

Neighbours fail to stop drinks licence

Restaurant men win round one

TWO businessmen have won the first round of their fight to open a village restaurant.

Bullington magistrates yesterday granted them a restaurant and supper drinks licence although people living near the planned eating house had objected.

However, Mr Michael Driscoll and Mr John Havens still need planning permission from South

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Oxfordshire District Council before they can open the old Triangle cafe in London Road, Wheatley for business.

They have nearly finished converting the building, which has been closed for nearly a year, into a nineteen-twenties style restaurant with a strong University punting theme.

Three objectors, Miss Ann Broom and Mrs Gladys Broom of 2 The Triangle, and Mrs Anne

Moon of 5 The Triangle, attended the hearing.

Miss Broom said residents were worried that the restaurant would bring increased noise, smell and nuisance from diners' cars.

She handed the magistrates a letter of protest the objectors had sent to South Oxfordshire District Council.

Mr Driscoll said he had met the residents last week to sort out the problems, and many had now withdrawn their objections.

He had agreed to plant a screen of trees to seal the restaurant off from nearby houses, reduce the seating from 72 to 40 to reduce the number of diners' cars.

He was also pushing Oxfordshire County Council to put down double yellow lines to prevent parking in nearby streets.

He said there was no restaurant in Wheatley. People had to travel to either Headington or Thame unless they settled for pub food.

He added that South Oxfordshire District Council's planning committee was not making a decision until members had visited the site.