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We strongly object to the latest application by Tim Kelly's representative to change Woodies (a restaurant in a predominately residential setting, within Chichester's conservation area) into a night club open until 1.00am.

We note that Timothy Horne, Principal Environmental Health Officer, has stated that he does "not propose to raise any representation" regarding this matter. I therefore request clarification of the following points:

- 1 Is he aware the nearest property is just 4m away from the proposed nightclub and that the 3-storey homes surrounding the square form an echo chamber that amplifies all noise?
- 2 Is he aware that no planning permission has been granted for the new night club, (and therefore suitable sound proofing/ fire exits etc) or, indeed, for the rooms currently being constructed by Tim Kelly above the new night club?

Whilst it is a relief that security guards must be present until customers have dispersed and NOT just to closing time, they will, I assume, be briefed to prevent violence and law breaking. They will not prevent the cheery, (and sometime angry) farewells from customers, the arguments over taxis, loading of band's equipment into vans, final choruses of "We love you Sandra" and lads using the carpark as a urinal (they generally prefer the dark corner opposite The Nags Head) that we are likely to endure until 2.00am. How is that not a 'public nuisance' impacting on the mental and physical health of residents?

It is also the responsibility of the licensing department to evaluate the risk to public safety. In the middle of a pandemic, I question whether encouraging people to dance in close proximity whilst consuming alcohol until 1.00am is in the interest of public safety. The owner has a poor reputation for adhering to existing licensing rules, resulting in the police closing the premises on New Year's Eve last year.

We urge you to reject this application.

Yours

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