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Subject: Representation in support of The Woodpecker Bar and Kitchen, West Down, Ilfracombe

I have been unable to complete the form LA03 online, so hope this e-Mail will suffice.

My husband and I have been frequent customers at the above premises since they first opened. We live in Knowle and as our local has been closed, this is our preferred place to eat.

We have read the neighbours' objections to their licence, but we are surprised by them. We have been for breakfast, lunch and dinner and have never found the music too loud or witnessed any rowdiness. We have always felt very welcome, especially as we are in our 70's. We remember going to The Foxhunters opposite when it was a thriving pub and this is surely a precedent for local licensed premises. As indoor seating is limited, there is additional outdoor seating and the doors have been open ever since COVID restrictions were introduced and it was a 'safe' place to eat. The neighbours in question live beyond the car park and just off the A361, which usually has heavy traffic, including trucks, tractors and motor cycles, which probably make more noise than anything from The Woodpecker.

Although they occasionally have special events, which encourage more people, these are infrequent. We also know that they often close early if there are no customers.

We have found the owners and their staff really pleasant and welcoming so we are unable to comment on any other behaviour.

Annie and Eric Davies

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