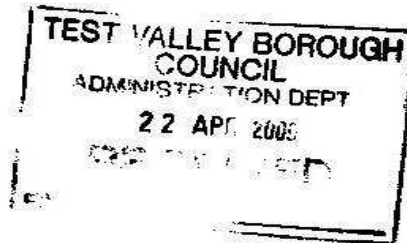


Annex 21



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20/04/09

Dear Sir,

I am writing to strongly object to the application for a premises licence to sell alcohol and allow late night entertainment at Rownhams House, Rownhams.

This is a wonderful house and is an asset to the area in preserving part of our recent history. However just take a Google aerial look at this house and all the surrounding residential properties and their close proximity especially with gardens, to Rownhams house grounds. It would be in these grounds that many people from various proposed events would be socialising with alcohol late into the evenings, mainly in the spring and summer months. These are the times of year that we all like to enjoy what peace and tranquillity that's left in our car noisy world, (yes we are all part to blame for this one), and spend time in our gardens, in relative peace. We do not want to listen to large gatherings of people and loud music with noise decibels ever increasing as the alcohol intake also increases.

Last year an event was held at Rownhams house, what you could call a kind of test case of Mr Barber and his proposals. I believe it was a theatrical play held at evening time. Unfortunately after the main event certain persons with much help I understand from alcoholic drinks, started to get more undisciplined and very noisy, much to the annoyance of close by residents. This went on well past midnight, until after 02.30 I believe. This is proof of how events can rapidly get out of control and is totally unacceptable to all residents around the area. One small event, one big mistake. Of course even if such events go on to a limited time of say 22.00hrs, it would still be totally unacceptable for all said reasons.

I live in the close that has an iron gate that leads into Rownhams house. This access is for occasional foot access and emergency vehicles only as I understand. This gate must NEVER be allowed to be used as a common access, and the main access from Betteridge drive as used now must remain so. My objection also relates to massive increased traffic movements and parking issues if permission was granted and not enough parking facilities were available. The constant banging of car doors and scrunching of gravel by foot or car would add to all noise nuisances! We cannot have cars etc parking in nearby roads which are not wide enough and would directly cause conflict with residents whose council tax is paying for these facilities. This is a residential area and an events and alcohol agreement would blight the whole surrounding area and ruin many people's lives for many mainly weekends of the year. It would be madness to allow it. If it was permitted, then it would be for ever, and that cannot be allowed. We pay our taxes and our voices cannot and should not be ignored. We have the right of peace and quiet. We did not buy our house to surround an events park!

I say again, look at the aerial photo and see how ridiculous it would be. It would also have an adverse effect on property prices and when searches etc were made, it could well be the difference between a sale or not.
You must not allow this to happen.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Yours faithfully