Dear Amanda Haslett

Objection to The Elephant in the Room. Application to vary conditions 3,5,9 and 11 of application AWDM/0642/19

I am writing as the owner of 40a Goring Road and on behalf of my tenant of 13 years Ruth Bridge, a single mother with 2 teenage children.

My flat in which Ruth resides is directly above "The Elephant in the Room", permission to establish this business was in our opinion an unfortunate development. As you can imagine when your living room and bedroom windows are situated less than two metres above the pub doorway there is at times a lot of noise and disturbance. (see attached photo)

Relaxation of these conditions will not allow Ruth and her family quiet enjoyment of their home.

Ruth has by necessity come to tolerate the pub with the noise limited by the pub's closed windows closing time and outside access restrictions but with relaxation of these constraints her family's life will be very much changed for the worse. Noise and smoking fumes will drift upwards, as happens even now with drinkers standing in the demarcated area outside the pub and will force Ruth to keep her windows closed which will be particularly difficult on warm summer evenings. When music is playing watching television is all but impossible. Pavement tables will inevitably be accompanied by patio heaters, parasols and external lighting, allowing patrons to carouse even when the weather is inclement, and the disturbance of people leaving will go on some time beyond closing time at 23.00 or 23.30.

As can be seen from the accompanying photo the pavement area has already been demarcated for outside seating and as previously noted is already in use by drinkers

Ruth works shifts in a care home and requires quiet sleep to suit her shift pattern and her children have homework from college courses to contend with.

If you have ever during the course of your travels stayed over a busy pub you will probably have been glad that it was only for one or two nights, if these conditions are relaxed Ruth and her family will have to tolerate those conditions permanently.

Kind Regards

Chris Daykin – Landlord

Ruth Bridge - Tenant

cc Councillor Thomas Taylor, Councillor Vicki Wells, Councillor Andy Whight.