

From: Councillor Anthony Fairclough <Anthony.Fairclough@merton.gov.uk>
Sent: 02 April 2019 10:07
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Cc: Councillor Simon McGrath <Simon.McGrath@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: WK/201813094 - representation

**FAO Attention: Licensing Department
Application WK/201813094**

I am writing as a ward councillor for Dundonald Ward to make a representation on application WK/201813094 for a New Club Certificate made by Southey Bowling Club, 72 Lower Downs Road, SW20 8QQ.

My name is Cllr Anthony Fairclough, and my address is [REDACTED]

The permissions being applied for are: Indoor Sporting Events; Live Music; Recorded Music; Anything Similar to Music and Dancing; Club Alcohol Supply; Premises Opening Hours.

I wish to make a representation that the permissions being applied for be refused on grounds of the licensing objectives of prevention of public nuisance, prevention of crime and disorder and public safety. My representation particularly relates to the following permissions sought: Live Music, Club Alcohol Supply and Premises Opening Hours.

The original clubhouse (559 Kingston Road, SW20 8SF) is a one-storey building at the western edge of the site, which included a bowling green. The site is bordered by alleyways that form the routes to the rear access of a number of residential properties along parts of Kingston Road, Lower Downs Road and Abbott Avenue. The site is currently being developed, and the new two-storey clubhouse with balcony (72 Lower Downs Road SW20 8QQ) sits closer to the properties than the original clubhouse. A number of conditions were attached to the planning permission for this development, relating to the hours of operation, soundproofing and restrictions on the use of the 2nd floor balcony and amplified music. These planning conditions seem incompatible with the current application WK/201813094.

There is evidence from residents that the operation of the original clubhouse premises causes a certain amount of noise and disruption in an otherwise quiet residential area, that has been submitted as part of this process. This is the prime reason that I believe that the permissions sought should be refused, as they will increase disruption and the potential for crime and disorder.

Prevention of public nuisance

As discussed, club attendees will have to enter and leave the premises via a narrow driveway that runs behind several houses. There is serious concern that individuals leaving the premises – possibly intoxicated – will not only create excess noise later into night if the permission on premises opening hours is granted, but will also enter the alleyways behind the houses, potentially causing further public nuisance – whether noise, extra litter, etc. A number of residents have already submitted evidence that such nuisance is already caused. For example, residents at [REDACTED] Kingston Road speak of the use of the existing premises as “loud enough to force us inside on summer evenings” with windows having to be closed, and other

representations speak of the disruption and mess that club customers have caused as they leave the premises.

Similarly, a number of residents have raised the issue of light and noise disturbance from the existing clubhouse and premises hours. In particular, the resident at ■ Abbott Avenue (which faces the new club house) spoke of the “excellent acoustic spreading” of the existing club field, the resident at ■ Kingston Road speaks of the existing operation of the club as “loud enough to force us inside on summer evenings”, the resident at ■ Abbott Avenue said “[The existing] clubhouse, has already been very noisy in the past, when parties are held there, and very clearly audible from my bedroom at the top of the house”.

Such problems will be exacerbated by later hours and more regular use as a “venue” for parties and events. The new 2-storey clubhouse, used later into the night than currently, with permissions for live and recorded music, will result in increased public nuisance through noise and light pollution – as the resident at ■ Kingston Road points out that those using the second floor of the clubhouse will be able to look directly into her home. A number of the representations mention families with children, with concerns about disruption to their sleep and bedtimes raised: “This is a quiet residential area with many young families living in close proximity to the bowling club”.

Prevention of crime and disorder

Evidence of recent trespass and (attempted) burglary via the back gardens of properties on Kingston Road indicates how the increased premises opening hours and club alcohol supply could lead to further potential crime and disorder. Crime reports from the local police teams (and shared by the local neighbourhood watch) indicate that the vast majority of Wimbledon and Raynes Park burglaries involve access through back gardens. This application would result in a larger number of people both using and becoming familiar with the alleyways behind a number of residential properties, late into the night. As the resident of ■ Lower Downs Road points out, “there is just a simple fence between my residence and the bowling club”. Equally, as one resident explains, “as this is a quiet residential area, the police presence in the area late at night is very limited”.

