

Ontario Street  
Guelph, Ontario  
Tel. [REDACTED]

May 30th, 2023.

To: Committee of Adjustment - City of Guelph  
Re: Applicant # A-32/23  
Subject: Proposed outdoor licensed patio for 60 Ontario Street

Dear Committee:

As a long-time resident of Ontario Street living approximately 50 metres from the property in question I would mention that I have been happy so far with the commercial activities - café, art gallery, indoor bar - that this property has provided the neighbourhood. The café, in particular, has provided a valued meeting place for social interaction in this part of the Ward during the day. The café would benefit from the possibility of having some outdoor patio space as it is constrained with a limited indoor space. However, a **licensed** outdoor patio with a capacity of 20 persons is another matter. There are a number of residences in very close proximity to the bar contained on this property. The loud talking and possibly music that would inevitably accompany an outdoor patio serving liquor during the evening hours is not compatible with our residential neighbourhood, in my view. Moreover, the possibility of an outdoor patio serving liquor on this site would be a development that was not part of my understanding of the original proposal for this property when it originally went for approval to the city, and I don't believe the neighbourhood would have welcomed it had it been part of the original plan.

I enjoy having my windows open during the cooler nights in the summertime and would not appreciate having to close them night after night to block the noise coming from this nearby patio. Other neighbours have spoken to me about the noise that would be associated with such a licensed patio as well, not to mention noise from the parking and coming and going of vehicles that would also be associated with such an expanded operation. There are numerous bars downtown within easy walking distance of this neighbourhood so lack of alternatives is not an issue. I would ask committee members if they would enjoy living in close proximity to an outdoor bar? I suspect they would not. I do hope that you will carefully consider the views of the residents in the immediate vicinity to this property and if you do approve a patio, that it be **unlicensed** and for the café patrons mainly.

Sincerely,



Tony Winson