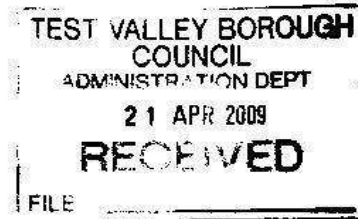


Annex 10



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Dear Mr White

We would like to inform you of our complete and absolute objection to the application for a late night drinking and entertainment licence for Rownhams House which has been made by Roger and Penelope Barber.

Our house adjoins Rownhams House in Normandy Close and therefore we were made aware of the application by a notice posted on the gates on our border, the other residents of Rownhams however, remained blissfully unaware of the application, it is being generous of us to say the notices were very discrete although I am sure the inadequacy of the notices falls within council guidelines..

Roger Barber is known for his passion for a "greener and more environmentally friendly" way of life however, he appears NOT to apply that passion when increased revenue for himself is involved and appears to be comfortable in polluting the environment around Rownhams House.

Rownhams House is in a built up residential area, the building is beautiful and one of the reasons for us buying the property adjoining Rownhams House was that it was a protected purchase in that it could not be changed.

If his application is approved we will be seriously affected together with anyone who lives not only near Rownhams House but also in the whole area.

If Mr Barber gets his way and the proposed license is granted, the first thing that would occur would be a significant drop in the value of our house would you buy a house next door to an "event" site? This situation is even more of a concern as we are currently in the greatest recession this country has known and property prices have already suffered as a result. However, ours will certainly not be the only family to suffer as we must consider the overall effect both financially and also for the quality of our lives.

Should the application be granted who knows which type or how often these "events" will occur, you can be pretty sure they will be over weekends if it is a wedding or significant party, theatrical productions, which I know Roger is keen to promote,( not surprisingly as his daughter belongs to a theatrical company) or musical events. Either way they will be a huge intrusion on our lives. Car doors banging late at night, possible catering or construction noise early on a Saturday morning not to mention cars driving around our close looking for the place.

Last year Mr Barber staged a play, Private Lives, which I myself attended. It was a low key affair and was a pleasant evening up until just after midnight when my husband and I were awoken by the cast of the play who thought it would be a good idea to shout and scream and drink until 3am. This disturbance was also experienced by at least one other family in the close.

The next day I complained to Mr Barber in person, he was actually unaware that his offspring had partied so loudly as he had left much earlier which I think will be a pattern he will observe should the licence be granted.

Another point is that his drive is just rough gravel which means it is very noisy and produces a great deal of dust, imagine when a huge amount of cars are driving up and down it, especially in the summer when we would like to have our windows open. There is also a current trend to let off fireworks at "events", there are many pet owners in Rownhams not to mention wild life such as deer, foxes, rabbits and on occasion badgers, what price does Roger Barber put on their welfare?

Lastly I would like to add my concerns once again over the departure of drink fuelled people in such a residential area, it is the last thing we need, don't we have enough of those on a Friday and Saturday night as they make their way home, as highlighted in the Village News.

Despite Mr Barber's best efforts to keep his application a low key affair, there is currently a huge body of residents in the process of objecting and the numbers are increasing every day.

I would ask that the licensing authority take all these concerns into account and turn down the application.

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