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Dear Mr. Young

Further to our telephone conversation last week and from the information I received from you regarding the application from the abovementioned applicant for the sale of alcohol and the playing of live music from Monday to Sunday during the hours of 12.00 to 23.30. on Sundays and weekdays 10.00 to 00.00, at the premises known as 3 King Street Watford WD18 08W. I wish to lodge my strong objection to the granting of a licence to the applicant.

There are already five restaurants and a Costa Coffee stretching the length of King Street from High Street to Smith Street on the ground level. Above these restaurants are two levels of residential one and two bedroom flats. In total 26 flats.

These premises have one small glass door as a main entrance on King Street with a paper on the door showing 1 King Street. There is no indication that this is the main entrance to the flats above the shops. As it is, people are constantly standing around the doorway smoking or chatting as they are unaware this is a residential building.

That alone has caused endless problems for residents. Residents are required to key in a code for the door to open and then the door opens **outwards** onto King Street.

Requiring people to step backwards onto the pavement area before entering.

We often have to ask people to move away from the door to gain entrance. There is a notice on the door requesting the doorway be kept free but it is ignored as people think this is an entrance to offices and not used after office hours and weekends.

People will be congregating around this area. Please see attached photograph showing the doorway and the premises intended for Mad Squirrel

This business will bring even more people to this doorway and below our windows. With McDonalds opposite our flats, which is open from 6.00a.m. till 11.00p.m.

there is a constant flow of people and delivery motorbikes opposite. See attached photograph. Therefore, all customers for Mad Squirrel will have no alternative other than to stand under our windows and around our entrance to the building.

Beside this, Costa Coffee occupies premises below the flats on the other side of the doorway and has tables and chairs outside their premises, for the length their property.

The general noise volume is extremely high from the people as well as the buses that turn into this street from other parts of Hertfordshire.

At night, this particular area becomes noisier when the other pubs close further up town, as people who take to the streets on their way home from other bars further up the High Street of Watford, come down to King Street to get their taxi home. They will now have a reason to stay in this area of town and then go home from here.

The volume of noise and people in this space will make living here intolerable.

Above all this, Mad Squirrel have made an application for **LIVE** music. This alone, will bring people to the area. Even if they don't particularly wish to purchase alcohol, it will be a social gathering area. Music always attracts more people than a venue which does not. People will still support their favourite pubs and restaurants and then in their intoxicated state will come down to the Mad Squirrel for entertainment.

Before granting this application a licence, I would be most grateful if you would consider spending some time in this area and experience for yourselves the behaviour and noise volume created at present, that is before the Mad Squirrel is operational. You will be most welcome in my home if you wish to experience this first hand.

Attached please find two photographs , one of the doorway used by residents which is next to where Zaza was and a picture of the opposite side of the street outside McDonalds. This I would like to point out, is a picture taken at a quiet time. Weekends and evenings can be considerably busier.

I look forward to receiving a positive response to my request.

Mrs G Robinson

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