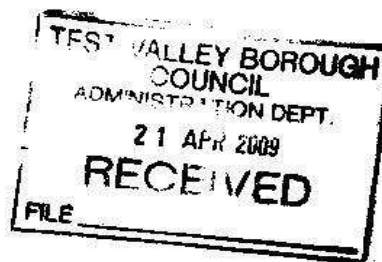


Annex 13

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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Rownhams House, Rownhams, Southampton

I note the application by Roger John Barber and Penelope Jill Barber in respect of the licensing application for the above premises. I wish to register my reaction to the following aspects of the application:

Sale of alcohol on the premises	NOT SUPPORTED
Provision of regulated entertainment	SUPPORTED, but with reservations
Provision of facilities for regulated entertainment	SUPPORTED, but with reservations
Provision of late night refreshment	NOT SUPPORTED

I support the provision of regulated entertainment and facilities for the same, but subject to the provision that no entertainment takes place beyond 10 PM. I am strongly opposed to the sale of alcohol on the premises and provision of late night refreshment.

Rownhams House is situated in the middle of a quiet suburban housing development. The provision of late night entertainment and sale (but not provision in the context of daytime corporate events) of alcohol at any time is incompatible with the location of the premises and, in my opinion, will lead to a significant nuisance to residents in the area and deterioration in the quality of residents' enjoyment of their homes.

However, I feel that the premises are suitable for corporate conference and entertainment events, providing that

1. These do not take place beyond 10 PM on any day
2. Alcohol is only made available, but not for sale, at daytime events, i.e. those finishing before 5 PM,

3. Numbers of attendees are limited, perhaps to no more than 100 persons.

A good example of a positive use of the premises was the staging of a play, "Private Lives" around 10 PM. I believe strongly that this type of event should be permitted to take place at Rownhams House, but not any event that would lead to the presence of drunken individuals or general disruption and noise after 10 PM.

I hope that the licensing committee will take my views into account when considering this application,

Yours faithfully

Arnold Rust