

## APPENDIX M

I am in receipt of your request for comments on a summary review of a premises licence for Ephesus, 57 - 59 High Street, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1JF.

The consultation request received states that the information disclosed within the review application is sensitive and therefore cannot be shared. However, it is confirmed that the matters outlined in the review application undermine the licensing objective of: 'the prevention of crime and disorder, and public safety'. Due to the restricted information provided as part of this request for comment, my response will be limited.

Regarding the planning history of the site, it is noted that an application to extend the opening hours was refused and later dismissed at appeal under planning reference 22/00315/CONVAR and appeal reference APP/G2245/W/22/3300703. The reason for this was due to insufficient information to ensure neighbouring amenity was not negatively impacted through noise disturbance. More recently, another application to extend the opening hours was submitted and refused under 23/03412/CONVAR due to harm to neighbouring amenity through noise disturbance and insufficient information to address this.

It is also understood that colleagues in Environmental Health have received numerous noise and disturbance complaints relating to the site. In the Council's Planning Appeal Statement for the appeal following the refusal of 22/00315/CONVAR, it was noted that the Environmental Health Team had received some 10 complaints between June 2021 and August 2022 from three different complainants raising concerns over loud music and noise from patrons. Moreover, the Environmental Health Team has raised concerns regarding the proposal to extend opening hours in terms of noise impact on neighbouring amenity on the most recent application, 23/03412/CONVAR. The planning history is summarised further below for ease:

- 22/00315/CONVAR - Variation to condition 5 (opening times) of SE/97/02051 Change of use from shop to restaurant within Class A3 of the Town & Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 to extend the opening hours of the restaurant shall be restricted to 8.30am to 1am Monday to Saturday and 12.00 noon to midnight on Sundays and Public Holidays. REFUSED and DISMISSED at appeal (appeal ref: APP/G2245/W/22/3300703).
- 23/03412/CONVAR - Variation of condition 5 (opening times) of SE/97/2051 Change of use from shop to restaurant within Class A3 of the Town & Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 To extend the hours, with the amendment text to read: The opening hours of the restaurant shall be restricted to 8.30am to midnight Monday to Wednesday and 8.30am to 00:30 following morning on Thursday to Saturday, 12.00 noon to midnight on Sundays and Public Holidays. REFUSED.

With regards to the review of the licence at this site, it is unclear from the submitted information what the review involves or is regarding, however, I request the above planning history is taken into account.

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