

# **Representations**

## **Representation 1**

Dear Licensing Team

I would like to object to the proposed variation (PR202201-73903) to the premises Licence for the Sunshine Restaurant, 35-39 High Street, Hythe, Kent, CT21 5AD

We live in a cottage just behind the Sunshine Restaurant. We have already experienced the noise of the music from the restaurant after midnight as they were playing loud music after midnight in the few weeks running up to Christmas (we weren't here at Xmas or the New Year).

I imagine when the building was refurbished as a restaurant, little or no consideration was given to mitigating any sound pollution if it were an entertainment venue but the restaurant appears to be changing the nature of its business, for at least some days of the week, from a restaurant to a late night entertainment venue/club.

You can easily hear the music in our main bedroom and it is difficult to sleep when the music is playing. The restaurant has a very loud kitchen extractor fan at the rear of the building and the music can be heard & felt above the noise of the extractor fan. The base notes from the music are easily felt in our living room and bedrooms.

The extension to the opening times and the extension for the playing of music will cause annoyance and disrupt the sleep of near-by neighbours who already have to endure the loud noise & smell from the restaurant's extraction fan. The late night toing & froing of people & cars in the high street and lane by our house plus the sound and bass notes from the music after 10:30pm to after midnight will be happening when people are quite reasonably expecting to be able to sleep. An entertainment venue that is playing loud music needs to be sited further away from neighbouring residents so the noise and disruption doesn't annoy their neighbours. The centre of Hythe is built on a medieval street plan. The buildings are tightly packed and so residents & businesses need to take into account the tightly packed nature of the building on and around the High Street. A restaurant in the High Street is a reasonable business to expect, though it would be kinder if their extraction fan was a little quieter and a little more efficient at clearing the smell from the kitchens, but it isn't right that they morph themselves into an entertainment venue/club in such a location.

Robin Harlow

## **Representation 2**

As residents of Three Posts Lane, Hythe we oppose the above application.

We are often disturbed late at night in our bed by the rowdy behaviour of diners as they leave the Sunshine Restaurant.

Extending their closing time, and consequently such behaviour, into the small hours of the morning would be most unwelcome and should not be allowed.

Yours sincerely,

Neil PORTER

Sally PORTER

## **Representation 3**

I am a neighbour close to the restaurant. I have made numerous complaints regarding the noise from the customers staff and the music. There are frequent physical fights which I have reported to the police, one of which involved two of the staff members punching each other close to my front door. Heavy dance music is already played until late and the types of customers this already attracts is concerning for a lovely town like Hythe. Marijuana is smoked outside, customers who are drunk regularly urinate outside my door and they use the alleyway to smoke. It's out of control already and extending the hours is completely shocking to me. It's a restaurant and it acts as a club and brings intimidating people causing trouble. Fighting and screaming arguments are a regular occurrence which always wakes my family. I have seen and heard violence from the customers who hang around outside on the street or outside my door to smoke. I strongly hope the hours are not extended. It's very tough for us all as it is. All the neighbours are constantly worried and complaining as it is. It's very unfair, it's meant to be a restaurant not a nightclub.

There has also been parents turning up shouting at the staff many times, one of which was hitting the staff saying the staff got their underage child drunk and take them home or they try to be intimate with them in the toilet after getting them drunk giving them free drinks. There is a bouncer at the door due to the trouble that occurs. My neighbours are too intimidated to say anything. The staff at the sunshine restaurant and the cafe opposite are a huge family and are all men working together. I can't tell you how many times music of heavy drum and bass are still playing at 2 in the morning. It attracts a lot of people from out of Hythe who fight as well. They advertise their disco nights on Facebook and it's a lovely restaurant, I can't believe they now basically use it as a club. I have called the police out so many times. The restrictions on music and alcohol currently in place aren't stuck to as it is. It's very distressing as it happens midweek as well as weekends. I don't know how my

neighbours who live directly above the restaurant have coped. Everyone constantly worries about the violence but a lot of people don't like to speak up. I have also complained to the council regarding the noise on the website many times before.

I really don't want to move as I love where I live however I'm worried it's going to get even more out of control come summer time as that's when it's worse.