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I am a new resident recently moved into Chichester's very lovely Eastgate Square. The Square is a quiet residential development area with a high density of town houses surrounding the New Park Road car park and is a designated conservation area within an historic city.

I strongly object to the application by Woodies, 10-13 St Pancras, Chichester to open a restaurant / nightclub providing alcohol, refreshments, live and recorded music until midnight 5 days a week and until 1:00am on Fridays and Saturdays.

Recently Woodies, prior to obtaining a licence, posted a public notice which included the following: 'The Annex', soon to be Chichester's hottest live music venue, located conveniently right next to Woodies, will bring Chichester to life. Delivering the best of local DJs and live music to your ears and to your feet, ... '

Woodies promises of staff to control noise and access to and from the premises are unrealistic. Their suggestion that all windows and doors will be closed when live music is playing is also unrealistic and probably contravenes health and safety standards. From local knowledge I am aware that in the past Woodies have failed on various occasions to comply with licensing conditions.

The provision of late-night music and drinking with a closing time of 1:00am in premises with direct access to the car park is totally inappropriate and unacceptable. Woodies and the Annex are both small venues, the implications being that the dancing, drinking and revelry will spill out into the car park and

also will almost certainly contravene the safeguarding measures in place concerning Covid-19, which is a serious consideration for the future.

With the aftermath of closing time continuing well into the night beyond 1:00am in the morning, there will be noise and disturbance with crowds of people spreading across the car park and into the nearby residential streets.

This will inevitably trouble hotspot. In addition, the Square is a massive amplifier of sound, meaning that any rowdiness or noise at ground level is intensely increased by the time it reaches the top floors of the houses – which of course is where most of us sleep. There is no doubt that it would cause a negative impact on residents' health and well-being throughout the Square and beyond.

I urge the Licensing Committee to refuse this application for a new premises licence by Woodies and to confirm that it is the policy of the Committee not to allow the establishment of any Nightclubs in residential areas in Chichester.

Yours faithfully

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