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Watkins, Emma

From: Kara Pugh <kpugh@pughsgardencentre.co.uk>
Sent: 07 October 2025 09:48
To: Watkins, Emma
Subject: RE: Objection Received - Pugh's Garden Kitchen

Hello,

Please see below response

We appreciate your consideration of our application for an alcohol license for The Garden Kitchen premises. We would like to address concerns regarding the sale of alcohol and the nature of our operations.

Nature of Our Events

The Garden Kitchen hosts special events once a month, including:

- ***Pre-reserved 6-course taster dinner evenings***: Intimate and quiet gatherings focusing on culinary excellence, harmonising with our garden-inspired ethos.
- ***Supplier evenings***: Featuring local food and drink producers we stock in our premises, where they share their products' stories. These events showcase local producers and foster community engagement, reflecting our commitment to sustainability and local partnerships.

These events are:

- ***Infrequent***: Held once a month.
- ***Quiet and intimate***: Conducted with utmost respect for surrounding residents, blending with the tranquil ambiance of The Garden Kitchen.
- ***Community-focused***: Attended by local residents; they are low-key events harmonious with the environment.

Operational Context

- Our ***Rogerstone, Newport establishment*** (central to a new housing development) has hosted these events for 4 years ***with no noise complaints***.
- Local residents attend these events, reflecting their appreciation and the considerate nature of our operations.
- The ***unit closes by 5:30 pm every evening***, meaning alcohol sales (for retail like local wines and spirits) occur ***during our trading hours***.
- We seek flexibility in our licensing to accommodate monthly events, adjusting according to seasonal variations – hence applying for a variety of evenings per week.

Family-Run Business & Community Considerations

- ***We are a family-run business***, deeply rooted in our community, and as such, we are particularly mindful of our responsibilities towards local residents.
- It is paramount to us ***not to upset any local residents***; our reputation and standing in the community are vital to us.
- We take pride in being considerate neighbors and have demonstrated this through four years of complaint-free operations in Rogerstone.
- Our events are managed thoughtfully, reflecting our commitment to being respectful of the surrounding environment and fostering positive local relationships, all in keeping with The Garden Kitchen's warm and welcoming spirit.

Commitment to Responsible Operation

We are *extremely careful to ensure full respect for surrounding residents*. Our events are low-key community events that are respectful to the area. We believe our responsible approach and the nature of our infrequent events align with maintaining harmony with local residents and the environment. We are committed to continuing our respectful practices should our application be approved.

From: Watkins, Emma <EmmaWatkins2@monmouthshire.gov.uk>

Sent: Monday, October 6, 2025 3:52 PM

To: Kara Pugh <kpugh@pughsgardencentre.co.uk>

Subject: Objection Received - Pugh's Garden Kitchen

Hi Kara,

I have today received an objection to the premise licence application for Pugh's Garden Kitchen.

The objection is:

Our objection to the sale of alcohol until 11.00 at night is that we will be subjected to noise emanating from Pugh's Garden Kitchen premises and noise from people entering and leaving their premises. This potential noise is, in our view, unjustifiable, and would affect our standard of living. We would consider such action by Pugh's as being anti-social when related to the 27 flats at Pegasus Court.

Please respond with any comments you feel relevant.

Kind Regards

Emma

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