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Dear Sir

Trojans Club – Objection to Licence Application by Eventist Group Limited

I write as the Chairman of Banister Park Bowling Club to inform you that our Club objects to the above application on the grounds as set out below.

Firstly can I point out that our premises are located next door to Trojans and that we are in operation most days until 10 pm. Further that our Groundsman, who is under our employment, resides in a first floor flat that is on the Trojans side of our premises. The same is also the case of the occupants of the second flat who are our tenants.

Crime & Disorder

You will be aware that these premises are situated at the top end of a virtually single track lane and are by their nature isolated. Parking is also limited and certainly we fail to see where up to 1200 persons will park their vehicles without using the road or by trespassing on our car park. If this happens it will undoubtedly lead to confrontation with others who are using our club premises. Past experience has shown us that, regretfully, this can quickly get out of hand.

Again up to 1200 persons attending functions until 1.30 am are likely to consume considerable quantities of alcohol and this leads to the risk of associated crime and antisocial behaviour as is happening elsewhere in the night time economy. Should this happen it stands the real risk of:

- i. Quickly getting very serious due to lack of intervention of the emergency services who are likely to take a long time to get to the scene due to our isolated location
- ii. Crimes and criminal damage are likely to go undetected again because the natural crime prevention that occurs owing to the presence of other members of the general public does not pertain here.
- iii. Any of the above that comes to the notice of our Groundsman and/or tenants late at night leaves them vulnerable to abuse or violence should they intervene to protect their property.
- iv. The very nature of the location with wide open spaces and little or no lighting leads to the risk of unaccompanied individuals of any gender at risk of assault and robbery etc.
- v. The vast number of vehicles that could be parked in this area are at risk of vehicle crime once it becomes known, by the wider criminal fraternity, that rich pickings are to be had with little

chance of detection.

Public Safety

Besides the areas already highlighted above the attendance of ambulances and fire appliances could be seriously hampered should the lane become clogged with vehicles and or individuals. During the period stated Eastleigh Football Club will be playing matches at home this leads to road closures in Stoneham Lane for up to 5 to 6 hours at a time. The lane leading to the event is barely two cars wide in places and is unsuitable for HGV's which would be required to move the infrastructure on to the proposed site required for the event. Daily movements of vehicles in support of the event, for replenishment of drink and food, maintenance, cleaning of toilet facilities etc would add additional traffic to the lane putting Club members at danger.

Prevention of Public Nuisance

To support such an event would require large generators with the noise that goes with them additionally the lighting pollution. With these events temporary accommodation on site is usually provided, which would mean although the event finishes at 0130 noise could be expected for some time after this.

With large numbers of individuals attending these events it follows that it will bring with it considerable volumes of noise. And we know this to be the case when Trojans have previously held events in a Marquee erected on their car park. As both our residential flats overlook this club it is going to lead to unnecessary disturbance to their quality of life and sleep of these residents. Further, again as experienced in the night time economy, it is likely that individuals in attendance are likely to urinate and defecate, where ever the needs takes them. Again the isolated nature of the venue further increases the risk of this taking place. The consequences of any one doing so will fall on us to clean up after them which we should not be expected to do.

Conclusion

The Application I understand is for 18 nights yet the event is scheduled for 24 nights so unless some nights are drink free there is a shortfall in the application.. Additionally the Organisation running the event called Best Parties Ever, are already recruiting personnel and taking bookings on their web site. Which leads us to think that the whole matter is a forgone conclusion from their point of view. We thank you for considering our objection and please let me know if there is anything I can further clarify or help you with in your deliberations.

Yours faithfully