Public Safety/Protection of Children

I believe that much of the evidence above is also relevant to the consideration of maintaining public safety and the protection of children; in addition many of the representations mention increased use of taxis and vehicles on the narrow driveway to the site, which could be dangerous to pedestrians.

In conclusion, I request that the New Club Certificate is refused or significantly amended.

Please confirm receipt

Best wishes

Anthony

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ClIr Anthony Fairclough
Dundonald Ward (Liberal Democrat)

From: Councillor Simon McGrath <Simon.McGrath@merton.gov.uk>
Sent: 02 April 2019 12:19
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Cc: Councillor Anthony Fairclough <Anthony.Fairclough@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: WK/201813094 Southey Bowling Club

I am writing as a ward councillor for Dundonald Ward to make a representation on application WK/201813094. My address is [REDACTED]

The permissions being applied for are: Indoor Sporting Events; Live Music; Recorded Music; Anything Similar to Music and Dancing; Club Alcohol Supply; Premises Opening Hours.

I wish to make a representation that the permissions being applied for be refused on grounds of the licensing objectives of prevention of public nuisance, prevention of crime and disorder and public safety. In particular I wish to comment on the following permissions sought: Live Music, Club Alcohol Supply and Premises Opening Hours.

The original clubhouse (559 Kingston Road, SW20 8SF) is a one-storey building at the western edge of the site, which included a bowling green. The site is bordered by alleyways that form the routes to the rear access of a number of residential properties along parts of Kingston Road, Lower Downs Road and Abbott Avenue. The site is currently being developed, and the new two-storey clubhouse with balcony (72 Lower Downs Road SW20 8QQ) sits closer to the properties than the original clubhouse. A number of conditions were attached to the planning permission for this development, relating to the hours of operation, soundproofing and restrictions on the use of the 2nd floor balcony and amplified music. These planning conditions are not compatible with the current application WK/201813094. As recently as the Planning Cttee on 18 Oct 2018 where approval was given for air conditioning units, officers had been in discussion with the agents of the Bowling Club and had agreed that the air conditioning units would be turned on to broadly align with the agreed opening hours. This is what the minutes of the Planning Committee say: "Members asked about enforcement and control of the noise emissions from the units. Officers explained that the amendment to the noise control condition would limit the times that the units could operate and that this was a measurable and enforceable condition".

Local residents already have evidence that the original clubhouse premises cause noise and disruption in an otherwise quiet residential area and I know that they have themselves made representations on this. This is the main reason that I recommend the requested permissions should be refused, as they will increase disruption and the potential for crime and disorder.

Prevention of public nuisance

People visiting the club, which will include not just club members but people attending functions will have to enter and leave the premises via a narrow driveway that runs behind several houses. People leaving, possibly having had too much to drink will not only create excess noise later into night if the permission on premises opening hours is granted, but will also enter the alleyways behind the houses, potentially causing further public nuisance –

whether noise, extra litter, etc. A number of residents have already submitted evidence that such nuisance is already caused. For example, residents at ■■■ Kingston Road speak of the use of the existing premises as “loud enough to force us inside on summer evenings” with windows having to be closed, and other representations speak of the disruption and mess that club customers have caused as they leave the premises.

Similarly, a number of residents have raised the issue of light and noise disturbance from the existing clubhouse and premises hours. One said "I live about 100m away at ■■ Abbott Avenue and even with the windows closed and earplugs in it's obnoxiously loud to the point that there's no hope of sleeping' and many residents have raised their concerns about the effects on children many of whom are in bedrooms facing the clubhouse.

