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I understand I can make an anonymous submission regarding this DA and wish to have my details suppressed from the public. I am however happy to be contacted by council.

I'd like to submit my concerns for DA2021/1620 for Stage 2 of the Harbord Hotel.

As a responsible adult, responsible drinker, lover of live music and respectful citizen of the neighbours of the venue I very much enjoy the venue. I also appreciate the efforts taken by the establishment to reduce noise at the venue (in particular the noise cancelling doors). I am however concerned with a few things:

#### **Noise**

Unlike inside the venue, the outdoor noise cannot be controlled. The noise from the top balcony will reverberate through the basin. I encourage an acoustic test be done from all areas in the community around the basin. You can already hear these reverberations and echoes on any given afternoon/night as people play music and Congo drums in the park. At the height of the balcony this will be much worse.

Australia Day celebrations at the Harbord Hotel are a good example of the noise that can be heard at heights of Wyndora Avenue.

#### **Over spill of drinkers**

We already have a problem with the overspill of intoxicated patrons moving to the village, park, beach or crossing the basin to gain entry into the Diggers. I encourage council to sit in the Freshwater carpark on a Saturday night to witness this migration.

#### **Entry controls**

I have found when I walk past the hotel on a busy night I am forced from the footpath onto the road due to the queuing system the hotel uses and people standing 3&4 people wide. The security guards try their best, but

#### **Investment**

I am invested in the neighbourhood and happy with the contribution the venue in its current capacity has made, but am concerned of the depreciation of the value of property and the impact on the Freshwater lifestyle with these new developments.

I encourage the venue to look at ways in which they can make the balcony work that meets the concerns of the whole community – a venue that gives the community a place to meet for a relaxed meal or drink, whilst respecting the ambience that existed before it was taken over by the current owners and respecting its neighbours.

Lastly, I only live a few blocks from the Harbord Hotel. As an owner and resident in Freshwater, I am disappointed I found out about this DA via unofficial channels and not from council directly.

Regards,

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