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Licensing Manager
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Dear Sir,

Application for Premises Licence:

Roger John Barber & Penelope Jill Barber
Rownhams House, Rownhams, Southampton, SO16 8LS.

Having seen the public notice regarding the above application, I wish to express my concerns and objection to the premises licence on the following grounds:

Rownhams House is in the middle of a quiet residential housing estate and is surrounded by private residential houses on at least three sides, my road being one of them.

All these residential houses are very close to Rownhams House itself.

Other than office usage at Rownhams House itself there are no commercial ventures in the vicinity.

Access to Rownhams House is via a small residential road which is unsuitable for supporting increased traffic volumes and likely to be dangerous if visited by drivers unfamiliar with the road and area.

Parking on this access road will be a problem if the vehicles cannot be accommodated/contained entirely within the grounds of Rownhams House itself.

Traffic noise is also likely to be increased not least due to the nature of the gravel driveway leading up to Rownhams House itself, again alongside private residential properties.

It would be unfair to subject these residential houses or the surrounding neighbourhood with increased noise volumes of both the traffic and the events themselves especially late at night.

In principle I do not have an objection to the licensing of the premises per se but am concerned in terms of what events are proposed, how many and when/what time.

I would have no objection provided the premises licence is restricted to the current owners, limited to a maximum of say 12 events per annum, is restricted to weekend or Bank holiday daytime or early evening entertainment and for fairly muted purposes i.e. for wedding, theatrical purposes or classical music concerts rather than say open air rock or pop concerts.

However I do object to the premises licence in terms of the provision of late night refreshment or entertainment (between 11.00pm and 5.00am) for reasons stated above and not least because of vandalism and disorder previously experienced in the area which has now fortunately been contained and prevented over recent months following local parish involvement and police intervention.

I trust you will take my concerns and objections into consideration when considering the above application.

Kindly acknowledge safe receipt and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Richard Johnson