

Appendix 2 – Representations from Other Persons

Penelope Kirk

44 Upper Brook Street, Winchester, SO23 8DG

Subject: Application for variation on opening times and days - Vodka Bar

To Whom it may Concern

I am writing to you with regard to the recent application by Mr Lee William Davies, to extend the opening hours and opening days, to seven days a week for the Vodka Bar and Nightclub, Upper Brook Street.

I am to be frank, horrified that this application has been made in the first instance and amazed that anyone would think this could be permissible in close proximity to a residential area.

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

It goes without saying that opening a venue, for such long hours, will significantly increase the level of intoxication of the revellers, thus inevitably increasing the likelihood of damage to properties in the area and also cars. A number of my neighbours have had issues with cars being damaged and worse.

Public Safety

As a woman who often walks in Winchester in the dark, sometimes late at night, especially if I have been working and am returning from the train station, I find the thought of large groups of drunken people being around, intimidating. As it is, walking by the Vodka Bar in the evening, when large crowds are queuing for entry and are filling the pavements, is also very intimidating.

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

At present, revellers from Vodka Bar and Nightclub gather in the covered parking area opposite the nightclub and I have seen on numerous occasions, some near misses with cars coming round the corner and revellers being in the road, or laid out on the pavement. I appreciate there is a 20mph speed limit, but this is an accident waiting to happen.

In addition, people gather in the car park opposite KFC and Domino's and to be frank this is at times intolerable at present, as the noise they make is disturbing during the night and the language and fighting that does break out on occasions, unacceptable. With the addition of further opening nights and extended hours, this situation will only get worse, in this residential area of the city.

I know that many householders and shop owners, who pay significant rates to run their shops, are often out with buckets and brooms sweeping up vomit from drunken people, first thing in the morning. This will only get worse.

I also note on the notice that the opening time is listed as 10.00? I can only assume this is an error and should read 22.00?

I look forward to hearing from you with regard to this most worrying application.

Yours, Penelope Kirk

44 Upper Street Street, Winchester

Jane Fish
2 Trinity Gardens, Winchester, SO23 8DD
Received 2 September 2022

Subject: Objection to Vodka Bar PREM59 Application

Dear Sirs

Please find as follows details of my objection to the application from Mr Lee William Davies, Vodka Bar and Nightclub, Upper Brook Street, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 8AL for a Variation to the Premises Licence for Vodka Bar and Nightclub, Upper Brook Street, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 8AL.

I am a homeowner and resident at Trinity Gardens, Middle Brook Street. My family have resided at this address for 12 years. Our property fronts to Middle Brook Street and backs on to the grounds of Holy Trinity Church which is situated on Upper Brook Street. So, we are "sandwiched" between these two busy city centre streets.

My objections refer to the following three points:

1. The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Unruly behaviour due to alcohol and drug consumption around a club environment is already an issue that we are dealing with on a weekly basis. Police presence at the VODKA nightclub is already frequent and this can only be expected to need to increase if the hours are extended. In the past 12 months there have been a number of highly publicised assaults which have been connected to the patrons of the nightclub and by extending both the number of days and the hours that the venue is open, can only lead to their increase.

Noise disturbance in the early hours, inappropriate (and often disgusting) behaviour in the streets where our children live and play is already a problem during the weekends. Littering, vomit, defecation and bins being thrown around in Upper Brook Street is often evident following a club opening night and we have often experience people using the entrance to our courtyard and the grounds of the Holy Trinity Churchyard as a public toilet!

Damage to cars and property on surrounding streets is already noticeably increased at weekend and during University term time - having had a cars and property damaged by intoxicated groups of club-users and we are concerned that this will be set to only increase should this extension be granted.

We are strongly of the belief that the extension of opening hours at the VODKA nightclub will result in a *significant increase* in crime and disorder in the surrounding streets.

2. Public Safety

As the parents of teenagers who increasingly wish to visit the city centre in the evening and who (ourselves) frequently make use of the local restaurants, we find that the area outside VODKA extremely tense and intimidating on any evening that there are large crowds waiting to get in or out.

On such evenings it is often difficult to pass the crowds on the pavement and therefore passers-by either need to step into the road (close to a bend), or cross over completely into the loading bay for the Brooks Centre (a pretty grim place to be if you are on your own at night). This is obviously not always a safe manoeuvre.

We have also witnessed club users spilling onto the road in the evening and generally posing a risk to the safety of both drivers, pedestrians and themselves and is surely set to increase with higher use of the club.

