

Overview of Objections

Objector	Type	Grounds for Objection			
		Crime & Disorder	Public Safety	Public Nuisance	Protection of Children
Objection # 1	Public	X	X	X	
Objection # 2	Public		X	X	
Objection # 3	Public	X	X	X	
Objection # 4	Public	X	X	X	X
Objection # 5	Public		X	X	
Objection # 6	Public	X	X	X	
Objection # 7	Public	X	X	X	
Objection # 8	Public	X	X	X	
Objection # 9	Public		X	X	
Objection # 10	Public	X	X	X	
Objection # 11	Public	X	X	X	

Objection # 1

“I write to you regarding the live music & recorded music license application made to you by 'The Westfields' 46-48 Westfield Road.

I live at (redacted) which is a road that lies next to this business. Our road already has a parking issue with many of us not being able to park or are being double parked and blocked in by other vehicles. With the opening of The Westfields the parking issue has just worsened! If permission is giving to a place like this to open then the council should check that it is safe and convenient.

1. Is there enough parking? NO
2. If the users are going to park on local roads, can they do so safely? NO

When it's busy the drunks come out, high and merry and crossing roads without a care.

I object to the live music & recorded music licence The Westfields have made.

It will cause the myself and my neighbours a big inconvenience and to be honest the place should move somewhere else.”

Objection # 2

"I received by post a letter to expose our complaints about the new business "The Westfield" at the start of my road 46-48 Westfield Rd.

I'm (redacted) and I live at (redacted) GU22 9ND.

I'm not really concerned about the opening hours or noises but I'm really worried about the car park.

We have already issue with parking in this road where people are parking in double line in night hours because there are not enough parking spaces

In this road. I asked few years ago to have a dropped kerb to solve the situations but it has been refused because there are public parking spaces so now, with this business far away from the town centre, all the customers will park in our road and for the residents will be impossible to have their vehicles parked close their home. There's no trains close to the new business so most of the customers will have to bring their own vehicles. If the council gives the permission to have our dropped kerb, there will be no objections about the new business because we'll have our private parking spaces and their customers will not cause any disruption to us.

I really wouldn't like to cause any inconvenience for the new business but there aren't other solutions for this frustrating situation.

Thank you for your time for understanding my thoughts"

Objection # 3

"I (redacted) OBJECT to the extended hours to serve food and drink till midnight Monday to Sunday and New year's eve and also the playing of pre-recorded and live music till midnight and 2am new year's eve.

The Westfield Restaurant and Bar

1) loud music playing in the function bar and in the restaurant.

Sat 3rd February - DJ playing music was heard in my home with the windows shut and TV on.

2) People outside the venue talking loudly and smoking. Throwing cigarettes on the ground.

3) cars parked on double yellow lines and on pavement. The Westfield Restaurant is surrounded by double yellow lines. This is stopping visibility pulling out of Granville Road.

4) Harassment and intimidating behaviour from people using the restaurant swearing and waving at me whilst in my own home.

5) Metal chairs outside making noise when being stacked away a night.

6) The sign on the restaurant is too bright. It lights up my entire bedroom.

There have been a number of reasons why I am objecting to this license. The Westfield village is a quiet neighbourhood and I live directly opposite the restaurant. I've seen badly parked cars, cigarette ends thrown on the floor, loud music, people swearing and waving at me from my house, loud people outside and a drunk person falling over whilst trying to get into a car to name a few.

I strongly feel that this type of venue should not be allowed to open late in such a small residential area. Leaving people like myself to be woke up by loud music, people talking loudly.”

Objection # 4

“I am writing in opposition to the Westfield's application to extend their license for music. Specifically, how the granting of the premises license to the Westfield will contravene all four objectives of the Licensing Act 2003.

I live with my family at (redacted) Woking GU22 9NA across the road from the Westfield bar, located at 46-48 Westfield Rd, Woking, GU22 9NA. We already made a noise complaint for the Westfield in early February about excess noise from a party/clubbing. There was light pollution in the forming of disco lights/flashing lights as well as excess noise. If the license for music is granted there will most certainly be more instances of this situation. The Westfield is located in a primary residential area as such, the presence of a bar like the Westfield is already very questionable, let alone granting a license which would allow the Westfield to play music until early hours of the morning.