Prevention of crime and disorder

Evidence of recent trespass and (attempted) burglary via the back gardens of properties on Kingston Road indicates how the increased premises opening hours and club alcohol supply could lead to further potential crime and disorder. Crime reports from the local police teams (and shared by the local neighbourhood watch) indicate that the vast majority of Wimbledon and Raynes Park burglaries involve access through back gardens. This application would result in a larger number of people both using and becoming familiar with the alleyways behind a number of residential properties, late into the night. As the resident of ■ Lower Downs Road points out, “there is just a simple fence between my residence and the bowling club”. Equally, as one resident explains, “as this is a quiet residential area, the police presence in the area late at night is very limited”.

Public Safety/Protection of Children

I believe that much of the evidence above is also relevant to the consideration of maintaining public safety and the protection of children; in addition many of the representations mention increased use of taxis and vehicles on the narrow driveway to the site, which could be dangerous to pedestrians.

In conclusion, I request that the New Club Certificate is refused or significantly amended.

I would be grateful if you would confirm you have received this e mail and let me know the date of the licensing sub committee which will consider this application.

Simon McGrath

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Cllr Simon McGrath
Dundonald Ward (Liberal Democrat)

From: Chris Larkman
Sent: 28 March 2019 17:16
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: WK/201813094

Applicant: Southey Bowling Club
Application Reference: WK/201813094
Application Type: New Club Certificate

I wish to object to the requested extended hours of this new premises on behalf of the Apostles Residents Association.

The operating hours they seek extend well beyond those approved for the site within the Planning Permission Decision Notices for 18/P3154, 17/P3005 and 15/P4083. As per section 9 and 10 of the 18/P3154 Planning Permission Decision Notice, the hours of operation should not exceed 2300 Monday to Saturday and 2230 on Sunday.

The reason for our objection is that by allowing people to leave the club at the late hours requested will have the effect of causing unnecessary noise and distress in an area which is exclusively dense residential. Whilst the occasional one-off licence for a special event may be one thing, the granting of permanent permission for extended hours such as requested is not acceptable in such an area.

Mr Chris Larkman
Chair
Apostles Residents Association

From: Carola Ash

Sent: 26 March 2019 10:50

To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>

Cc: Councillor David Dean <David.Dean@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Simon McGrath

<Simon.McGrath@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Anthony Fairclough

<Anthony.Fairclough@merton.gov.uk>

Subject: Current Premises and Club Licensing Application: WK/201813094

Current Premises and Club Licensing Application: WK/201813094

I am writing to strongly object to the Club Licensing Application being made by Southey Bowling Club, on the basis of prevention of public nuisance.

Southey Bowling Club has built a large new 2 storey club house that directly overlooks the back of dozens of houses on Abbott Avenue, Kingston Road and Lower Downs Road. This is replacing a much smaller single storey club house that was adjacent to far fewer houses and only overlooked a car park. This smaller clubhouse, has already been very noisy in the past, when parties are held there, and very clearly audible from my bedroom at the top of the house. But with the new Clubhouse, given its size, structure and new location, the Club Alcohol Supply, Recorded and Live Music Applications are all entirely inappropriate in a residential area.

We have endured enough disruption and noise from the constant building works, before the new Clubhouse will be fully operational, or should I call it Nightclub which is ostensibly what they want to turn it in to. This new licensing application ,which includes hours of operating which far exceed the original planning application (9D01) which was to limit opening hours until 11pm, which was late enough, now has asked for an alcohol license and also the use of live or recorded music until midnight on Friday, 1am on Saturday, and 11pm on Sunday.

The level of disturbance and impact on our privacy will be substantial once the Club is let out for birthday parties and other noisy events. This is a residential area with many houses backing on directly to the Club not to mention 9 new houses that are being built and marketed as "situated in an oasis of calm", the irony is not lost on us! Southey Bowling Club should be ashamed of themselves for treating their neighbours like this, as it is obvious that their interests are purely about making money and not taking due care of their neighbours.

