

Resident Responses to reduction of hours:

Response from KS

Dear Linda

Thank you for outlining the concessions offered by the applicant.

I have to say that I don't feel reassured, because under these revised terms Churchill Road is still going to be adversely affected by the comings and goings of an increased number of people, well into the night, both during the week and at the weekend. This has implications for the personal safety and well-being of residents, and will increase the volume of vehicles in an already heavily congested parking area.

The proposed premises opening and closing times are out of step with any similar premises nearby - eg, Poise, the Brazilian restaurant on the corner of nearby Sandringham Road closes by 10pm Wednesday to Saturday, and 9pm Sunday to Tuesday. A licence to serve alcohol until 22.30 Sunday to Wednesday and until 23.30 Thursday to Saturday will make Churchill Road a magnet for the congregation of undesirables and put the safety of residents, leaving and returning to their homes, at risk. At the very least closing times should be brought into line with similar premises in the vicinity.

The area already has problems with drug-pushing, prostitution and general crime and the availability of alcohol at this venue at unsociable hours only risks exacerbating these issues.

Response from LW

Linda,

Thank you for your message but I am still unhappy with the new proposal. I feel it does not fully address my original objections that extended hours are likely to lead to. Therefore, I am will unwilling to withdraw my objection until the drinking and music hours are reduced in line with similar establishments in the neighbourhood.

Response from FS

Thank you for the details regarding above.

I agree that some concessions have been made but not certainly not enough to satisfy my and numerous others' concerns.

But he proposed still late hours for the supply of alcohol and playing of any kind of music will not address my and others original protests. Note, also the possibility of live music has not been addressed.

Objections such as:

** Hours significantly later than similar local establishments e.g. The Brazilian cafe/restaurant - Poise.

** This late night venue will still be an attraction for drinking and partying with the certain associated problems for those living in residential Churchill Road. Already there is factual evidence of drug dealing and rowdy drunken behaviour in the area and this will no doubt add to an already intolerable situation.

** The parking situation for permit holders will be made more acute, particularly for those returning home late in the evening this further deteriorate especially on Friday, Saturday and Sunday when restrictions are lifted.

** I'm reluctant to call it a 'restaurant' because I still feel the emphasis will be on drinking and music rather than fine dining. The original application for 2pm closing is a strong indication of intentions.

· I will be willing to withdraw my objection if this 'establishment's' hours are in line with other similar establishments near by (around 10.30pm) but in the mean time I still have real concerns.

Response from LF

Dear Linda

Thank you for your email.

Please note that I do not want to withdraw my objection.

The times proposed for the supply of alcohol and music are far too late for a residential road and no other establishment close by has these same hours. I worry for the peace of the road which already has it's fair share of noise and can already be a thoroughfare attracting people you don't often - parking is already difficult & I would worry for my safety if I can't park close to my home as a single woman. I also worry about who the restaurant will attract - people leaving late and what this means for the residents on the street. Noise (unless the property has state of the art soundproofing which I doubt, the music will still be heard down the street - why should we even be subjected to noise up until 21.00?) and safety. I also worry about the effect this place will have on the ability to sell property this end of the street.

This establishment and hours proposed put a risk to myself and other residents. It is incredibly unfair.

Kind regards

Response from CM

Hello Linda,

I'm writing to let you know that I will withdraw my objection based on the licensing conditions outlined in your letter.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Best,