

We are writing to you with regards to the planning application to retain raised seating etc in the grounds of The Golden Lion, 54 Bedhampton Road, Havant.

We wish our concerns to be listened to after all it is those who live close by that bear the full brunt of the disturbance caused by people who don't necessarily live close by.

We have lived here for nearly 50 years and have always had a good relationship with former landlords. Annual Fundraisers and BBQ's have been part of the fabric of our local. But these have only been a couple of times a year and the music kept to a suitable level.

If permission is granted we fear that this will give the pub the go-ahead to continue with Sunday Bands afternoon in the garden. 3pm-6pm every Sunday he has musicians blaring out their music so loudly that we as he stated before (redacted)houses down can't hear our TV with the doors shut. In actual fact we are much closer as our back gardens are only (redacted) gardens away from the end of the pub land.

The pub has already made plans to extend its opening hours which means that people will be sitting out drinking for many more hours. When the bands start the drinkers noise becomes louder as they shout above the bands egged on by increasing amounts of alcohol.

The noise created by the bands we have recorded being heard as far away as Havant Rugby Football Club pitches.

We also wish to point out that two of the properties close by are both vacant at the moment and on behalf of the new tenants I can't say they will be overly impressed. I can see that these properties value will be effected and chance of selling reduced.

We feel that these pods are badly situated and too close to residential properties. As a photographer myself I have studied those shown and if a person can look across a property then he can also look down. It's all a matter of perspective.

On that note: Regarding the very last photograph on 1837469 the view is wrong. I think the photograph is in reverse. In the distance is our road North Street and shows the flats with houses to the right when in fact the houses are actually to the left of the flats.

We are having our quality of life and right to spend time in our gardens with family and friends completely disregarded, even ridiculed. The only time we can be in our garden according to the landlord is when they can't have bands outside because of the bad weather. I am glad the surveyor can see no adverse effect to neighbouring properties he doesn't have to live here and looking at the photographs they were taken without a visit during a time when bands were performing and those pods were full of noisy people.

I find it very unfair that if we played very loud music blaring from our house we would have the Police and Council around accusing us of a Public Nuisance, Disturbing the Peace and immediately making us turn down or off altogether.

We don't wish to stop anyone enjoying themselves. Perhaps they should think of providing sound-proofing screening and ensuring that any music speakers are pointed toward the pub and kept at a volume that only those in the pub car park can hear.