We are already feeling we need to avoid this area and instead walk via Middle Brook street by Poundland - but this area is poorly lit and not very pleasant in the dark.

Our concern is that by extending the opening days and hours of VODKA nightclub that this will have a direct impact on Public Safety.

3. The Prevention of Public Nuisance

Patrons of VODKA often gather in the covered loading bay of the Brooks Centre opposite the club and in the car park area adjacent to Domino's and KFC.

There are often instances of "near misses" with cars and local residents have also seen individuals lying in the road - either as a result of intoxication or stupidity.

Fighting and shouting is often heard in the early hours and the rubbish and bodily fluids (urine, blood and vomit) that these revellers leave behind is both unpleasant and a risk to others.

The noise and atmosphere that this activity causes are a nuisance to the public who live in this area.

Our concern is that by extending the opening days and hours of VODKA nightclub that this will have a result in an increase in Public Nuisance.

Best regards

Jane Fish
2 Trinity Gardens
Winchester SO23 8DD

Felicity Wheeler
109 Upper Brook Street, Winchester, SO23 8DG
Received 9 September 2022

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109 Upper Brook St
Winchester
SO23 8DG
7th Sept, 2022

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am horrified to learn that the Vodka Bar is applying to keep their premises open later on some nights.

I live in Upper Brook St. & my bedroom faces the Rd. I am often waken by noise & "People" looting around, usually at weekends, also litter etc. are left in the Road.

The idea that this is only going to get worse fills me with dread. Please don't let the application go through. Yours sincerely
Felicity Wheeler.

Charles Pascall
103 Upper Brook Street, Winchester, SO23 8DG
Received 11 September 2022

Subject: Application for variation to Licence for Vodka Bar and Nightclub, Upper Brook Street, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 8AL

11/09/2022

Licencing Section
Winchester City Council
City Offices
Colebrook Street
Winchester
HANTS SO23 9LJ

Dear Sirs,

I wish to register my objection to the application for the alcohol licence application by Mr Lee William Davies, Vodka Bar and Nightclub, Upper Brook Street, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 8AL for a variation to the Premises Licence for Vodka Bar and Nightclub, Upper Brook Street, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 8AL.

I have an interest that is greater than the general public interest as I live less than 500 metres from the said premises.

I object to the application on the following grounds: -

Prevention of crime and disorder

There has been an instance, over the last year or so, of drug dealing at or around the premises concerned which resulted in a chase after the dealer down Upper Brook Street resulting in their being apprehended at a premises in Merchants Place.

Criminal damage caused by individuals leaving the premises has occurred with their jumping on vehicles parked legally in Upper Brook Street causing considerable damage to the body work.

Damage to the environment has also been recently sustained due to individuals leaving the premises climbing through and over established hedging in Upper Brook Street.

Public Safety

Due to disorderly queuing outside the premises it is regularly impossible to walk by the entrance in order to reach the High Street. Whilst this is normally around opening time, it has resulted in pedestrians having to walk down the busy road with the considerable traffic load. This causes a major potential hazard to said pedestrians going about their lawful business.

Individuals leaving the premises regularly leave human excrement in Upper Brook Street presumably due to their being under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. Last week this was evidenced by vomit deposited on the pavement but deposits have often also included

urine and even human faeces. This causes a health hazard and the residents are fed up with having to clear up the mess.

Prevention of Public Nuisance

Obstructing the pavement causes a safety threat and when a request is made to pass by this is often ignored or worse responded to with a load of abuse or even worse abuse and the suggestion that one should walk in the roadway.

At closing time there is more often than not considerable noise from people leaving the premises shouting loudly as they return home down Upper Brook Street. This results in residents of the street being awoken. As many of the residents have to work early in the day, this is not helpful at 0300 onwards and will have a detrimental effect on the individuals' performance of their professions. This disturbance is regular and will have an intolerable effect if the opening hours are extended as proposed in the application.

Considerable noise is also evident from the "smoking area" when the premises is open. When this is late, local residents' sleep is prevented/interrupted. Any extension of opening hours will make this considerably worse.

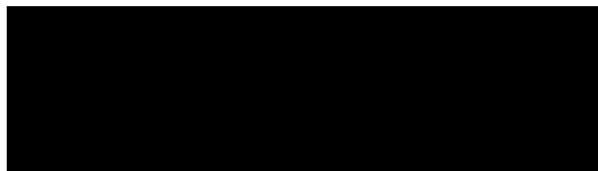
Individuals leaving the premises regularly knock on doors in Upper Brook Street or ring front door bells. Presumably they consider this "fun" but it is extremely disturbing for the residents.

