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Subject: Objection to variation of premises license for The Hidden Garden, Unit 6, 45, High Street, Uppermill, OL3 6HS

I am writing to make a representation opposing the granting of a variation to a license to alter the timings of the sale of alcohol on the premises/sale of alcohol off the premises and provision of regulated entertainment to Monday - Sunday 09.00 - 21.00 on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance.

Re :- Rachel Darcey Bithell, The Hidden Garden, Unit 6, 45 High Street, Uppermill, OL3 6HS

The reasons I am opposing the variation of the license (as above) are as follow:-

- The rear garden /seating area of my property 6,Watergate, Uppermill, Oldham, OL3 6DQ is adjacent to and abutting the boundary wall of the above mentioned premises, being mere inches away from the waste disposal area belonging to the cafe and just several feet from the outdoor bar area. Should the serving of alcohol be extended until 21.00 it would further impact on my lack of privacy and would extend the period of noise nuisance.
- It would seem that the cafe/bar is solely an outdoor venue and having resided adjacent to the cafe/bar since before its opening in August 2017 I have noticed a considerable increase in noise levels, which includes
 1. Audible clanking of pots and glasses
 2. Loud talking of customers
 3. The opening and closing of the shutters at the premises
 4. Disposal of waste/bottles. As I have mentioned previously in this email, the waste disposal area is mere inches away from my patio area and as a consequence it is already difficult for me to have any conversations in my garden when the waste disposal area is being used. Should the license be extended until 21.00 it would decrease the already limited time when I can enjoy a degree of peace and privacy in my garden.
- The residents of Watergate and two properties on Moorgate street enjoy a communal seating area and recreational area which again abut the above mentioned premises so causing difficulty using and enjoying this space during licensing hours due to the noise levels.
- My Kitchen is adjacent to the cafe/bar garden and a bedroom overlooks the premises in very close proximity.
- With the times and conditions currently in place these being - alcohol not to be served after 18.30, the whole premises to be closed by 19.00 and no disposal of waste/bottles between 19.00 and 09.00, I do at least have a limited time to enjoy a degree of peace and privacy in my garden during daylight hours in the summer month, however should the licensing hours be increased it would have a severe negative impact on my enjoyment of my outside area.

In summary I do not think that it is appropriate to extend the licensing hours to 21.00 as this is an outside only cafe/bar and is in the heart of a residential area which has already been affected by increased noise levels and disturbance. To extend the licensing hours to 21.00 would have a detrimental effect on my well-being and also to the other residents in this area.

Helen Slater - To substantiate my appeal to the variation of licensing hours for the above mentioned premises I have attached a photograph of my patio area which hopefully demonstrates the proximity of the cafe/bar which is directly behind the wall.



The communal area enjoyed by residents of Watergate and two properties on Moorgate Street, the cafe/bar being directly behind the wall /fence.

