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Subject: Planning Application EP/3/22/PL - assistance requested to seek an extension to the consultation period to enable the Neighbours to properly represent themselves.

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Having been distraught at finding out so late about the intended decision on the 24th in respect of the planning permission sought to change the temporary usage to a year around usage of the outside dining area.

We have an urgent request for an Extension to the Consultation period, as few, if not none of the immediate neighbours and those most impacted by a decision were aware of the application.

The application notice in the immediate vicinity of the restaurant was not posted on a pedestrian thoroughfare. It was posted outside the restaurant directly at the side of the unpaved road. Presumably it is this notice that is meant to bring the application to the attention of the immediate neighbours

Unfortunately, as the restaurant is not located on a paved area, the only people likely to have seen the planning permission posted on the nearby lamppost are those actually entering the restaurant or possibly those stuck in traffic. Presumably, in the main customers of the restaurant would be supporters of any plans.

The Elderly and therefore Covid vulnerable residents most impacted have been continuing to socially distance and therefore have not been using the restaurant.

Instead we have been utilising the level paved thoroughfare on the opposite side of the road from the notice in order to access the amenities of the village. Therefore, we feel we have been hugely disadvantaged as there was no notice on the only pavement in the area that residents would have been using.

We ask the council to give the neighbours the same consideration for the impacts of Covid on their right to reply to the application, as they did when making the exceptional decisions for the Ristorante Al Mar to temporarily add outside dining.

We are very conscious that if the application has already been reviewed at a meeting our extremely valid concerns when submitted over the next 24 hours will make not the slightest difference.

Please, we ask that consideration is given for an extension based on the following :

- The majority of neighbours are elderly and not at all computer literate, we would hope that the elderly would be given a fair opportunity to respond.
- The positioning of the planning notice near the restaurant unfairly advantaged the Restaurants Application and disadvantaged potential opposers.
- Today we were told at a meeting in the EP Council offices that we had been advised of the planning application. We denied this only to find on our return home that my new computer had deposited it in the Spam Folder. This email was dated 26th January but not seen by our eyes until to-day. A huge disadvantage when we would have immediately reacted to the information supplied. Thus we have only had a very few days in which to collate our thoughts.
- As elderly residents we are struggling with the use of the portal and desperately require more time to fully represent ourselves.
- We feel unfairly disadvantaged by the Covid Pandemic whilst we feel that the restaurant has gained a significant advantage.
- We feel that any decision should be based on a level playing field and not to anyones advantage.
- We feel a permanent decision based on a trial period that has not utilized the previous permission for a cooking area means that impact cannot be properly assessed and would be unfair.

We desperately hope that an extension to the consultation period will enable us the appropriate time to pull together our thoughts properly and put our cases forward in a clear and concise manner. We can then battle our war with the planning portal to submit our views.

We urgently request advice on how to progress this request.