Summary

Residents of Upper Brook Street were prevented from raising objections when the original licence was issued. As the Hampshire Constabulary does not act upon complaints made to them and police patrols of the immediate area are noticeable by their absence the situation has become intolerable. Calls to the police are normally ignored or at least not acted upon. Any further extension of hours will inevitably make a very bad situation far worse.

Upper Brook Street is a conservation area the restrictions of which the residents have to keep to. The premises for which the licence was granted is far too close to the residential properties in Upper Brook Street.

I request that the said application is at least denied, even if it may not be within the power of the licensing section to revoke the licence so that residents can get back to a reasonable way of life



Charles Pascall
103, Upper Brook Street
Winchester SO23 8DG

Cllr Charles Radcliffe
Ward Member for St Michael
Winchester City Council, City Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester, SO23 9LJ
Received 12 September 2022

Subject: Vodka Bar & Nightclub - PREM59

Dear colleagues and Licensing Committee Members,

As one of the ward councillors for St Michael and on behalf of local residents, I would like to express concerns regarding the above application to vary the current license for Vodka Bar and Nightclub.

Residents living in the vicinity of Vodka, including on the eastern side of Parchment Street, have shared their concerns regarding any extension in the opening hours of the nightclub on grounds of noise and nuisance.

Under the terms of its existing license, Vodka already operates until 3am at weekends (12:30am on Sunday nights), and may serve alcohol until 2:30am (midnight on Sunday) and play live and/or recorded music until 2:30am (11:30pm on Sundays).

Under the requested variation, if I understand correctly, sale of alcohol would be extended until 4am and customers would be asked to leave at 4:30am, Thursday through Saturday, while loud music could continue until 4:00am. Changes are also proposed to the rear access, which has generated some concern that customers could be encouraged to use the rear outside area for drinking and smoking, generating further noise and potential disturbances for those living nearby.

If Vodka were situated in a more remote location, or in a purely commercial or industrial area, longer hours of operation might be considered without regard to impact on residents living nearby. But that is not the case here: Vodka is surrounded by homes -- both further along Middle Brook Street and to the rear along the eastern side of Parchment Street -- some are literally within shouting distance. When setting limits on hours of operation, as well as consumption of alcohol and playing music, the interests of these residents must be taken into account. In this context, the existing regulations are the bare minimum required to protect those living nearby from sleepless nights.

As a City Councillor, I support the Council's efforts to expand the night-time economy and hospitality options in the city, including for younger residents. But as a ward councillor, I understand the concerns expressed by local residents in respect of this particular application. A balance needs to be struck between the interests of the business and those of people living nearby. Arguably, the existing license strikes that balance adequately; the requested variation does not.

Best,
Charles Radcliffe

Charles Radcliffe
Winchester City Councillor | St Michael ward

E Russell

1 Merchants Place, Upper Brook Street, Winchester, SO23 8HW

Received 14 September 2022

Subject: Objection to extension of licence for Premises: PREM59

Premises: PREM59

21/00746/LAPMV

Vodka Bar and Nightclub Upper Brook Street Winchester Hampshire SO23 8AL

I am writing with regards to the application for an extension to the licence for the above premises.

I have a number of concerns outlined as below.

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

The change to such long hours will significantly increase the likelihood of drunk and disorderly behaviour, leading to a rise in antisocial behaviour, damage to properties in the area. Living so close to the venue, we are already experiencing behaviours such as public urination and damage to vehicles in the neighbourhood.

Public Safety

The area outside the venue is dirty and unkempt, with increased queues for entry and extended opening hours this will feel even more intimidating. I have already experienced heckling from people queuing to get in the venue late of an evening when out with my dog and now avoid the area at night, it feels unsafe and the narrow pavements on a ring road make it difficult to pass by. There is frequently broken glass, vomit and rubbish outside the venue. It feels unsafe walking our dog along here and we tend to try and cross the road to avoid damage to her paws. Extended opening hours will increase this risk.

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

It is really common to see attendees from Vodka Bar and Nightclub gather in the covered parking area opposite the nightclub. There have been several near misses with cars coming round the corner and intoxicated people being in the road. It is really common to see large gatherings in the car park opposite KFC and Domino'. The noise at the current kick out time is disturbing during the night and the language and fighting that does break out on occasions, frightening. We are sandwiched between Upper and Middle Brook Street and the noise carries across and it's rare to be able to sleep through a Friday or Saturday evening without being woken at kick out time. If this is extended to the early hours of the morning it won't be far off the time I usually get out of bed. Rubbish, noise, signing, shouting, fighting will all likely be increased.

