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Your Reference: 17/04392/LAPREM

As a resident of Woodpath, I am writing to register my objections to the proposed variation /extension of the licence for Huis in Elm Grove, Southsea.

I note that the variation 'adds an hour's later trading each night & serve alcohol during breakfast service and one and a half hour Sunday'. As I understand the proposal allows for opening till 3 am at the weekend.

I believe that level of public nuisance will increase. The incidence of having to sweep up broken bottles and glasses has increased,. Drinkers have been seen urinating in the area of the bin store for Friendship House, and even in driveways along Woodpath. The empty bottles are often taken early in the morning between 5-6 am causing noise pollution at an inappropriate time.

Car parking is an issue in the area. Whilst taxis dropping off at Huis is not a big problem, it simply exacerbates around the problem of where the fast food outlets opposite persistently and flagrantly ignore the yellow lines at all times.

Drug dealing now frequently occurs in the area, as currently attested by local Police website. It should also be noted that in October 2017, a serious stabbing took place in the early hours of the night.

I accept that Huis provides door security and there are in-house procedures are in place for dealing with trouble makers. Huis now has shutters fitted following, I understand, a number of break-ins. This indicates that the applicant has concerns about trading in the area. However these measures protect the applicant's sole interests, but do not address concerns that the locals who have to endure any potential crime/disorder, anti-social behaviour and public nuisance.

Huis, according to it's website, boasts an extensive range of Belgian and continental beers. The majority (84%) of the beers are over 7% BV , some are even 10-11.3% BV. This has concerns for levels of intoxication at 3 am in the morning in what is still a largely residential area. The application indicates 'serving alcohol during breakfast service' and i have concerns that this is a slow creep to a licence all through the night.

HUIS is one of five licensed premises, public houses or bars, along Elm Grove. The licensee currently enjoys commercial advantages over the other establishments, in so far as his license permits him to close an hour or more later than the others, such as Rosie's Wine Bar, and Deco, The Honest Politician and the One Eyed Dog. I fear that granting such an extension will set a precedent to extending their licences, too.

As a resident within close proximity of the applicant's premises, I can see no added value to the community of permitting the selling of alcohol till 3am.

SJ House