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Dear Mr Foord

In 2013 I chose to come and retire to one of Chichester's delightful 'Conservation Areas' (The Pallants and neighbouring Newtown/St John's). I had certainly not expected that its local authorities would allow incursion of a high-impact business such as a large capacity, busy and noisy restaurant to gain permission to disturb the natural peace and quiet one would expect in a Conservation Area. We already suffer continually from HGV deliveries to local businesses, taking short cuts through streets which are not suited to such heavy duty traffic and cause repeated damage to its historic buildings and streets.

Since I am currently at a loss to find any meaning to the description of The Pallants and Newtown/St John's as a 'Conservation Area' I am relying on you to restore my faith by rejecting this application for an Alcohol Licence. The initial planning application was highly contentious. The Boston Tea Party won that battle on a slim 5 – 4 vote with 1 abstention. We, the residents, vowed to fight on and oppose the Boston Tea Party's next essential ingredient to put into effect their ambitious business plan. There is an opportunity here to look again at what is going to be lost to this important area if they succeed as well at this second stage. I urge you to consider the bigger picture.

However, if you find grounds for granting an alcohol licence at all, I would urge you to ensure that strict restrictions are in place to curtail its worst effects:

Objections:

1. The planning permission states that the premises must be closed by 7:30pm. 'Last orders' must allow sufficient time for consumption, clearing up and vacating the premises by staff and

customers, by 7:30pm. It cannot be justified to grant permission up to 7:30 when this process would take at least 30 minutes, i.e. 7:00pm.

2. I am concerned that the serving of food and drink will encroach upon the outdoor areas causing noise and nuisance to neighbouring residents. Where will smokers go? Will they be outdoors with their drinks? Will residents have to negotiate tables and chairs and parasols encroaching on the pavements? Can this be restricted please on the grounds of nuisance?
3. There are many, many places in Chichester, in much more suitably located premises, where people can dine and drink alcohol. If large numbers come to fill The Boston Tea Party places it will be at the expense of already existing businesses who rely on a certain percentage of this trade to remain viable. Will we be seeing these businesses closing down due to loss of trade? Will we see a shift in night time culture from the North/South/East and West streets to the Conservation Area of Newtown and the Pallants? Please help us to ensure this doesn't happen.

I am a Committee Member (Treasurer) of The Pallants Residents' Association. Our Chairman, Tony Earl, has formally lodged objections on behalf of our members, who along with the members of Newtown Residents' Association, are the members of the public who will be most adversely affected by the granting of an alcohol licence to the Boston Tea Party.

Yours sincerely

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