The new clubhouse has a balcony wrapping the entire second floor, which would permit revellers on the second floor to look directly into our garden, kitchen and dining area. Not only am I objecting to the application WK/201813094, I am asking Merton Council to consider not allowing alcohol to be served at all on the second floor of the club house to limit some of the disturbance and nuisance on residents.

This is a quiet residential area with many young families living in close proximity to the bowling club, as well as many elderly people who are often not well. Permitting the club to remain open serving alcohol until 23.30 Sun-Thurs, until midnight on Friday and until 1am on Saturday will result in everyone backing on to the club having their sleep disturbed by music and other noise from the club, from drinkers leaving the club and from much heavier traffic flow which could result in accidents. This is entirely an inappropriate application and is essentially asking Merton Council to permit the opening of a late night bar at the end of many families' gardens. They will ostensibly be giving this Club more lenient licensing hours than Public Houses.

During the final approval of the Southey Bowling Club development at the Planning Committee, a commitment was made to closely monitor the noise levels coming from the club, based on the existing licensing hours. Extending the licensing hours with an explicit intention to be playing live or recorded music clearly conflicts with the basis on which the planning application was approved.

For these reasons, I hope you will see fit to refuse the application and to consider my alternative proposal not to permit alcohol to be supplied at all on the second story of the clubhouse.

Yours sincerely
Carola Ash

From: Edward Ash

Sent: 28 March 2019 15:12

To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>

Cc: Councillor David Dean; Councillor Anthony Fairclough <Anthony.Fairclough@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Simon McGrath <Simon.McGrath@merton.gov.uk>

Subject: Licensing application WK/201813094 - Southey Bowling Club 72 Lower Downs Road SW20 8QQ

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to object to application WK/201813094 for a New Club Certificate made by Southey Bowling Club, 72 Lower Downs Road, SW20 8QQ.

The permissions being applied for are: Indoor Sporting Events; Live Music; Recorded Music; Anything Similar to Music and Dancing; Club Alcohol Supply; Premises Opening Hours.

My objection is based on the licensing objective of "**Prevention of Public Nuisance**" with particular reference to the application for Live Music; Club Alcohol Supply and Premises Opening Hours.

The existing clubhouse (559 Kingston Road, SW20 8SF) is a one-storey building set to the western end of the site. It is in a secluded location much further away from the homes which back on to the bowling club, and yet it generates a large amount of noise pollution and disruption which goes on late into the night with very loud music and very loud voices. It is loud enough to force us inside on summer evenings, and we have to close our windows in order not to be pounded with loud music while we try to sleep.

The new clubhouse (72 Lower Downs Road SW20 8QQ) sits in a much more prominent location with no buildings between the clubhouse and the buildings backing onto the bowling green. There will be nothing to absorb the noise. It is much closer to the houses that surround the bowling green. In addition, the new clubhouse is a much larger two-storey building, and the music will be projected from the first-floor windows. These are amongst the reasons, I believe, that the planning committee imposed the following conditions:

"9 D01 Hours of Use (insert) The bowling clubhouse hereby permitted shall operate only between the hours of 1100 to 2300 Monday to Saturday and 1200 to 2230 on Sundays.

Reason: To safeguard the amenities of surrounding area and to ensure compliance with the following Development Plan policies for Merton: policy 7.15 of the London Plan 2016, policy CS7 of Merton's Core Planning Strategy 2011 and policy DM EP2 of Merton's Sites and Policies Plan 2014. 10 D03 Restriction on Music/Amplified Sound No music or other amplified sound generated on the premises shall be audible at the boundary of any adjacent residential building so as to constitute a statutory nuisance. Reason: To safeguard the amenities of surrounding area and to ensure compliance with the following Development Plan policies for Merton: policy 7.15 of the London Plan 2016, policy CS7 of Merton's Core Planning Strategy 2011 and policy DM EP2 of Merton's Sites and Policies Plan 2014."

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The licence application is in direct contradiction of these conditions.

