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On behalf of Mrs E A Williams

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Objection to proposed license for the impeccable pig, in front street Sedgefield.

Following our initial objection to the application we had a meeting with the owner, Mr Adamson, his solicitor Mr Hamer, and the establishment manager Mr Pierre Bertolotti.

What this meeting brought to light was that immediately the other side of my Mothers bedroom wall, which is a party wall, is going to be a 130 seat restaurant with a last orders licence of midnight five days a week and 1. am Friday and Saturday evening.

The above named gentlemen all had a look in my Mothers bedroom and Mr Hamers only real comment was that at least there were wardrobes against the wall, which should help.

The plaster boarded stud wall on their side which was used as a positional reference, unfortunately is now decorated. This lends itself to insulation, of all kinds, and yet we were informed no acoustic consideration had been made at all.

They did reassure us that the music would be of a quite subdued level and not immediately adjacent to my Mothers bedroom. This however will be of little consequence when compared to the noise of 130 diners who have been drinking and eating until at least midnight just the other side of my Mothers bedroom wall.

This bedroom is also the homes main bedroom, and as such with its on suite is impossible to move or re allocate.

The applicants will no doubt mention the fact that the building in a previous incarnation was the Hope Inn and as such the room adjacent to my Mothers bedroom was a function room. This on the surface is a valid point but not only was it small and seldom used but it did not have a licence until midnight/1pm and beyond!

I do not want to give the impression that I am against this development, as I consider it to be a potential godsend for the village if it is done correctly, and I truly wish the entire venture the very best. But above this I put the well fare of my mother and her home. For this I make no apology, as I am convinced everybody would feel the same if this was about to impact their eighty one year old Mother.

If the license is granted without this issue being dealt with, then when it becomes a problem (I am convinced it will), it will be up to an elderly woman and the council to prove, and then if sound proofing needs to be fitted it would mean at least partial closure of the restaurant in what we all hope will by then be a thriving business.

I am a self employed electrician and therefore have some idea of how buildings go together and am convinced swift action now will be the path of least pain ultimately, however undesirable this close to a planned opening. To address this problem now by soundproofing testing, and monitoring, which would not take that long, would be to put this issue to bed for good. This can be the only sensible and proportionate way forward in my opinion. It is just unfortunate that good soundproofing was not specified at an earlier stage.

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Mrs E A Williams