

Appendix E

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Subject: Chicken Hut, Rochester High Street – Late Night License

Hi,

Apologies for not having the reference number for this application. I was alerted to it by my local councillor Stuart Tranter who didn't provide it in his to email constituents, asking them to raising concerns.

Contrary to Councillor Tranter's objections and concerns, I wish to support this application.

Nigh time business and High Street traders have been absolutely hammered over the last year. Chicken Hut will have seen a huge loss in customers due to the reduced footfall on the High Street during the pandemic. Now things are turning a corner and they are looking to secure their business which should be supported

Whilst the license is until 4am – I doubt they will be open that late as this is well after most pubs, bars and clubs close. In my opinion It won't attract any additional people. As far as I'm aware Rochester Grill already has a license past 12, so in effect refusing this application would be leaving them to have a monopoly on kicking out time trade. Having more than one place selling food late should help the rate at which inebriated people can get fed, get a taxi, and get home.

Best wishes,

Toby Forster