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**To:** [Licensing Shared Email](#)  
**Subject:** Licensing application for opening and music extension  
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Dear Portsmouth City's Licensing Service Manager

**Re: 29 Marmion Road, Southsea PO5 2AT, application for variation**

I am writing to object **STRONGLY** to the proposed extension of alcohol use and music at the above address.

This premises, which has been closed for a considerable amount of time, made the lives of nearby residents (including mine) at 5 Wilton Place, more peaceful at night as a result.

During the period that this restaurant was operating, it was not a problem during the day but at week ends and evenings, clients who had drunk more than is good for them, spilled out onto the pavements to smoke, dropping their cigarette butts on the ground, continue drinking, having loud conversations irrespective of the time and residents who live above in the building as well as **US** who live in the surrounding houses and flats.

I am alarmed at the request to play both recorded and live music and if the new extended hours are sanctioned, residents' lives will become intolerable into early hours on a regular basis. Once this is granted, it is always very difficult to reverse it with much wrangling in the courts which we the residents will be obliged to fight.

If you allow a window to be erected on the side of the wall fronting Wilton Place, this will also allow more noise to emanate as well as from the door being left open especially in the summer months when door and window will be left open. This should not be allowed in the normally residential building and areas which was built before the owner of this restaurant applied for and got a license for a restaurant use of the premises.

The application refers to "inside and outside", there is no outside space, just a fairly narrow pavement that is suitable only for pedestrians going about their business. I read with interest the "Prevention of Public Nuisance Policy" dated April 2024. If this has been in existence when the restaurant has been open in the past, it was certainly not enforced: I have no great faith of future enforcement as there are always more calls on your officers' times during the night economy periods.

In conclusion, while I have no problem with a well run restaurant on what is essentially a quiet mixed area of shops, cafes and residences, this application extension is designed to continue the transition from a licensed restaurant to a drinking venue that serves some food. Locally we have the south end of Palmerston Road for that.

Please refuse this application so that we who have lived here for many years before the establishment of the restaurant in recent years, can continue to appreciate our peaceful and well balanced existence with the mixed economy around us.

Yours faithfully

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