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Sirs

I am writing to object to the planning application made by Woodies Wine Bar to extend licensing hours for serving late night food and drink.

This part of Chichester has been planned as a mixed development area with a diverse range of mainly residential properties with both retail and restaurants. These all have to harmoniously co-exist for the benefit, wellbeing and safety of everyone.

In order to maintain the safety of everybody concerned, the Licensing Authorities will have to take into account the additional ongoing cost of late night Police, NHS Medical personnel in attendance. Despite Woodies' Stewards being in the area, it is unlikely that they will be able to sufficiently control late night /early morning boisterous and rowdy behaviour in the adjacent car park. This parking area is overlooked on three sides by three storey town houses. It is worth noting that Woodies is located on the fourth side amongst other licensed premises, notably the Nags Head pub. I believe that it is disingenuous to believe that customers using Woodies will be quiet, sober and be respectful of their surroundings, especially in the early hours of the morning. It just doesn't work like that.

Should this application be successful, it is probable that similar businesses at this location will apply for similar licence extensions to remain competitively commercial, which would be difficult to uphold a refusal to grant.

With a rising local population, it is difficult to provide recreation and entertainment within our small Georgian City centre. However, Chichester should not be compared with large metropolitan cities such as Bath and Oxford.

Of course with current, ever stringent, Covid-19 lockdown restrictions imposed by the Government for all of our public safety, it would be unwise to encourage or permit this licence application in this current climate.

This is *not* the location to grant what is, in effect, permanent late night drinking facilities. I trust that this application will be declined.

Yours faithfully  
Nick Mason  
Richmond House  
Church Sq.

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