

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to object to the application for the erection of a single storey building in the rear of Judges, Judges Hill Northaw.

live in Northaw, close to Judges with our . We moved to Northaw 5.5 years ago in the hope it would be a quiet community village in which to raise our children. We have been increasingly disappointed at how difficult this has proven to be.

When we moved here, the venue was a pub. Since taking over, Judges have tried hard to transform the premises to a bar and club, something that is not fitting with the local area. On days when Judges is busy, life can become fairly unpleasant and an application to extend to the premises would make things even worse. My concerns regarding the following:

1. Noise levels: already excessive during summer months and throughout the year when people are arriving and leaving the premises. This extends into the evening when children are unable to sleep with a window open. Similarly, in the summer, use of our garden is affected by the noise levels.
2. Antisocial behaviour and public health concerns: again, something that we have been surprised to have experienced living here, but something that would only be made worse through an extension of capacity. The noise levels are often excessive when people leave the venue late at night, revving engines, shouting, fighting and playing loud music. This has in the past woken both us and our children. We have witnessed people urinating in the church graveyard having left the venue. There have also been violent incidences within the village. We have also been verbally abused when arriving at our house by people leaving the venue. There also seem to be (on occasions organised) meet ups of "super cars" revving their engines.
3. Environmental damage: these events have in the past and will continue in the future to impact on our natural environment, both in terms of the damage done on the day and the litter that is found for weeks afterwards. Whenever events take place that involve decoration, these can be found along the road for days. The venue takes no responsibility in cleaning this up outside of the venue perimeter. We have also watched people park outside our house, empty their car of litter and walk to the venue.
4. Traffic and parking: The village already struggles with road safety with speeding traffic, unsociable racing of bikes and cars with load engines, and narrow pavements. There are many young children living in the village and we are unable to use footpaths when Judges is busy as cars park up and down the road on pavements. This also reduces the road to one way traffic and blockages in the road, whilst leaving nowhere to walk safely with our children.

Northaw is a small village without capacity for increased noise, traffic, anti-social behaviour, environmental damage or public health risk. Whilst we understand people want to have fun, the residential and greenbelt nature of the village means this is not the place for scaling up of existing venues. I object to the erection of further buildings and all forms of increasing the capacity of Judges. I give permission to share my contact details where strictly necessary.

Many thanks for your understanding