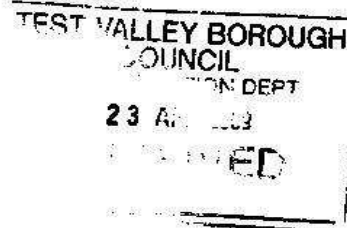


Licensing Manager,
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Dear Sir,

Application of premise licence for Rownhams House, Rownhams, Southampton SO16 8LS.

I write in relation to the application for the above licence.

I understand that an application has been made for a licence to provide late night alcohol and the provision of regulated entertainment.

I am a current resident of Rownhams and have been so for the last 8 years. One of the key reasons my husband and I chose to live in this area is to improve our quality of life due to its quiet residential nature and the fact that it was not in too close vicinity of any noisy public conveniences such as public houses, shops, public venues etc in which we would experience out of hours disturbances, such as we had experienced in our previous address.

In the time I have been resident I have been aware of open air entertainment held in the grounds of Rownhams House by Mr R Barber. I hold no outright objection for these small key affairs to be held a couple of times a year, however, last summer after such an event there was some loud drunken behaviour late into the evening/early the next morning, we felt it was not worth addressing at the time but if this were to become a regular occurrence it would be very distressing.

I would have serious concerns that if such a licence were to be granted for any such future events particularly with the sale of alcohol that this would further noisy disturbances late into the evening, car doors banging late at night, additional traffic from both suppliers and participants alongside parking in the surrounding streets causing issues for residents. I believe the owner of this establishment, conveniently, is not a resident himself and therefore would not be on site to rectify any such further issues.

Rownhams retains a village feel and as properties in this area are sought after in the main for their location any drink fuelled crime remains low, I would not

wish to see this in any way deteriorate cause by individuals who have no interest in respecting the lives of the local residents.

Ultimately Rowhams House is, and always has been, in the heart of a residential area, If public events such as need to take place then they should be considered at more appropriate venues in the local area which have larger capacity for parking and would not infringe directly on the interests of tax paying residents.

I object most strongly to the issuing of this licence and hope my comments will be registered and documented.

Yours faithfully

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