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We are among many of the customers of Ristorante Al Mare who were surprised and disappointed to learn that the proposal to convert the back of 2 The Street, Ristorante Al Mare, has been rejected in the grounds of noise in a residential area. If that is the case we feel that the decision is unjust.

When there was a temporary outside area we dined there on numerous occasions. Of course there was chatter and some laughter but it could not be described as noisy, just the gentle hum of people enjoying themselves in a very pleasant setting.

In planning this permanent changes the owner of the restaurant, Roberto Aru, has gone to great lengths to ensure that the noise level is reasonable . No music, no big groups . It certainly would not be rowdy or loud.

While we acknowledge there are residences close to the restaurant, that is also true for every hostelry in the village. It should be noted that the premises immediately in front of Mr Aru's belong to the British Legion, who do have an outdoor area and where, in our experience, noise is far more of an issue than that emanating from the courtyard of Ristorante Al Mare. Also the restaurant is clearly part of the northern parade of shops which include other restaurants, bars and take aways.

Mr Aru gives a lot of support to the local community and would not deliberately do anything to damage local relations. Surely we should be encouraging such local businesses. Particularly just now when the Government recognises the need to support the hospitality industry.

Parking cannot be any more of an issue than for The British Legion and other shops, restaurants and businesses at that north end of the village.

All the preparation and cooking is done in the kitchen so any smell from an outside area would remain unchanged.

We would be most grateful if the decision was reviewed. Perhaps someone in the planning loop could sit down with Mr Aru to discuss it.

Yours faithfully

June & Andy Phillips