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**“Wabi” - 38 East Street Horsham - application for extension of hours in respect of the rear garden**

Regrettably, I cannot support this application.

As part of the substantial re-development associated with the establishment of “Wabi” as a quality restaurant, the existing garden area at the rear of the building was revamped to fit the image of the restaurant. Unfortunately, that revamp was unable to address sufficiently the preceding difficulty of noise egress and its impact on neighbouring residential properties.

Even within its current licensing hours, there have been occasions when the noise levels emanating from the garden have been considerably intrusive for nearby residents.

Extending the hours as requested will mean the likelihood of the occasional nuisance becoming a frequent feature, posing a serious detriment to the interests of nearby residents. For various reasons, the window for undisturbed sleep in this immediate locality is already very narrow, especially at weekends. As might be presumed, granting this application will not alleviate that problem but add to it.

I request, therefore, that the application be refused.

Yours faithfully

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