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Dear sir or Madam,

Application for variation (Major) to The Bute Piper, 23 Marine Place, Rothesay, PA20 0LF

I am writing to you in relation to the above application and would like this to be seen as a letter of OBJECTION.

Please note that I have limited letter writing experience but would like to air my views on the above proposal.

I moved to the Island 5/6 years ago to live out my retirement on the island that my parents were born 'Lenny Farm', I have several brothers and sister who also live here.

25 years ago I suffered stroke and haven't worked since due to lasting effects, hence living close to siblings who can help should I need it. I have in the last couple of years had another stroke in which I was in hospital for 10 days. Although I have my mobility I have hidden worries that on the surface to anyone looking in wouldn't see. I suffer with anxiety, and with this comes a little bit of agoraphobia and due to my health stress and anxiety is something I should be mindful of.

I feel that the proposals for The Bute Piper would affect me a lot, late night noise, strangers hanging around near my home and in the past on my front drive. I fear if I need the emergency services, due to his and his customers lack of parking respect they would be delayed getting to me or anyone else that may require them along Marine Place. During the summer months (before COVID) I often felt intimidated by his customers, their language and level of noise coming from the venue. Many times I would have to walk on the road to go around the cars as they would be parked on the path, I'm 69 I shouldn't have to do this right outside my own home. Cigarette ends in my front garden is an issue with people that frequent the pub as there doesn't seem to be enough butt end disposal areas provided by him. I have to bring my washing in off the line as the fat smell makes it all smelly and dirty again. Sitting in the back garden is blighted by the noise of cars and bikes revving engines along with loud music and disgusting language. I can't even have my front windows open due to the noise and smell.

My daughter bought this home for me because of the quiet, peaceful, idyllic conservation area at the front, now it doesn't seem I get to enjoy it as nature intended. Can I also say that I knew nothing of the planned proposals as no letter has been through my door and nothing on the public highway lamp posts informing people of his intentions.

I look forward to hearing the outcome and hope this letter isn't too late.

Yours faithfully

John G Masterton