The existing hours in the present clubhouse are already onerous to the households living around the bowling green and cause hardship to those living in direct proximity. The current operation of the clubhouse already breaches the objective of 'Prevention of Public Nuisance'. Any extension of these hours and in particular hours as extensive as those applied for here will cause noise levels to be intolerable.

With the club being open to 11 pm on Sundays, 11.30pm during the week, midnight on Fridays and 1am on Saturdays with certain other days during the year when the club will be open to 1 am, the proposed hours would be a startling escalation of noise and disruption that would cause considerable hardship to the households in the surrounding area, many of them occupied with families of small children.

I also note that the club intends to serve alcohol and play music later than it intends to stay open on Sundays.

In conclusion, I oppose this application particularly in relation to the music and alcohol hours which contradict the existing planning conditions and would not be in accordance with the licensing objective of Prevention of Public Nuisance.

Edward Ash

From: Isabela Ash
Sent: 01 April 2019 06:49
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: Licensing application WK/201813094

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to object to application WK/201813094 for a New Club Certificate made by Southey Bowling Club, 72 Lower Downs Road, SW20 8QQ.

I base my objection the licensing objective of "**Prevention of Public Nuisance**" with particular reference to the application for Live Music; Club Alcohol Supply and Premises Opening Hours.

The existing clubhouse (559 Kingston Road, SW20 8SF) is a one-storey building set to the western end of the site. It is in a secluded location much further away from the homes which back on to the bowling club, and yet it generates a large amount of noise pollution and disruption which goes on late into the night with very loud music and very loud voices. It is loud enough to force us inside on summer evenings, and we have to close our windows in order not to be pounded with loud music while we try to sleep.

The new clubhouse (72 Lower Downs Road SW20 8QQ) sits in a much more prominent location with no buildings between the clubhouse and the buildings backing onto the bowling green. There will be nothing to absorb the noise. It is much closer to the houses that surround the bowling green. In addition, the new clubhouse is a much larger two-storey building, and the music will project from the first-floor windows. These are amongst the reasons, I believe, that the planning committee imposed the following conditions:

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The licence application is in direct contradiction of these conditions.

The existing hours in the present clubhouse already cause hardship to those living in nearby. The current operation of the clubhouse already breaks the objective of 'Prevention of Public Nuisance'. Any extension of these hours will cause noise levels to be unbearable.

With the club being open to 11 pm on Sundays, 11.30pm during the week, midnight on Fridays and 1am on Saturdays with certain other days during the year when the club will be open to 1 am, the proposed hours would be a startling escalation of noise and disruption that would cause considerable hardship to the households in the surrounding area, many of them occupied with families of small children.

I oppose this application particularly in relation to the music and alcohol hours which contradict the existing planning conditions and would not be in accordance with the licensing objective of Prevention of Public Nuisance.

Isabela Ash

From: Daiva Bartke
Sent: 02 April 2019 21:18
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Cc:
Subject: Your Ref: WK/201813094, Southey Bowling Club

Dear Sir or Madam,

Our address:



Your Ref: WK/201813094

We write in response to the licence application in Southey Bowling Club and would like to express our objection to the request to sell alcohol and play music at such late hours all year round.

The main reasons for our objection are:

- Noise/ protection of children from harm.

The new club is located in a residential area, overlooking a bowling field. It has a terrace on the first floor and numerous doors allowing people to be outside. The noise through the open doors of the club and people using the terrace will travel across the field disturbing residents during the quiet rest hours. The people affected will be all those backing the bowling field from three roads: Kingston Road, Lower Downs Road and Abbott Avenue. Like in all residential areas, children from new born babies to teenagers preparing for their exams, reside here as well. The noise will have a detrimental impact on their health.

- Light pollution and light trespass.

The longer hours the club will be in open, the longer the light will be kept on. This will also impede on residents' well-being as a light trespass problem will occur when a strong light enters the window of one's home from the outside, causing problems such as sleep deprivation. In addition, artificial light at night disrupts ecosystems and has adverse effects on the wildlife.

- Public and Statutory Nuisance/ public safety/ prevention of public nuisance.

