

The Licensing Section
 Customer Service Centre
 85 New Square
 Chesterfield
 S40 1AH



19 November 2017

Dear Sir or Madam

**Re: NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE –
 Koo Chesterfield Ltd, 475a Chatsworth Road, Chesterfield, S40 3AD**

Proposed increase in permitted hours for music and recorded music. Increase in permitted hours for sale and supply of alcohol. Addition of permission for plays, films, dance and late night refreshments. Extended hours New Year from 01.00am New Year's Eve to closing on New Year's Day.

I write in connection with the above licence application. As a local resident I know the area well. I wish to strongly object to the amendments of the premises licence at this location.

The proposed amendments of the premise licence are ill-considered in what is predominantly a residential area. They would represent a further extension of the original business established here in 2006 as a delicatessen/coffee shop. My objections are as follows:

1. The immediate area is already heavily congested and residents increasingly find it difficult to park outside of or even near to their own properties. Koo has no designated parking facilities and its customers already use Heaton Street and the nearby St. Thomas' Church car park. I have lost count of the number of times I have had to ask their customers not to leave their vehicles' blocking my driveway; such requests are sometimes met with aggressive verbal abuse and profanities.
2. The business started as a delicatessen/coffee shop before evolving into a restaurant and bar. It now wishes to evolve further into a cross between a restaurant, a cinema, a theatre and a night club. It does not have sufficient space to properly provide these services and we have already witnessed how functions, especially but not exclusively in warmer weather, lead to their patrons spilling out onto the pavements at the junction of Chatsworth Road and Heaton Street. On one occasion the whole path was blocked with additional tables, chairs and people and I was forced to ask the party revellers to allow me to pass through them with my dog. I was advised to 'go round, walk in the road.' That would be the busy Chatsworth Road. I fail to see why I should have to put the life of my dog and myself at risk because other people think it is okay to block a public footpath.
3. It is not only people who spill out of the venue. With their doors and windows thrown open, we are all subject to the loud music being played in Koo's,

whether we like it or not. This would be even more irritating should it become a regular and/or late night occurrence.

4. When functions wind down, attendees sometimes congregate on the street corner or in small groups as they return to their cars or use their mobile phones to call for taxi's. Local residents then have to put up with loud (sometimes drunken) chatter, flirting, arguments and the like plus a chorus of car horns, slamming car doors and so on. This is not funny for those trying to sleep. Most of Koo's their nearest neighbours are elderly people who aren't usually still up in the early hours of the morning.
5. It is, of course, only my personal opinion, but I am not aware that the business enjoys **much** patronage from local residents. We therefore see few positives but plenty of negatives from having it on our doorstep.
6. Last, but by **no** means least, I am surprised that the business owners consider one small **notice** of their intentions, stuck in a corner of a side window on Heaton Street, as adequate consultation with local residents. Perhaps they would have **been** better advised to 'knock on doors' or at least put a flyer through the **letterbox** of their neighbours. Instead, it seems they wish to keep their **expansion** plans secret – I wonder why?

If this application is **to** be decided by councillors, please take this as notice that I would like to speak **at the** meeting of the committee dealing with it. I would be grateful if you would **provide** me with the location and timing details of this meeting as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

