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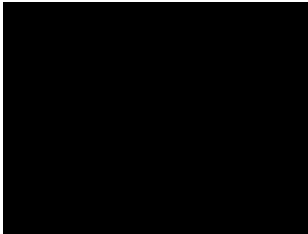
For the attention of Yvonne Witchell:

Please find attached a letter objecting to the proposed licence variations at Braseria El Prado, Laleston.

Many thanks

Bruce Kennedy and Deborah Rees  
[REDACTED]





Yvonne Witchell  
Licensing Team Manager  
Bridgend County Borough Council  
Angel Street  
Bridgend

18 April 2021

Dear Yvonne Witchell

**Re: Application to vary premises licence – Braseria El Prado, Laleston**

We wish to submit our formal objections to the above application. We do so with some trepidation, bearing in mind the recent vandalism of our neighbours' property in this hitherto crime-free neighbourhood.

The application to amend the licence is geared to significantly increasing the number and nature of customers who will use El Prado throughout the day and late into the night. We believe that if this application is granted, it will lead to problems with public safety, nuisance, noise, anti-social behaviour and, potentially, crime.

The plans indicate that the outdoor eating area, to the right of the entrance, will have no solid screen and no roof. This means that noise and smells will carry. As the day goes on there will be an inevitable increase in the numbers eating, drinking and smoking outside, with associated problems. This will be exacerbated if the licence is amended to allow music to be broadcast outdoors, which itself constitutes a disturbance. It will also encourage people to gather in that area, leading to public nuisance.

There appears to be no barrier between the outdoor eating areas and the car park, just feet from a busy main road, which must pose a health risk in terms of fumes and vehicle movements. This is especially true for children, who will naturally want to play outdoors while their parents eat, drink and converse.

Braseria El Prado previously retained a small bar area solely for the use of waiting diners, not for casual drinkers. The amended application creates a public bar where people can go solely to drink. The function room licence and application for an off-licence can only increase customer numbers, and drinking can lead to public disorder. We already have a

litter problem linked to the sale of alcohol, when glasses, beer cans and food packaging have been thrown onto our grass lawn outside our front wall.

Our living room is directly opposite the premises and gets very warm at times due to its orientation. If music is pounding outdoors, we will be unable to open our windows and hear the television or converse. Sitting in our front garden on the bench dedicated to my late father will be rendered impossible for most of the day.

The master bedroom is also immediately opposite the premises, and the constant thud of outdoor music will exacerbate existing sleep problems.

Even under the previous ownership, our evenings were frequently disturbed by taxis and customer vehicles using our private drive to turn back into Bridgend, rather than using the mini-roundabout at Roger's Lane. On two occasions, under the new ownership, vehicles have been left parked across our driveway while the owners crossed the road to El Prado to collect takeaway meals. [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

**Deborah Rees and Bruce Kennedy**

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We acknowledge the Welsh Government's wish to help the hospitality sector, but we feel it is inappropriate to allow this huge expansion to an already successful village restaurant, with opening hours that bear comparison with the biggest town centre developments. It is an increase in size, hours and extra clientele that will exacerbate existing problems of noise, traffic, nuisance behaviour and public safety. It will alter the heart of the village.

Yours sincerely,

**Deborah Rees and Bruce Kennedy**

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