Offensive public behaviour is present where alcohol is sold at late hours.

The Noise and Statutory Nuisance Act 1993 (as amended by the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005) makes certain noises in the street, such as those from loudspeakers or car alarms, a statutory nuisance. In addition, the Noise Act 1996 imposes a duty on a local authority to follow up complaints of excessive noise coming from a house. A warning notice may be served if the noise exceeds permitted limits and occurs between 11.00pm and 7.30am. Failure to comply with the notice is an offence. Giving a license for a noise to be created after 11pm not only would contradict this Act, but also would provide tools for Public and Statutory Nuisance.

In this day and age, when peoples' well-being is as important as never before and various laws are created to prevent public nuisance, this application seeks to cause damage to the local residential community by compromising its health and ecological environment.

All of the above listed issues could be prevented by not granting permission for this application.

We request that this application is refused and look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

Daiva Bartke

Current Premises and Club Licensing Application: WK/201813094

Dear all,

I am writing to strongly object to the Club Licensing Application being made by Southey Bowling Club.

As already mentioned in many letters from the residents of Abbott Avenue, Kingston Road and Lower Downs Road submitted over the last weeks, this application for liquor and music license is totally inappropriate and unacceptable.

This is a quiet residential area with many young families living in close proximity to the bowling club. Permitting the club to remain open serving alcohol until 23.30 from Sunday to Thursday, midnight on Friday and until 1am on Saturday will result in an unacceptable level of disturbance and increased risk for our families and neighbourhood.

This club is 1 meter from my rear garden and 4 meters from my kitchen's door. I have been dealing with the noise, lack of privacy in my bedroom and dining room, big machines running close to my fence and the damage caused to my property for many months now, as already communicated to the council in many occasions. The noise and level of disturbance will be unbearable if the council allows a night club running so close to my door, and I hope this will be taken into consideration with all the respect my family deserves.

I have also huge concerns with the traffic of partygoers in the pathways and areas around my house, since I have 2 small children and just a simple fence between my residence and the bowling club. This liquor license can put our families at risk as would allow intoxicated people circulating on late hours along the narrow and dark pathways around the club. This creates opportunity for crime and disorder, nothing different can be expected from a combination of late hours, alcohol and dark pathways.

There are a huge number of articles showing that areas around nightclubs and pubs can quickly turn into hotspots for violence, I take the liberty to add some in this letter:

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/1356296/A-dangerous-place-to-be-when-the-pubs-are-shut.html>

<http://www.ias.org.uk/What-we-do/Alcohol-Alert/Issue-2-2009/Nightlife-and-Crime-Social-order-and-governance-in-international-perspective.aspx>

<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/crime/revealed-shocking-rise-in-violent-and-sex-crimes-in-london-s-bars-and-nightclubs-a3572126.html>

I hope you will consider these objections and refuse the application in discussion.

Kind Regards,

Ariadne Benzi



Current Premises and Club Licensing Application: WK/201813094

Dear Sirs/Madams.

I am writing to **strongly object** to the Club Licensing Application being made by Southey Bowling Club.

The extended licencing request for music and alcohol consumption is extremely disruptive and unacceptable. This is a residential area with young children on majority of houses and the approval of this application will not only encourage intoxicated people to circulate and cause disturbance in the area but have a terrible impact on the health and privacy of the residents.

This application is in full disagreement with the council's awareness campaign to reduce noise, reducing nuisance or disturbance.

Permitting the club to remain open serving alcohol until 23.30 Sun-Thurs, until midnight on Friday and until 1am on Saturday will result in children and families having their sleep disturbed by music and other noise from the club, causing health problems and environmental issues.

Artificial light emitted from the premise in such late hours are prejudicial to health or a nuisance.

The noise emitted from premises so as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance as well.

Both prementioned reasons, artificial lights and noise, are aspects covered by the Environmental Protection act – 1990 that will be infringed if this application is approved on its currents terms.

