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Concerning the application made by the new owners of 75 Chamberlayne Road for the use of the premises to be a new 'Italian' restaurant, I have no objection in principle to the creation of a new restaurant in the area. What does concern me about this application as the [REDACTED] [REDACTED], is the request for an extension of the garden area, to presumably include outside dining facilities. Also of concern is the requested implementation of extensive opening hours-until midnight 7 days a week! Previous owners of the same premises made very similar requests in 2013, which subsequently went to a hearing and were refused owing to the great potential for disruptive behaviour and intrusive noise caused to surrounding flats and gardens. I live [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED] the garden area of no 75 and to the side what will be the restaurant area, is less than [REDACTED] feet away! I therefore have a vested interest in the sort of premises 75 Chamberlayne Road is used for. I work at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and my shift entails rising early at 6.00am each day. I therefore baulk at premises just below [REDACTED] area being used for late night dining and drinking, with the attendant noise and inconvenience this causes. As my neighbour [REDACTED] has mentioned in his objections, the premises in question is in a residential area, surrounded by flats and backing on to the gardens in Keslake and Chevening Road I am also concerned at the volume of the background music! At what level is this to be set at? I am in very close proximity to the premises at the rear of my flat and have already in the past had sleepless nights due to previous owners and the use of music in the premises. No 75 Chamberlayne Road was originally I believe an off licence and since the off licence closed all the planning applications have been for bars, restaurants etc However, the premises are in a residential as well as a shopping area and the residents do have a certain right in not wanting any public order or noise issues. I therefore believe this application should be refused as it is not conducive to the surrounding area. The requested licensing hours are too long and too late for a working week and can only lead to anti-social behaviour. The use of the outside space behind the shop as an open-air dining/drinking area is also not acceptable to the surrounding residents, who have a right to enjoyment of their own gardens and indoor space without disruptive and intrusive noise.