

Annex 25

17th April 2009

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Dear Mr White

Representation: Application for Premises Licence for Rownhams House, Rownhams – Roger John Barber and Penelope Jill Barber

I would like to make known my objection to the above application for a premises licence.

As stated in the Public Notice outside Rownhams House:

“If granted, the licence would allow the following activities to take place:

- *Sale of alcohol on the premises*
- *Provision of regulated entertainment*
- *Provision of facilities for regulated entertainment*
- *Provision of late night refreshment”*

I moved to my current address two years ago, and chose to live here because it is a peaceful residential area. Rownhams House, in its current capacity as office space, does not cause any problems for myself or my immediate neighbours. This is largely due to the fact it is used during office hours on weekdays only.

The above proposals would result in the site being used for events outside of these hours, and would be likely to create high levels of noise and traffic during our precious evenings and weekends.

As a mother of two young children, I do not wish to have my evenings dominated by loud music and noise from drunken revellers. The property is surrounded by gravel, so any cars leaving would cause a great deal of noise as they depart. This would be in addition to car doors banging and general noise as people leave the building.

In addition to this, there would also be increased traffic to the site during evenings and weekends. As my property is opposite a gate which is not used, we are likely to have cars which may be lost and misdirected going up and down our quiet cul-de-sac where children often play.

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Your notice suggests these activities would be 'late night'. It gives no indication of how often such events would be permitted. Does this mean we would be expected to tolerate this until the early hours every weekend, and possibly during the week too?

The current owners hosted a one-off event last summer, a performance of the play 'Private Lives', without any kind of permission, I hasten to add. Whilst it was hailed as a success by those who attended, the same cannot be said by the residents who had to cope with the resulting disturbances. The event was quiet and low key until around midnight, when the cast of the play decided to begin making a great deal of noise, shouting and screaming, no doubt as a result of having consumed far too much alcohol. This continued until around three o'clock in the morning, and upset many residents.

If this is an example of just one event, I do not wish to be subjected to this sort of behaviour on a regular basis. I have chosen to raise my family in a peaceful residential area, opposite a quiet and beautiful building, and not a public house/nightclub. Furthermore, I do not wish to see the value of my house plummet any further than it has due to the current recession.

I am sure I will not be the only resident objecting to this proposal. I strongly believe this area and its residents should be left in peace.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

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