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9 December 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Licence Variation Application
-Hollywood Bowl, Woodside Leisure Park

We refer to the above application to extend the sale of alcohol until 01.00am and wish to register the strongest objection to this being given approval.

Our home in Lamb Close is located adjacent to the only entry/exit to the Woodside Leisure Complex and it is unreal to believe we will not be adversely affected by any resulting public disorder, public nuisance and noise disturbance.

Our objections are as follows:-

We are in a residential area in which alcohol licensing to such entertainment premises may and should be limited to midnight.

Customers departing the Woodside Leisure Complex whether in transport or on foot have to leave by the exit adjacent to our home.

Despite any assurances which may be offered, once customers have left the Hollywood Bowl they are not in the control of the licensee who will therefore be unable to prevent or control any public disorder, public nuisance or noise disturbance.

The noise of such disturbances carries in the dark hours as we have experienced at a time when residents, some of whom will be rising for work in just a few hours are endeavouring to sleep.

The application is not conducive to the prevention of anti social behaviour. As indicated above we have already been subjected to occasional noise disturbance from rowdy customers departing the Woodside Leisure Complex.

Should any departing customers be minded to commit any public disorder in the early hours our residential area may be targeted as we are subjected to total darkness with the policy to switch off street lights from midnight to 06.00am.

Existing licensing controls were awarded on a sound basis to the Woodside Leisure Complex entertainment facilities and after hearing and accepting the concerns of local

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residents Hollywood Bowl had the good grace and commonsense to withdraw an application for alcohol licensing beyond midnight in 2002. We would hope that they will respond sensibly again. On that occasion your Environmental Health Department was involved and trust that they will be on this occasion.

Hollywood Bowl may have approvals in place for extended licensing hours in other locations but as stated above this is a residential neighbourhood and this should be the prime consideration. On this point may we make reference to a previous application of a similar nature in 2012 by Vue Cinema and a report drawn up by your Officers in which their observations 'based on current legislation and guidelines' concluded that the Woodside Leisure Complex is not in a residential area. We find this incomprehensible particularly in relation to St Michael's Drive and also when Jarmans Park in Hemel Hempstead is a leisure complex at a greater distance from any houses yet has a large sign in the main entertainment building which reads: RESIDENTIAL AREA-PLEASE LEAVE QUIETLY. We would hope and wish that your decisions serve Watford residents with the same consideration.

Discussions among our local residents do not support this application nor would those spoken to wish to utilise it. This therefore implies that those who would have no duty of care to the actual residents.

Finally we trust that this application will be rejected. Should this not be the case you will open up the way for such alcohol licensing for all the remainder of the Woodside entertainment premises and life could become unbearable for the local residents.

Yours faithfully,

TIM WILLIAMS