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Dear Mr Seekings,

1. I am writing to you again to strongly object to the Alcohol Licence Application that has been submitted to Surrey Heath Council for the site on Mytchett Road known as 'Waters Edge'.

2. I originally raised my objection on 18 December and also attended the hearing on 14/01/14. My main concern with the Application is the times which have been requested (08:00 am - 02:00 am). As I stated in my original letter to you I have to get up early in the morning for my job and thus have to go to bed at a reasonable time (as most people do). We purchased our property in 1988, where I live with my wife who also has to get up early for work and my two children who have just started there A' level studies at college and a peaceful night's sleep is absolutely essential for all of us. I believe the noise and disturbance that will arise from people (drinkers and staff) and their vehicles leaving these premises up to 02:00-03:00 will cause material interference to the enjoyment and use of our home and cause me and my family personal distress. I consider that the introduction of this noise will result in a broken sleep pattern for me and my family and thus substantially reduce the living standards that we have enjoyed in Mytchett for many years.

3. If the premises do not stop serving alcohol until 02:00, this actually means that drinkers may not leave the bar area until at least 02:30 and maybe later, they will then enter the car park, which sits directly at the bottom of our garden, where it would be impossible to avoid the inevitable goodbye chatter to their friends, car doors (opening and closing), car alarms being deactivated, engines starting, taxis arriving etc. etc. This is not to mention then bar staff leaving the premises with similar noise which realistically could be closer to 03:00 and maybe even later by the time they have cleaned up and locked up.

4. I cannot believe that anybody, other than the applicants (who obviously stand to benefit financially), would actually consider those opening hours as being reasonable and acceptable in a residential area.

5. Noise and disturbance to local residents was picked up by the Surrey Heath Environmental Officers in their original objection to the licence application along with a number of other issues. However, at the hearing on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014 the applicant discussed all of these issues in private with the Officers and subject to a number of conditions the Environmental Officer then agreed to the licence being granted. This decision was quite staggering considering the applicants had not addressed the noise nuisance issue that 02:00 am opening will introduce and nor could they unless a restriction or condition was put in place for a closing time that is fair and reasonable to all (e.g. 23:00hrs).

6. Since writing my original letter dated 18 Dec 2013, I now realise that my concerns are shared by a significant amount of other local residents. This was confirmed on Sunday 2 Feb 2014 when I attended a meeting organised by other concerned residents at Mytchett Community Centre. This was attended by well over 100 people who all live within close proximity to the Waters Ede site. Many expressed anger at not being properly consulted and although most of them have missed the deadline to make a representation, I was therefore requested to add this feeling of mutual concern to my letter, I can include the names and addresses of those residents if required, although many you will see in the petition that is now circulating when it reaches your office.

7. I would very much appreciate your full consideration of my family's, and many other residents', rights before making your decision on this application. I look forward to your response to this letter.

Yours Sincerely

Mr R W Sawers and  
Mrs T Sawers