

5 Betteridge Drive, Rownhams, Southampton, Hampshire SO16 8LE

Reference: Rownhams House entertainment licence.

Dear Sir,

I would like to register my objection to the recently applied for licence by Mr R Barber the owner of Rownhams House, Betteridge Drive , Rownhams, SO16 8LE.

My reasons for this are based on the following, Rownhams house is a beautiful old building based in, what is now considered to be a desirable residential area, after the owners sold the surrounding land of the estate, for residential development.

This is a peaceful as well as beautiful location, hence why I decided to move back to the same location again after 5 years away.

There is nothing better than the lovely mature trees and the back drop of chimes from the clock tower every hour mixing with the abundant bird song which is supported by the lush plant life, which form the gardens of Rownhams House and as such are an extension of our own properties making life all the more enjoyable.

The current business use of the property is low key, and causes very little disturbance to the residents who live in the back drop, accepting the odd delivery lorry lost or the garbage collection truck once a week, the daily traffic past my front door which affronts Betteridge drive is acceptable.

During August of 2008, with the intrigue of signs portraying "Private Lives" posted on lamp posts, this serenity was shattered, with excessive traffic using Betteridge Drive, and parking any where there was a spot on the surrounding roads, by the people attending what I assumed was a business event for 1 night by the businesses that operate within Rownhams House.

My partner and I thought, ok, no real problem, one night, bit of a party, people enjoying the environment in which they work, and being rewarded by their bosses as a thank you, we can live with the disturbance for 1 night not being kill joys.

How wrong were we, this disturbance carried on for a further 2 nights and into the following day of the last night while people came to collect their cars from the local roads, which in the mean time the local residents had to negotiate around, on already tight residential roads of reduced width.

Our master bedroom backs on to our garden which in turn backs on to Nicholson walk which in turn backs onto Rownhams house, it is normally peaceful and we choose to sleep with the windows open to keep cool, on these evenings we had to shut the windows in the early hours of the morning to keep out the noise and revelry of people enjoying a party atmosphere within Rownhams House, this led to us, enduring a less than comfortable climate in which to sleep in our own house!.

More so this event staged over three nights was not for local people, or employees of the businesses with in Rownhams house, non of the cast were local as stated on the web site www.rownhamshouse.co.uk and was obviously not a charity night and the thought of Mr R Barber making financial gain from this event at my detriment quite literally makes my blood boil.

This is unacceptable in today's society to have to put up with events such as these in suburbia.

We live in Rownhams a peaceful village which has it share of minor problems which the local authorities have been effective in all but, stamping out over the past few years. Not next to a commercial area such as West Quay, St Mary's stadium, Ocean village, Gunwharf quays in the City, which if you did decide to live in this location you would be well aware of and prepared to put up with the disturbance.

So on this basis I can not see how a local land owner can be granted permission to stage events, which would be numerous from "Theatre productions," corporate events, musical events, parties, and wedding receptions which I have no doubt in my mind would probably be at every opportunity filling the weekend calendar most weeks through out the year, due to the ability, for financial profit from this new business.

On face value, yes I could put up with a "Private Lives" production for one weekend a year, but if this licence were to be granted, lets be assured Mr Barber would be looking to maximise its use at every opportunity, to which I believe my objection to this application is more than reasonable.

To summarise, we object to this application for the following reasons:

- Noise pollution.
- Public safety on tight residential roads.
- Public nuisance. (minimum of 100 people at any event)
- Further Light pollution.
- Possibility of crime and public disorder offences being increased by consumption of alcohol leading to anti-social behaviour.
- Financial gain by the owner, with no benefit to the local community.
- Detrimental effect on local residential property prices.

Yours Faithfully Ian Game and Tracy Gates.