The mess on the street outside the Vodka bar and surrounding take away shops has increased hugely since we have lived here (just over five years), it feels run down and not respected and I can only see this worsening if the licence is extended and to include an outside area, noise carries at night and I am worried that we'll be further impacted.

With thanks

E Russell

1 Merchants Place, Upper Brook Street, Winchester, Hants, SO23 8HW

Adrian Hutton

**8 Merchants Place, Upper Brook Street, Winchester, SO23 8HW
Received 15 September 2022**

Subject: PREM59: 21/00746/LAPMV: Vodka Bar & Nightclub, SO23 8AL

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object to the Alcohol Licensing Variation of Conditions Application made concerning the above Premises by the owner, Mr Lee William Davies.

My interest is personal because I live at no. 8 Merchants Place, Upper Brook Street, Winchester SO23 8HW, which is situated within some 100 yards of the Vodka Bar. Our bedroom windows, which are at the rear of the property, face South, looking over the Upper Brook Street public car park and in the direction of the nightclub.

My primary objection is made within the remit of The Prevention of Public nuisance, relating particularly to noise.

As it is, my wife and I are regularly kept awake until around 11-11.30 pm by the noise of people presumably waiting to enter the nightclub when they gather outside KFC and Domino Pizza or in the Upper Brook Street car park (sometimes joined by others in cars playing music loudly), and we are regularly awoken by the (no doubt alcohol-fuelled) screams and shouts of individuals exiting the nightclub at 3 am or later, when it takes a while for them to disperse. If you allow the application to succeed, surely things are only going to get worse after extra hours of alcohol consumption, and many local residents' hours of sleep will be severely compromised, affecting especially those who have to get up early to go to work. The same is likely to apply if the application to extend the hours of late-night refreshment indoors or outdoors is granted, and the outdoor element will certainly affect residents in some properties on Parchment Street.

As far as the Prevention of Crime and Disorder is concerned, our house is part of the community of Merchants Place, as are nos. 44,46,48,50,52,54 and 56 Upper Brook Street which all have access to the courtyard.

Litter is regularly discarded along the street, and vomiting is not unusual as people who have patronised the nightclub make their way along Upper Brook Street in the early hours of the morning. I spoke 10 days ago with a resident of Upper Brook Street and saw the mess where someone had thrown a substance at the front of his house, waking him up as they did so. The situation is unlikely to improve if the hours of alcohol consumption are extended.

I find it disappointing to learn that the Police are apparently prepared to support this application provided conditions are met "in line with agreements with Hampshire Constabulary". Are such agreements to be obtained, or are they already in place? Furthermore, at Condition PC1: Challenge 25, it is proposed that a Challenge 25 policy shall be operated at the premises. However, on the following page, the application asks for removal of the condition of adoption and implementation of Hampshire Constabulary Challenge 21 25 (sic) scheme, which I presume means setting aside both Challenge 21 and Challenge 25 schemes. This would remove essential checks on those wishing to enter the premises.

I am asking you most strongly not to allow this application to proceed.

Yours, with kind regards,

Adrian Hutton

Sorrell Collins
56 Upper Brook Street, Winchester, SO23 8DG
Received 18 September 2022

Subject: PREM59 Application for Variation

ALCOHOL LICENSING Variation Application

18/09/2022

Licensing Section
Winchester City Council
City Offices
Colebrook Street
Winchester
SO23 9LJ

Dear Sir/Madam

Ref Premises Licence PREM59

I wish to object to the alcohol licence application by Mr Lee William Davies, Vodka Bar and Nightclub, Upper Brook Street, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 8AL for a Variation to the Premises Licence for Vodka Bar and Nightclub, Upper Brook Street, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 8AL

I have an interest in this application that is greater than the general public because as a long term resident of Upper Brook Street. My residence is approximately 100yds from Vodka Bar. My bedroom is situated facing directly onto the street.

I object to the application on the following grounds: I work at Winchester City Hospital and my ability to carry out my significant responsibilities are impacted by late night disturbances that leave me constantly exhausted and unable to concentrate due to sleep deprivation. The gathering areas of the public car park adjacent to KFC and Dominos Pizza act as a holding area for drink infused individuals often joined by those wishing to race their cars through the one way system The endless smashed railings and signs throughout the city's road system, bare blank testament to this indulgence. Even with our double glazed windows closed we are awoken and can hear the groups already departing anxiously await their departure down our street.

