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REF: Salt and Peppers
23/10/2006

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing with reference to the application by Salt and Peppers to increase their opening hours.

I am objecting to the application as it directly affects the residents of The Old Rectory and other properties nearby.

The management of Salt and Peppers have never adhered to the permitted times and they regularly stay open until after 3.30am. There are large, noisy groups of very drunk people gathered outside the premises eating take away food until after 4.00am on a regular basis. This would obviously increase to beyond 4.30am if the extension was permitted.

The area outside the premises is a "hotspot" for fighting and rowdy, drunken behaviour and the noise from this impacts on the local residents.

The police have attended yet more incidents recently and some of these were reported in The Press.

The people leaving the premises inevitably walk past my house chanting, shouting and singing and drop their "takeaway litter" in the road outside the house.

The area outside S&P's is left in a disgusting, filthy state and this is left for the Council to clean up – there are no litter bins provided and the only place to put the leftovers and empty boxes is on the streets! This has led to a dramatic increase in the rat and pigeon population in this area.

There are no toilet facilities on the premises and this is why their customers have to find somewhere to relieve themselves. This is usually a steady procession of males and females to the alleyway next to the Corner Pin or next to Flares – the whole area is like one smelly, filthy, disgusting toilet with rubbish strewn everywhere!

My neighbour has recently (July) had cause to complain about the music and general noise from the premises and although they were reminded by the council that the premises must be **closed and vacated of customers by 3.30am** they still flout the rules and regularly open until much later.

I have enclosed copies of photographs showing evidence that they open and serve food well beyond 3.30am.

The permission to open until 3.30am was given on a temporary basis until December 2006 – they have proved they do not adhere to the conditions and they should therefore revert back to 12.00am closing or be shut down altogether.

When the people working at these "late night" establishments are tucked up in bed the majority of people are having to get up and go to work! Not easy if you have had only 3 or 4 hours sleep because of the noise outside Salt and Peppers.

I must try and preserve my "quality of life" and therefore submit my objection.



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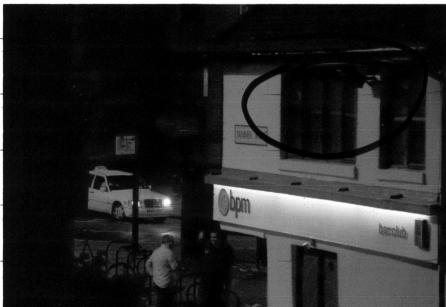
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