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Licensing Manager  
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Dear Sir

Application for Premises Licence for Rownhams House, Rownhams, Southampton.

I must object in the strongest possible terms to the application for a Premises Licence for the above property to enable it to sell alcohol, provide entertainment and late night refreshment.

Whilst the property is situated in its own grounds, these are not extensive and it is situated in the middle of a quite densely populated residential area, the houses having small gardens and therefore being close to the Rownhams House ground boundaries and in fact close to the house itself. Clearly any entertainment in the grounds would cause a disturbance, as would any late night entertainment in the house itself, particularly when allied to the sale of alcohol and provision of food. I imagine there would also be the likelihood of discos and we all know what they can be like, I doubt the property could be properly soundproofed. The disturbance and aggravation to the local residents would be immense.

In addition to these problems we have the added nuisance of cars and other vehicles which would be accessing and leaving the premises at all hours. I believe there are facilities for about sixty cars to park in the car park, many of these places would be taken up by event organisers, employees and contractors. If there were insufficient spaces for visitors where would they park? My guess is in the neighbouring roads which are quite narrow, so probably part in the road and part on the pavements, causing considerable inconvenience to the residents as well as creating unwanted hazards and dangers and accessibility problems for any Emergency Services vehicles.

To permit the performance of a play in the grounds on two evenings a year is one thing, to allow evening and late night entertainment here on a regular basis is quite another.

This is a quiet, respectable residential area. When planning permission for this development was agreed in the first place I wonder how the use of Rownhams House was described. I wager it was not as an entertainment centre, had it been so I suspect the decision of the then planners may have been different.

This is no place for an entertainment centre now, this planning application must be refused.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S P Gwilliams