The impact of Vodka Bar's activities, already have a huge impact on the lives of local residents. My car was significantly damaged by youths running over the roofs of the cars in Upper Brook Street during the last semester. This was reported to Hampshire Police. Fighting, screaming, the hammering on doors is all too common. Defecation in the flower beds and female sanitary products, have also been found in following mornings.

Objection 1:

Grounds for objection – The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Reasons for objections: Upper Brook Street is a residential street. Families and individuals have lived in this area for well over a century. Regrettably Hampshire Constabulary are no longer able to offer safety and security to residents during the hours of darkness. Existing Anti Social behaviour levels are already well beyond any reasonable levels of acceptance. ANY extension to the opening hours of Vodka Bar no matter how small is utterly unacceptable. It is obvious that Vodka Bar needs to re locate to an area away from residential streets, maybe onto a Winchester University's campus where most of its clientele come from. This would also have the added benefits of making a safer environment for Female students when intoxicated.

Objection 2

Grounds for objection – The prevention of Public Nuisance

Ref Human Rights Act 1998

Protocol 1, Article 1 protects your right to enjoy your property peacefully

Has respect been afforded to the homes of the local residents?

I respectfully suggest that Both Winchester City Council and Hampshire Constabulary are already in breach of their responsibilities under this act let alone allowing matters to deteriorate further by allowing the variation of Vodka bar's licence as requested in this application.

My contact details are:
Sorrell Collins
56 Upper Brook Street
Winchester
SO23 8DG



Yours sincerely,

Sorrell Collins

Emily Horne
125 Upper Brook Street, Winchester, SO23 8DG
Received 19 September 2022

Subject: Representation - Alcohol Licensing Variation Application

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object to the alcohol licence application by Mr Lee William Davies, Vodka Bar, Upper Brook Street, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8AL for a variation to the Premises Licence for Vodka Bar and Nightclub, Upper Brook Street, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 8AL.

I have an interest in this application that is greater than the general public because I live at 125 Upper Brook Street, Winchester, which is less than a kilometre from Vodka Bar and Nightclub.

I object to the application on the following grounds:

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

Litter (takeaway drinks/packets/cans etc.) from drunken patrons is regularly discarded on the pavement, road or left on the window sills of the properties in the street. Most recently, bags of recycling that had been put outside my residence in the evening prior to collection were kicked open and repeatedly kicked around in the street during the early hours of the morning. The result was dirty litter scattered across both the pavement and road, which had to be cleaned up by the residents.

Those walking home from the venue who are drunk and disorderly predominantly speak, shout and scream at high volume. This causes a considerable disturbance as the terraced properties on the western side of the street have no front gardens, and the layout of these residences is usually such that bedrooms are situated at the front of the house. Particularly during the summer months when windows have been kept open throughout the night, the noise experienced from drunken shouting and screaming from midnight to 3am has been greatly disturbing.

A further nuisance that occurs frequently is the front door being banged or kicked by drunk individuals making their way up the street. To experience this late at night or to be woken by this during the night can be unnerving, particularly for elderly residents or those living alone.

Instances where noise is aggressive and potentially violent in nature have been witnessed, which is alarming and concerning from a safety perspective. On one occasion I was woken at 2am by threats of violence being drunkenly shouted at high volume accompanied by the loud kicking of metal bins in St. Peter's Car Park.

The noise from drunken patrons occurs routinely between midnight and 3am on weekdays and weekends. This has an impact on the wellbeing of residents whose sleep patterns are disrupted.

As a resident of Upper Brook Street, my experience is that customers leaving the Vodka Bar and Nightclub do not leave the premises quietly; do not leave the area quietly; do not respect the needs of local residents and cause significant disturbance to those living nearby. I am therefore concerned that if the licensable hours are varied then local residents will experience extended public nuisance and greater incidents of disruption.