With regard to the four objectives of the Licensing act 2003:

The prevention of crime and disorder

If the license is granted to the Westfield there will almost certainly be an increase in crime and disorder. Late night music/parties will be definitely accompanied with alcoholic intoxication which is often leads to all sorts of anti-social behaviours such as vandalism. Indeed, one of our neighbours has already experienced such anti-social behaviours with drunk patrons displaying offensive hand gestures towards them, which were reported to the police. Furthermore, public transport to the Westfield is also limited. Therefore, drink driving and/or tired driving will be a more likely occurrence with the grant of license to the Westfield.

Public safety

In addition to the general increase in danger related to drunkenness, granting the license will also cause dangers to the public at large. The westfield is located in a bend in the road giving rise to limited visibility and therefore is in a generally more accident prone area. For

example, our fence had two cars crashed in to it. Granting the license to the westfield will lead to more accidents due any combination of drunk patrons, late night driving, and/or drink driving. Moreover, the people at risk are not only limited to the patrons and driver. Since the Westfield is a heavily residential area, the members of the local community and their property are also at risk. Furthermore, the problem is exacerbated by the increase in the number of the patrons' cars parked on the main road further reducing visibility and increasing danger for members of the public.

The prevention of public nuisance

As mentioned above, the Westfield is located in a heavy residential area. There are residents on all sides of the westfield. They already had an incident where there was excess noise and light. The Westfield being located in such a dense residential area is very questionable. If the license is granted to the Westfield, they will certainly disrupt a large number of local residents through noise and/or light. Furthermore, alot of local residents have small childrens, for example we have a (redacted) year old. Disruption will be much greater for children as they need peace and quiet from as early as 7pm.

The protection of children from harm

Again, the westfield is located in a dense residential area where a lot families have children. Not only will they be in more danger with general drunken behavior with vandalism and aggressiveness, the increase in the likelihood of accidents on the road means that they will be in more danger in general.

In conclusion, the Westifield's license application contravenes all four objectives of the Licensing act 2003. Therefore, such applications need to be denied to maintain public peace and safety.

If you have any questions or need any additional comments please feel free to contact me on (redacted).”

Objection # 5

“I write with regard to the above named application.

The premises are situated in a small parade of shops in Westfield road, Woking, in a predominantly residential area. My house in Holmes Close is opposite the restaurant.

The opening of the Westfield is to be welcomed. The refurbishment is of a high standard. The staff are friendly and attentive and it seems that every effort has been made towards a successful venture.

However, a major difference from the previous restaurant is the addition of a bar upstairs and an outside seating area.

My concern is related to the prevention of public nuisance objective in the Licensing Act. This request for an extension to the current licence gives potential for late night

noise/disturbance to local residents, in particular if doors and windows are opened onto the outside seating area, and if alcohol is served there.

Traffic noise on Westfield road would encourage raised voices from those sitting outside. This sounds carries across to Holmes Close.”

Objection # 6

“I am writing to object to the application for a Live Music and Recorded music license and extended drinking license at the Westfield Bar and Restaurant. As a resident of Granville Road I am concerned about an increase in antisocial behaviour, excessive noise for the surrounding houses and the limited onsite facilities which may increase public urination in the alleyway behind the venue. In addition there is a lack of parking facilities and this would impact residents.

Thank you

Westfield resident”

Objection # 7

“I would like to object to the Live Music & Recorded Music License application of 'The Westfield' 46-48 Westfield Rd. I'm concerned about the Loud Music, Car Parking Issues and potential late night unsocial behaviour. Crime and disorder”

Objection # 8

“I strongly object to this premises having a Live Music & Recorded music license due to the following reasons

1/ The Music will be loud & cause a disturbance just like it was on Saturday Feb 3rd when they held a private

Party function – I live nearly opposite & this loud music on Feb 3rd was definitely a disturbance preventing me from going to sleep

2/ Groups of people gathering outside to smoke cigarettes, shouting & laughing is also a disturbance & a worry for local people living nearby – this happened on Feb 3rd during a private party function. This is a very real concern for local residence who are quite rightly worried about the potential of anti-social behaviour spilling out on the street after drinking alcohol all evening.

