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To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Application of Cookson Hotels for a premises Licence in respect of the Old Sessions House

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Dear Sir,

May I raise concerns in respect of the application for extended hours as described in your notice attached to the forecourt of the Old Sessions House , Knutsford (formerly Knutsford Crown Court).

I am an owner and resident (for the past 10 years) of [REDACTED] I have actively sought to maintain the premises and management of the whole Libris Court development by taking the role of Director for the past 9 years in liaison with Guthries HML management company. The directors have over that time worked to maintain the buildings and their environs. Liaising with tenants and owners to enhance and to adhere to the strict stipulations of the lease.

I am concerned that the hours as described in the application are unsuitably extensive for a building adjacent to the homes of families. Our own lease is clear in describing the limits on when occupants may use their balconies for social events, on what we may display on the building etc., we are very careful to maintain "good neighbourliness". The hours sought in the licence for music performance etc do not echo our own efforts.

We have concerns about the increase in density of traffic/ pedestrians arriving and departing ,the safety of traffic emerging onto a very busy through route, the accompanying noise of cars and lively guests. We cope as pleasantly and cooperatively as possible with traffic engendered by commercial premises (heavy lorries and extensive car parking), by the general public finding free car parking in our spaces , by library users, by Jubilee Hall users. To extend this to all hours by a large number of employees and guests will stretch our ability to maintain a cooperative and relatively tolerant management of the joint spaces.

We have concerns based on experience of the town's bars and restaurants attracting crowds where alcohol is served and how the limited space in the town's thoroughfares creates difficulties when customers are moving from one establishment to another or leaving the town. There are fears based on good local evidence of the increase in anti social behaviour when alcohol is served .

The area immediately adjacent to the front of the building is a garden where children play and people finding a quiet moment seek out a green space in the middle of hard landscaping and a busy road. Will this space be protected from the incursion of guests who may not value its peace as we do but make use of it for substance abuse or simply to extend their social celebrations.

What assurances can be put in place that our residents will be protected from the results of 24 hour licences for a wide range of activities?

In the main we have welcomed the authority's efforts to make use of the towns disused buildings. We regret that funding is not available to provide for public use of this public building - a gallery with workshop spaces and museum space but recognise that measures of austerity have ensured this was not possible.

Please consider our concerns.

Regards,