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Dear Mr Ling

**Your Reference: Y17/0921/SH**

**Certificate of lawful development for the continued use of the Bank Bar as a basement premises operating within Use Class A4 separate from the A3 Restaurant Above.**

**At The Bank Bar 2 Castle Hill Avenue Folkestone Kent CT20 2QT**

I would like to raise the following issues around this application and object to the legal entitlement request.

It is obvious that this business is not two separate businesses but one and is connected to the restaurant Kalala also at 2 Castle Hill Avenue. The evidence of such is that they have been operating from the same liquor License for the building and if it was a separate business, which they claim, it would have a separate license. I would like to add that the lavatories in the building serve both the restaurant and the bar

It is interesting to note the following:

- 1) Both companies share the same toilets and a staircase
- 2) Both companies operate through the same phone numbers
- 3) When booking the bar you go through the restaurant
- 4) Their website describes the bar as theirs!
- 5) They share the same liquor license until Oct 2016

The question arises as to whether it is a place for drinking or a place for dancing and late night entertainment? My argument would be that A4 Drinking establishments – *(Public houses, wine bars or other drinking establishments (**but not night clubs**) including drinking establishments with expanded food provision.)* is not appropriate for this basement premises and would therefore need Sui Generis planning permission.

**To conclude my main objections are:**

- 1) The bar and restaurant are not two businesses but one
- 2) The bar is in fact a night club and should not even be covered by A4 use.
- 3) This is causing residents distress that in some cases has caused health issues. .

I sincerely hope that you, members of your team and the local authority investigate this further and put an end to this long saga that has gone on far too long , causing suffering to many residents.

Yours sincerely

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