the small hours of the morning. The Sub-Committee notes that there are greater expectations for residential amenity in the area due to the proximity to a residential area and a local care home.

The potential for anti-social behaviour caused by patrons leaving the premises into the early hours of the morning would also increase risk to public safety and increase the risk of crime and disorder.

The Sub-Committee notes that the premises has, since obtaining their reviewed premises licence, been compliant with the conditions of the licence as well as ceasing activities at appropriate hours. However the Sub-Committee are not satisfied that granting extended hours for licensable activities complies with the achievement of the Councils licensing objectives to minimise nuisance and disturbance to the public through the licensing process.

The Sub-Committee determines that the existing hours on the premises licence remain suitable to achieve the licensing objectives. Therefore, the rejection of the variation application is appropriate.

Note

The Applicant is reminded of the ability to apply for up to 20 temporary event notices per year.

The Applicant is also reminded that the premises is subject to a planning condition which restricts the opening hours of the premises to:

Monday – Saturday from 08:30 hours until 23:00 hours

Sunday and Bank holidays from 12:00 until 22:00 hours.

Dated: 05/05/2023

Please address any communications to:

Licensing Partnership

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Note: Pursuant to Part 1 of Schedule 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 as amended, any party eligible to appeal must appeal to a magistrates' court within 21 days beginning with the day on which the appellant was notified by the licensing authority of the decision appealed against.