

Annex 31

Dear Mr White

I am writing in register an objection to the licence application applied for Rownhams House by Mr & Mrs Barber (notice dated 08/04/2009).

My rational for the objection is as follows:

- The estate that surrounds Rownhams House is a purely residential one. There are many families here who have children that go to bed early and will be disturbed by the additional people, cars, drone of music, raised voices after consumption of alcohol etc if any sort of entertainment and drinking licence is granted. This would not be an issue if the property was situated away from a residential estate as I'm sure you can understand. Why should we have to close our windows when these sort of events should be held away from residential properties?
- My house is within a stones throw of Rownhams House. I and many others moved here as it is so quiet and we paid a premium on the cost of our houses to do so. Having the disruption of more cars, noise, people leaving Rownhams House late (both by car and loudly by foot) will have a negative impact on our way of life, the peace and quiet we bought into and the value of our homes. Is the council willing to compensate us for this?
- The last 'one off' event that was held at Rownhams House didn't go smoothly (in terms of disturbance). We had people getting drunk and shouting and kicking off well into 3am after the event had finished!! I bet this was not disclosed in the application?
- There will be additional disturbance from caterers, entertainment lorries etc arriving early & leaving late as well as guest cars and people leaving at unsociable hours by foot with some drunken people (I mean some as not everyone is like this), there is a higher probability of damage to surrounding properties and gardens.

In summary, this is a totally unreasonable application and should be rejected. It is totally unreasonable to even consider to grant a drinking and entertainment licence to Rownhams House which is situated right in the middle and backing onto a large number of private residential properties.

Kind regards.

Jason Mallen