My contact details are stated below:

Emily Horne

125 Upper Brook Street, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 8DG

[REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

E Horne

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Kate Healey
42 Heritage Court, Upper Brook Street, Winchester, SO23 8DG
Received 20 September 2022

Subject: Licensing variation The Vodka Bar and Night Club

Licensing Section
Winchester City Council
City Offices
Colebrook Street
Winchester
SO23 9LJ

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to object to the alcohol licence application by Mr Lee William Davies, Vodka Bar and Nightclub, Upper Brook Street, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 8AL for a variation to the Premises Licence for Vodka Bar and Nightclub, Upper Brook Street, Winchester, Hampshire, SO23 8AL

I have an interest in this application that is greater than the general public because I live less than one kilometre from the premises (Upper Brook Street) and will potentially be impacted by the change in the conditions. I am also registered blind.

I object to the application on the following grounds:

Objection 1:

Grounds for Objection – The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Reasons for objections:

There have already been incidents of fighting/ loud altercations with sounds of breaking glass, this could potentially get worse with the extension of opening times and the increased sale of alcohol.

Objection 2:

Grounds for objection – Public Safety

Reasons for objections

As a blind resident I am concerned about broken glass/rubbish left around the area after closing.

This is already a concern and for the same reason as above could become more of an issue.

I am also in the process of acquiring a Guide dog and worry about it's safety with any broken glass

lying around. There is mention of staff staying for 15 mins after closing to help with vulnerable patrons but no mention of dealing with clearing up rubbish or broken glass.

Objection 3:

Grounds for objection – Public Nuisance

Reasons for objection

My concern is noise during the time the venue is open but mainly noise at egress. If the venue is staying open until 4am during the working week this could impact on my daily life due to lack of sleep or disturbed sleep. As a visually impaired person my hearing is very sensitive, already we have to close our windows at night to reduce the noise.

My contact details are:

Kate Healey
42 Heritage Court, Upper Brook Street
Winchester
SO23 8DG

Email; [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

K Healey

**Mark Hibbert-Hingston, on behalf of Winchester Street Pastors
Christ Church, Christchurch Road, Winchester, SO23 9SR
Received 16 September 2022**

Subject: VODKA BAR - VARIATION TO LICENSE

- * Public safety
- * Prevention of public nuisance

Please see below our comments on the proposal that Vodka Bar should be open until 04.00 three nights each week:

The trustees and volunteers of Winchester Street Pastors have significant concerns about the safety of customers leaving Vodka Bar in the early hours of the morning. I am bound to inform you that whatever the decision, our teams will continue to patrol until 03.00, or soon after, as has always been the case. This is an agreed finish time nationally, rather than locally, as it is felt that asking volunteers to continue beyond 03.00 regularly is too much. In any case, we are rarely home before 04.00 at present. We would be concerned to think that some of the most potentially vulnerable people would be trying to make their way home without the possibility of Street Pastor support some time after 04.00. For that reason we very much hope that no variation to licensing hours beyond 03.00 will be permitted on Friday and Saturday nights, when our patrols are out, for Vodka Bar or any other venue in Winchester.

Many thanks

Mark Hibbert-Hingston

Coordinator
Winchester Street Pastors
Mobile [REDACTED]

Andy Goff
42 Upper Brook Street, Winchester, SO23 8DG
Received 21 September 2022

Subject: Fwd: Vodka Bar Nightclub - Licensing Application

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to voice my concerns and raise an objection to the alcohol license application submitted by Mr Lee William Davis, for the Vodka Bar and Nightclub, Upper Brook Street, Winchester, SO23 8AL.

I was rather alarmed to learn of the application to extend the opening hours of this establishment, as we already face considerable issues from some of those who visit this nightclub. I live at 42 Upper Brook Street, which is situated around a hundred metres from the club, and we are already regularly subjected to alcohol fuelled disorderly behaviour late into the night. We are frequently awoken by noisy disturbances close to our property, which is sometimes just drunken shouting and singing, but it is not uncommon to hear fights breaking out in the street. This can be very alarming to hear, and I have considered calling the Police on a number of occasions, but desisted as I can't get a good description of those involved, and also because it would be very detrimental to my sleep to get involved with something like that in the middle of the night.

The nightclub is clearly situated in an unsuitable location, and as it causes us all a great deal of disturbance. I have been a student myself in the not too distant past and as such I understand the desire for young people to go out and enjoy themselves. However, even as things currently stand, we are regularly suffering from disturbed sleep and having to witness alarming and disorderly behaviour. I feel that the extension to the opening hours of this establishment will only make matters worse, and I don't feel that any of the mitigating ideas suggested in the application, such as having a medical room inside the nightclub, will have any bearing on the disturbances we currently suffer.

If you'd like to contact me to discuss this further I can be contacted by email, or by phone on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,
Andy Goff