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CM6 2PE

Tel:

19/12/2019

Dear Mrs Jones,

Your Ref JJ/20 Watling Street

As you can see I am a near neighbour
to 20 Watling Street.

And am the sole occupier - 86 years
old - of the nearby property.

I hope you were able to read my
few comments - I have no access to
typing or technology.

But I can do without more concerns
from flying, main road traffic noise and
regular bangs on my doors and windows
than I experience already.

Help!

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Re - ZOWATUNG STREET, THAXTED

Note on the proposal for a licensed restaurant
on the junction of Watling Street and Bell Lane
on the hill virtually opposite the great medieval
Church in Thaxted. i.e. 20 Watling Street.

1. There is always the potential for public nuisance where alcohol is available late into the night. This is much more than potential in this case when in 2019 windows were smashed out with glass shards littering the pathway outside. Fortunately there were no passers by in this particular event.
2. There is no accessible "owned" parking space. There is narrow space for perhaps 2 or 3 vehicles in Bell Lane. The public can park in Margaret Street is a ten minute walk away along busy and narrow roads with a high risk of accidents. Watling Street itself is a main arterial route for big lorries, buses and is a heavily used route for cars. The pathways are inevitable if people
Safety matters
3. The location is on a street where many / most of the homes in this ancient Conservation Area are loved and cared for by their owners. The prospect of blight from (a) a busy establishment or (b) another failed one, is hard to bear and must be seen as - in itself - a public nuisance to we near neighbours

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18 Watling Street
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8th January 2020

Licensing Authority
Uttlesford District Council,
London Road
Saffron Walden
Essex
CB11 4ER

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: New Premises Licence Application – India Villa, 20 Watling Street, Thaxted CM6 2PE

Regarding the new application for a premises licence at 20 Watling Street, The India Villa, I wish to make known my concerns. I write as an interested party; I am the owner of the adjoining property 18 Watling Street.

Essex Police brought a review of the previous licence on grounds that the crime and disorder objective of the Licensing Act 2003 had been subverted; this review was upheld by Uttlesford District Council and the licence revoked. Subsequently the council decision was appealed and is now listed for a preliminary Court hearing on 16th January.

The new application appears to be a cynical attempt to subvert the process by distraction i.e. were this application to be successful the appeal will be dropped, and operations would return to normal.

For this new application to be approved I would suggest that one of two assumptions must be adopted:

1. The new DPS and new Company are unconnected to India Villa Limited and the previous management team who enabled the contravention of the Licencing Objectives in 2019 and previously in 2017.

OR

2. That comprehensive and cogent articulation of steps that will be taken to prevent a repetition of the events of 2019 and 2017 be detailed within the application as amply provided for in section M of the application.

In response please consider my objections as follows:

1. It should be noted that the day to day running of the restaurant continues to be controlled by [redacted]. The new Director of the Company (Surma Villa Ltd) is [redacted] who I understand to be [redacted] son. Whilst the new DPS applicant is unknown to me it appears incredulous to arrive at any conclusion other than that [redacted] remains in full control of all aspects of operation. This being the case I object to the new application on the same grounds that the last licence was revoked. There is high likelihood of repetition.
2. Section M is largely blank or references previous operating practices; the very ones that the Police have called into question. In the absence of any commitment by the applicant to detail steps to prevent further subversion of the licensing objectives by the previous and existing management team (connected parties who still run the business as per above) then I further object to the granting of the license as the Council and the Police cannot with any confidence provide assurance that further subversions will not occur.

Again, I reiterate and invite the Licensing Authority to take into consideration the evolution of company name changes and dissolutions; Licence Premises and DPS variations against a back drop of multiple incidences of illegal workers within two years. The names of the varying directors, DPS's and managers are all inextricably linked to the Landlord who remains agnostic to the goings on.

Yours sincerely,

David Logue