

**THIS IS AN URGENT MESSAGE  
FOR ANYONE LIVING IN THE  
VICINITY OF ROWNHAMS HOUSE**

You may or may not be aware of the current application that is being made by Roger and Penelope Barber, the owners of Rownhams House. There is a notice at the bottom of the drive leading from Rownhams House and also one attached to the iron gates in Normandy Close, I have attached a copy for you to read.

Basically Roger Barber, who I believe does not even live in the county of Hampshire, wishes to apply for an entertainment and late night drinking licence in order to hold "events" within Rownhams House and possibly grounds. Roger has in the past been keen to preach a "greener and earth friendly" way of life however, he appears to not hold any reservations in regard to the pollution of the peace, quiet and quality of our current lives, not to mention the potential for drink fuelled crime to property within the vicinity of Rownhams House and it's residents.

Mr Barber has already gone a considerable way down the road with his application as found out from Michael White, Licencing Authority, TVBC, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road Andover. SP10 3AJ - 01264 368013. This is the person you will need to write to before 6 May if you wish to appose the application, and I urge you most strongly to do so if you wish to preserve life as it is now in Rownhams.

My house adjoins the grounds of Rownhams House in Normandy Close and my family and I will obviously be seriously affected should the proposed license be granted, least of which would be the potential for the value of our property to be reduced considerably, which is made 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 your close/road 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.

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.

There is a NURSLING & ROWNHAMS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING BEING HELD ON MONDAY 20 APRIL IN THE VILLAGE HALL, JOE BIGWOOD CLOSE. I have asked that this subject be brought up so I would urge anyone who cares about the environment on their doorstep to attend on Monday if they possibly can and also to put in writing, as previously mentioned above, their objections which must be specific such as the ones I have listed plus any you may feel are appropriate, I have been told that obviously the more objections that are lodged the more chance we have of the application being turned down.

God help us all if this is approved it will be nothing short of a travesty.