

Subject: FW: Woodies revised license

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We wish to object to the above application by Woodies to revise its license granted on 12th November 2021.

At that zoom meeting it was strongly argued by Tim Kelly and his representative that the late licence was required for the Annexe so it could operate as a "sophisticated cocktail lounge" for diners to enjoy after their meal. Although myself and several other complainants argued the real desire was to create a night club in the heart of a residential area, this was vehemently denied. Mr Kelly and his representative promised the committee that they would only be targeting mature customers and absolutely refuted this suggestion.

The request to serve alcohol until 00.45 and to play music until 00.30 is to accommodate their student night. This is targeted at 18+ offering "3 bombs for £10". See promotional material attached.

In addition they are already advertising every other Wednesday as a gay night, presumably planning to use up to 15 Temporary Entertainment Notices to enable this, (as they have already done to accommodate the existing student nights). The venue would, then indeed, fulfil their original desire to run as a night club from Wednesday until the early hours of Sunday morning.

Not only were the committee misled, but since the Covid restrictions were lifted there have already been a number of incidents causing concern and distress to residents.

Shortly after opening an argument in the venue ended when the customer left the building then drove his car into the doorway before re-entering covered in blood. (see image of damaged window sill).

During The Festival of Speed the manager was punched and grabbed around the throat on the Saturday night. The police were called but were already dealing with a more serious attack at The Foundry in Chichester. The manager has since left the business.

The above therefore suggests the venue is already not meeting its obligation of preventing crime and disorder and public safety. Extending the number of late nights to an even younger crowd on Thursdays (and inevitably Wednesdays with TENS) would further exacerbate this.

Whilst the previous manager was responsive to requests to keep rear doors shut, and therefore limit noise to the rear of the building, there have been a few instances where diners in hot weather wedged the door open and where staff nip out from The Annexe for a cigarette break.

The smoking area at the front of the building is already packed with 20+ noisy revellers until the early hours blocking the path and spilling into the road impacting public safety. Increasing the number of late nights will further add to the noise and safety problem in this area.

In summary, the committee was clearly misled about the real plans for the Annexe at the last meeting. (See attached schedule of DJ nights.) Adding late drinking and live music on a Thursday will add additional pressure on a business already struggling to meet its current licensing obligations.

We urge you to reject this application and would further request that Mr Kelly's attendance at the review meeting is mandatory so that he can be personally required to address the above issues and not merely hide behind his appointed representative.

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FRIDAY 23/07 DAFUNK &
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SATURDAY 24/07 BAMO

WEDNESDAY 28/07 DAME
DJS

THURSDAY 29/07
RIORDAN

FRIDAY 30/07 JAMES
GILL

SATURDAY 31/07 BAMO

AUGUST

THURSDAY 5/08
SOLOMON

FRIDAY 6/08 RIORDAN

SATURDAY 07/08 DAFUNK

WEDNESDAY 12/08 DJ
LUKAH

FRIDAY 13/07
DISCOTHEQUE

SATURDAY 14/08 PAUL
BIRDSEYE

WEDNESDAY 18/08 TBC

THURSDAY 19/08
SOLOMON

FRIDAY 20/08 MIKE P

SATURDAY 21/08 BAMO

WEDNESDAY 25/08 TBC

THURSDAY 26/08
RIORDAN

FRIDAY 27/08 BACK TO
BACK VINYL DJS

SATURDAY 28/08 JAMES
GILL

SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY 01/09 TBC

THURSDAY 2/09
SOLOMON

FRIDAY 3/09 LEE PAYNE

SATURDAY 04/09
SPIRITCHASER

THURSDAY 09/09
RIORDAN

FRIDAY 10/09 DAFUNK

SATURDAY 11/09 PAUL
BIRDSEYE

THURSDAY 16/09
SOLOMON

FRIDAY 17/09 BACK TO
BACK VINYL DJS

SATURDAY 18/09 DAFUNK

THURSDAY 23/09
RIORDAN

FRIDAY 24/09 MIKE
PANNELL

SATURDAY 25/09 BAMO

THURSDAY 30/09
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