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Dear Sirs

I object to this proposal **20/012001/LAPRE** primarily because I do not understand how the desire and actions of one person to open a restaurant and live music venue for 14 hours a day nowhere near his own home, should impact on the health and well-being of others who live near to the venue in their homes. To open and serve alcohol from 10.00 am until midnight five nights a week and from 10.00am until 1.00am on the other two nights would mean no peace for us, the Square's residents. With such long hours the Venue will hardly ever be closed and quiet; with taxis, deliveries, cleaners, musicians, bouncers and staff coming and going before and beyond the stated hours. Even just considering it here makes it seem impossible to comprehend how we will cope psychologically.

The area of the proposed bar/restaurant/nightclub is now predominately a residential area. The location used to be an area for leisure and recreation with a cinema and a swimming pool but the leisure park is now located on the outskirts of town. The applicant knew this when he commenced work on this development. Would a more reasonable proposal be five nights, Sunday to Thursday, until 11.00am, the same hours as a pub, with an extension until 12.30 for Friday and Saturday nights, with the expectation that the Venue will be empty and closed by 1.00am on those two nights?

I am not going to comment on the request for a New Year's Eve extension because we already know that the applicant did not adhere to the regulations and restrictions last year so it would be meaningless. We already experience loud noise from drinkers in the Nags Head's garden which stays open until midnight on the grounds that it has hotel guests and during the recent Eat Out to Help Out the garden was in full swing until midnight and then it took another half hour or more for drinkers to disperse. We have to be grateful there is no loud beat of music to accompany these sounds.

Once woken in the middle of the night after a few hours' sleep it is hard to return to sleep and health begins to suffer. Eastgate Square has a lot of elderly residents.

All sounds in the Square are already magnified due to the acoustics of the development and resound around Eastgate Square both during the day and night, starting at 6.30am with food deliveries and waste collections.

Should agreement to this extension be permitted, neighbouring and other venues in Chichester will apply for the same extension to their hours. Eastgate Square and Chichester will never sleep. It will become a party city instead of a peaceful Cathedral city and crime will rise.

We moved to Chichester as it was a conservation area, you have the power to preserve that position and I urge you to do so.

Yours faithfully

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