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**Subject:** Objection to granting of licence in Chef Ceylon

Hi Kevin, Nigel,

I would to bring to your attention my objections to a licence being granted to serve alcohol from 11am to 12 midnight at the Chef Ceylon.

I live at \*\* Bridge Street Blackwood and have done since 1988. The reasons for my objections are due to the problems we had when the Masons Arms was open as a pub, with the ensuing anti-social behaviour we had to endure during this time. Some of which were,

- Drunk men and women fighting in the street,
- loud noise from people leaving the pub late at night,
- loud noise from the establishment,
- cars being damaged,
- unable to park in the street,
- drunk people entering homes,
- criminal damage to property,
- Couples having sexual intercourse in the back lane during daylight hours,
- being threatened with physical violence when asking people to be quiet,

Kevin, As you supported us during this period, you are more than aware of the issues we had and the stresses this caused, (especially as my wife, Carol, had to appear in court when we raised objections to the licence at the time).

During this time Martin, the owner of the Masons at the time, promised that the Masons would be a family pub, run for locals, with no loud music, pub garden would not be used after 9pm etc. He quickly fell back on these promises, and the trouble we had after the Masons Arms became the 'in place' to go, with people travelling surrounding valleys and further afield, made Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays a misery to live here. This became so bad that some of our neighbours, who were friends of ours, decided to move house.

Thanks,

Best regards,