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Subject: Application by Carlton cinema for extended licensing hours

I refer to the current application by Carlton Cinema Management at Westgate on Sea for occasional extended opening hours for which the closing date for objections is 21st May. I have NO Objections to the proposal BUT I do want to register my support for the Application. I have no pecuniary or other interest in the Cinema other than being a regular Customer since October 2013.

My wife and I moved to Thanet 4 years ago and decided to settle in Westgate on Sea. One of the factors in our decision to choose Westgate on Sea was the delightful Carlton Cinema and the variety of films on offer particularly the "transmitted performances" of Ballet Opera and Theatrical Events.

Since moving to Westgate we have been regular attenders at the regular film programme and the "transmitted events"-we both feel lucky to live in a pleasant community with the special bonus of "The Carlton".

The Cinema and its various programmes suit a variety of age groups from those of our own (pensioners) age to the very young -in fact, apart from the youth club at the Community Centre and the uniformed youth organisations, the Cinema is the most attractive social place for young people and has to be encouraged as an asset to the Community. I make that judgement as a Scout Leader for 30 years and the grandfather of 8 grandchildren who enjoy films as I do and who enjoy the cinema when they visit us here in Westgate. Despite being an elderly community I feel that the Carlton should be encouraged to take opportunities to present late night events for its customers for the sake, especially of the youngsters in Westgate.

I feel that the opposition to the proposed extended opening hours is extremely limited (to about 25 people) and has been misinformed by the petitioner who alleged that he and his wife's sleep patterns will be disrupted by "shouting and banging of car doors at 3AM" and "the exiting of people who would be drinking alcohol until 3AM in the Cinema"- based on that information alone and without consideration of the actual License Application for a limited trial of up to 12 events in a period of a year the Westgate on Sea Town Council made a decision to support the petitioner's objection on Monday 8th May.

.Despite having many younger customers attending films beyond 10PM I am not aware in 3 years in Westgate of any anti social actions associated with the Cinema or its clientele. I consider that the staff of the Carlton are punctilious in their alcohol sales policy and also encourage customers to ensure that they do not misbehave as they leave the Cinema. I feel that the objection that has been raised by Westgate on Sea TCouncil is ill founded and irrational as I do not consider that there is the likelihood of any public nuisance arising from the proposed late evening events. I consider that the objection should be therefore be set aside and the license approved by the Licensing Authority for an initial twelve month period.