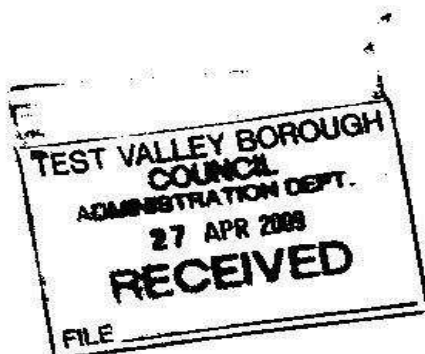


Annex 35



5, Broadbent Close,
Rownhams,
SOUTHAMPTON
SO16 8LQ
24th April 2009

Dear Mr White,

Application for a Premises Licence, Rownhams House,
Rownhams, Southampton, R J & P J Barber

We are writing to you in accordance with the above application, to inform you of our objections to the above request being granted. Our property backs on to the perimeter of Rownhams House car park, and we believe we have a number of legitimate reasons for opposing the application, which we feel can only be detrimental to the quiet, residential area, in which we now live.

Firstly it will cause unwanted noise, when the events are being held. This assumption is based on an event which was held last summer, and resulted in the neighbourhood being kept awake until the early hours of the morning. At present this is an exceptionally quiet area, any noise at night is apparent immediately, especially on a summer's evening. Additional people and vehicles, late at night will undoubtedly provide unprecedented noise.

Secondly, Rownhams House, now functions as an office for many smaller businesses, and the hours worked are basically office hours, Monday to Friday, nine to five. By providing an alcohol licence the commercial nature of the building would become significantly different, thus constituting a change of premise. An office function is one thing, an establishment for the provision of entertainment, including alcohol, and holding functions in the evening and at weekends, is another thing altogether.

Thirdly we have major concerns that criminal activity would increase as a direct result of the licence being granted. During the last three years crime has certainly been on the increase in this area, with the police being called on many occasions to deal with theft from houses, vehicle damage, alcohol abuse, and general vandalism. In the last year the situation has improved greatly, thanks to additional policing, and jail sentences being

given to some persistent offenders .

We believe that many of the problems, especially at night, have been caused by revellers using the area as a thoroughfare on their way home . We also understand that an alcohol ban in the area is also a major contributor to this improvement , therefore to allow a premise in the heart of the estate to sell alcohol would appear to directly be in conflict with the best efforts of the police and local authorities . We do not want the area to deteriorate back to a crime zone again .

Finally we believe that there would be considerable additional traffic coming into the area, where there is already no margin for extra parking capacity . The entrance to Rownhams House , coming off a very narrow road , could also prove to be a potential danger for pedestrians . It must be remembered that there are a lot of children living in the vicinity .

In short this is a residential area , completely surrounding a commercial enterprise being used as an office block , which works well . But a change in the nature of the offices as requested can only be severely detrimental for the residential area , and it's inhabitants . We therefore trust you will see the logic of our objections and turn down this application forthwith , thus allowing the estate to continue being residential as intended .

Yours Sincerely ,

Richard & Sarah Hodges