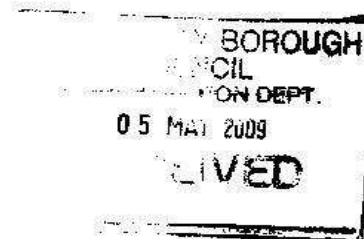


Annex 59

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Mr Michael White
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Test Valley Borough Council
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Weyhill Road
Andover SP10 3AJ

30 April 2009



Dear Mr White

Licensing Act 2003 – Application for New Premises Licence - Rownhams House

We occupy 8 Nicholson Walk immediately adjacent to the only private service road in and out of Rownhams House, which leads onto a loose gravel car park, and endure daily (Mondays to Fridays) cars and large commercial delivery vehicle traffic a **few feet away** from our southern boundary and rear garden, which is both very noisy and raises road dust clouds during dry weather, particularly in the summer.

This house was purchased in 1997 with knowledge of the service road, but over the years, commercial vehicles have increased in both number and size, as has the number of cars to the detriment of our living conditions. The weekends are a little quieter.

We write to oppose and object to this Licence Application and note with extreme concern the extent and lateness of most, if not all, the events now proposed at Rownhams House, presumably on a seven day basis and throughout the year, which will in our view increase the noise of vehicles and members of the public, across a wider range of daily hours, both late night and

during the weekends, to the detriment of our rights to peace and enjoyment in the middle of a residential area, and this will clearly constitute a "public nuisance" as set down under the Licensing Act 2003.

To avoid this "public nuisance" we would like to see the application refused but if that fails at Committee stage, then an embargo on all events, past 22.30 hours and all car parks cleared of persons and vehicles by 23.00 hours at the very latest and for this to be properly enforced, with new signs asking for all vehicles to leave quietly in this residential area. There must also be restrictions on the number of persons entering the grounds at any one time, and other safeguards to protect the local environment, such as banning the drinking of alcohol in open areas.

Any restrictions less than this will hugely affect our rights to enjoy reasonable peace and quiet and will certainly decrease the value of the property which is our main residence. Particularly if the serving of refreshments to 01.00 and the supply and consumption of alcohol between 10.00 and 23.15 hours which radically alters the concept of the original planning consent to convert Rownhams House to tenanted offices under A2 and B1 or whatever the current Use Class Order numbers are.

I will be writing separately to the Head of Planning to seek clarification as to whether or not Planning Consent is required for a change of use to support the new range of entertainments and events being proposed at Rownhams House, a Grade II listed building with preserved woodland areas.

I trust you will make the Licensing Committee fully aware of our considerable concerns and objections to this application.

Yours sincerely

John T. Hall TVBC Councillor 2002-07

F. Jill Gethin Romsey Town Councillor 2004 - date