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Dear Sirs

I am writing to support the application by Hampshire Constabulary for a review of the licence of Southsea Brunch Klub.

At a Licensing Sub Committee Meeting on 9 October 2023, the owner of the Klub, supported by his solicitor, stated that the venue was primarily a restaurant, with alcohol served only during or after a meal. All evidence shows, however, that this is far from the reality.

The Klub offers many drinks promotions, clearly advertised on social media, encouraging excessive drinking in a specified time frame. Food is not served all the evening and indeed some tables are reserved for drinks only. Neon signs inside the premises: "Follow the call of the disco ball" and "Get to the bar bitches" and loud music pumping away all evening, indicate that the venue is primarily intended to be a night club, encouraging dancing and excessive drinking of alcohol, rather than somewhere to enjoy a pleasant meal. The ensuing drunken behaviour of many of the clientele is clearly out of hand and unable to be contained by the management.

There have been many instances of disturbances in and around the venue, some involving the police being called and others just adding to the frustrations of local residents whose peace has been disrupted. I and many others have lived in St Peter's Grove for a large number of years, in my case 40 years. In all that time we have experienced nothing like the problems caused since SBK opened in late 2022. We have endured loud music pumping out from the venue during opening hours, which is still disturbing even after the management have made attempts to soundproof their walls. There have been fights in and outside the venue, people shouting and screaming in the street late at night after closing time, men urinating in the street and outside private dwellings and vomit and other mess on our pavements. There is video and photographic evidence of many of these examples of antisocial behaviour clearly related to SBK.

For this reason I totally support the request by the Police for a review of SBK's licence, specifically removing the "bottomless brunch" and all such drinks promotions, closing time of no later than 23.00, prohibiting regulated entertainment and dancing and adhering to the stated limit of alcohol being served only as ancillary to a table meal.

Yours faithfully

Janet Wilmot

