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From: Philip Robinson [REDACTED]  
Sent: 01 September 2021 16:02  
To: Laurence Foord <[LFoord@chichester.gov.uk](mailto:LFoord@chichester.gov.uk)>  
Subject: 21/01077/LAPRE1

Dear Mr Foord

Case Reference Number 21/01077/LAPRE1

I write in objection to the proposed variation to the Licence granted to Woodies on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

The applicant wishes to extend the provisions granted for Friday and Saturday to Thursday.

My grounds for objection are **Public Nuisance** and **Public Safety**.

I submit that the members of the Licensing Sub-Committee, that considered the original application on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020, were misled by the applicant, Mr Kelly. His legal representative, Mr Wallsgrave, addressing concerns that had been raised that the intention was to run a 'night club', sought to assure the Sub-Committee that, *'this was not the intention of the owner; music would be a feature in the Annex on a Friday and Saturday evening, but it is anticipated that people would just go to Woodies and then move into the Annex therefore spending the whole night at the one location.'* Minutes

of the Licensing Sub-Committee 12<sup>th</sup> November. An assurance that did not accord with the notice Mr Kelly had issued that, ‘ *The Annex soon to be Chichester’s hottest live music venue, located conveniently next to Woodies will bring Chichester to life, delivering the best of local DJ’s and music to your ears and feet*’. Mr Kelly confirmed that he had distributed this notice.

There is a similar tension in the current application for a variation. The website of Woodies proclaims, “ *Woodies Brasserie & Bar takes a time honoured tradition of hospitality, a sense of history and a dynamic team to create a restaurant and cocktail; bar that’s inviting, irresistible and even fiercely romantic. A restaurant offering something different in Chichester, a unique experience.*” <https://woodieschichester.co.uk>. The applicant has demonstrated, through advertising, that the intent on Thursday is to welcome students; youthful exuberance that is fiercely romantic does not sit quietly alongside the requirement of permanent residents to enjoy sleep.

The attached photograph taken after midnight on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August shows the press of people outside Woodies alongside St. Pancras. In contravention of the conditions under which the licence had been granted, music had not stopped at midnight and a complaint was made.

The applicant has shown a disregard for the principles of the licensing application in making full use of allowed Temporary Entertainment Notices.

There have been incidents that have put public safety in jeopardy, there is ambiguity on the role of the designated premises supervisor

and an insouciant disregard for responsibilities under the Licensing Acts for the promotion of Public Safety and the prevention of Public Nuisance.

I suggest the licence holder is in contravention of the terms under which the Sub-Committee granted the licence in 2020, has demonstrated a disregard for the conditions made by the Sub-Committee and that no variation should be permitted.

Yours sincerely,

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