3/ Car parking – since this premises has opened there have been numerous occasions when cars have been parked on double yellow lines – this is a daily occurrence &

certain individuals who run this business seem to have a total disregard to double yellow lines. There is no car parking facility to accommodate this business. Grenville Rd & Westfield Rd are always congested with residential car parking.

In addition to my objection to the Live music & recorded music license, I am also questioning how this business has been allowed to go ahead without any consultation with local residence - No one would have an objection to another restaurant similar to the previous Guru but this business is completely different as it is a Pub / night club / cocktail bar / live sports viewing / private party functions. – This kind of business is not appropriate in this residential area.

(redacted)

(redacted) Westfield Rd”

Objection # 9

“We have become aware of the application for an extended licence for the above venue and, having viewed the application, wish to make our representation.

Our main concern centres around the amount of noise created by music-based events late into the night. Our understanding is that in areas of dense residential accommodation the Woking licensing policy encourages stricter conditions for noise control. The venue has already held an event which involved playing recorded music on Saturday 3rd February, and the music was so loud that the lyrics of the songs were clearly audible over the sound of our television with both our windows, and the venue’s windows closed. This continued until just after 11pm and our children weren’t able to sleep. If this were to continue until midnight, especially on nights where our children have to get up for school the next day, this would constitute a significant nuisance. We do understand, however, that New Year’s eve is a common celebration so we have no objection to the later hour on this night.

With an existing shortage of available parking in the local area for residents, and an already established pattern of drivers ignoring time limits and double-yellow lines, the addition of events which attract a large number of people would also put an even greater strain on the surrounding roads.

With the promotion both in the windows and on the permanent sign on the side of the building for a Happy Hour Monday to Thursday, something specifically discouraged by Woking’s licensing policy, we are concerned that this restaurant is intending to operate more as a pub. This gives rise to concerns about the usage of the outside space late at night and when the bi-fold doors along the front of the venue are open, for the noise produced, the potential for strong language, and the risk of broken glass on a thoroughfare used extensively by children on their way to and from multiple schools.

We have appreciated that the venue has obscured the window on the side of the building that looked down directly over our entire garden and into both ours and our daughter's bedroom windows, and would like an assurance that this will remain in place.

Thanks

(redacted) Westfield Road, GU22 9NA

Objection # 10

"We refer to the above and we are very concerned about this license being granted. This is a quiet residential area and the last thing the residents need is this type of license being granted which could cause anti social behaviour and disrupt the peace in what is a local quiet area.

It would be completely outrageous for this licence to be granted. Its always been a normal restaurant and if they turn it into a rowdy club it is completely unacceptable.

We live at (redacted) Apers Avenue around the corner from this place. People will park on our road and cause disruption on that front. We have pets who do not like loud music or loud noise and it would be completely unfair for such noise to be allowed.

We object gravely to this. If I need to submit any application or any other documents let me know.

I would like to know the outcome because if this is granted I will be appealing the granting of any such license via a top city law firm on behalf of all the residents which may object.

Thank you for your assistance."

Kind regards

(Redacted)
Sent from my iPhone

Objection # 11

"I wish to raise my objections to the Application made by the owners of the above property to extend their Music and Drinking Licence until 12pm every night. Westfield is a residential area comprising of a mixture of young families and elderly residents living in the relatively peaceful area Woking.

'The Westfield' was for many years a restaurant but it now appears that the new owners wish to turn into a mini nightclub with all the problems that can be associated with these types of establishments.

My main objections are as follows:

Loud Music being played at a time when most residents especially children will be trying to sleep. The venue does not have any designated parking facilities and therefore this will lead to extra parking on either Westfield Road (which is already a busy thoroughfare) or in one of the narrow residential roads in the area. This will lead to a number a people congregating in these areas after

12pm causing disturbance through talking(shouting?), shutting car doors, starting cars all to the detriment of the residents especially young children.

The almost inevitable Anti Social Behaviour of some of the people frequenting this venue that will arise from longer drinking hours and their uncaring attitude to society as a whole.

To allow this type of establishment in such an area would be a major let down to the majority of residents in the area.

(Redacted)

Apers Avenue Resident