Additionally, this application can increase crime and disorder in the area, reduce public safety, affect the neighbour's heath, with higher impact on our children lives.

The narrow alley that separates my property from the edge of the bowling building is not designed and do not contain infrastructure to prevent intoxicated people of doing wrong and will rapidly become an area of fear. I am extremely concerned to the safety of my two young children that need their sleeping hours to allow their normal development. The access to the alley will also be a problem as there are great chances that this area will become unusable and a repository of empty cans, cigars, broken glasses and more.

For these reasons, I hope you will see fit to refuse the application WK/201813094.

Leandro Benzi



From: Blackburn, Mark
Sent: 18 March 2019 12:05
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Cc: Councillor David Dean <David.Dean@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Anthony Fairclough <Anthony.Fairclough@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Simon McGrath <Simon.McGrath@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: Southey Bowling Club - 72 Lower Downs Road, Raynes Park, London, SW20 8QQ

Applicant(s) Southey Bowling Club
Application Reference WK/201813094
Application Type New Club Certificate

My Details – Mark Patrick Blackburn.

Dear Sir/Madam,

With regard to the above I am writing to make a representation and objection to the application for a premises licence.

As a neighbour with a property adjoining the car park and facing the clubhouse I do not think it is acceptable to have a 1am alcohol supply licence. This is a peaceful and quiet residential area so any noise will be heard by all residents who have a right to a good night's sleep without a nightclub operating behind. We have two young children in the bedroom facing the clubhouse and people wandering around inebriated/loud music/taxi's coming and going will only disturb their sleep. This would be a **public nuisance issue** and would cause distress to children waking them up during the night. There will be more **crime and disorder** with a late licence and as a resident I want this prevented at the back of my house. From experience the later the licence the more likely the parties will continue until early morning and there is no way to police this. Are there other examples of licenced premises in Raynes Park directly adjoining residential properties with music and 1am licences?

Two months ago we had a bad burglary at [REDACTED] Kingston Road when the intruders climbed over the back of the access road, which leads to the bowling clubhouse, on a Friday evening at 6pm. The place was ransacked and they even went in the loft. Last month [REDACTED] Kingston Road was targeted by more burglars who were caught setting up an access/escape over the fence onto the same access road. It is not a coincidence that the construction of the clubhouse has given rise to more opportunistic burglars trying their luck as the building now shelters residents sightlines. The **prevention of crime and order** has to be considered for this too.

I would like David Dean to represent me at the Licencing Committee.

Regards

Mark Patrick Blackburn

From: Sarah Bailey
Sent: 31 March 2019 12:49
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Cc: Councillor Anthony Fairclough <Anthony.Fairclough@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor David Dean <David.Dean@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Simon McGrath <Simon.McGrath@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: Southey Bowling Club WK/201813094

Applicant(s) Southey Bowling Club
Application Reference WK/201813094
Application Type New Club Certificate

My Details – Sarah Jayne Blackburn,

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to object to the Club Licensing Application being made by Southey Bowling Club.

Given its size and new location, the Club Alcohol Supply, Recorded and Live Music Applications are all entirely unacceptable in a quiet residential area full of young families. To put into context please find attached a picture of the imposing clubhouse over our back garden and looking directly into my two young children's shared bedroom. Extending the licencing hours will only disturb our children's sleep as late night revellers hang outside smoking, talking and allowing music to escape through open doors. It is essential to reject this application on the basis of **protection of children from harm.**

During the last year I have repeatedly stopped the builders chopping a tree, within our demise, down to make way for their lorries. This is our only level of privacy left before people are able to watch us in our gardens from the second storey. The clubhouse is now built and we now have lights left on at night shining directly at our house. The level of disturbance and will only increase once the club starts being rented out to the general public. Permitting the club to remain open serving alcohol until 23.30 Sun-Thurs, until midnight on Friday and until 1am on Saturday will result in children and families having their sleep disturbed by music and other noise from the club, from drinkers leaving the club and from taxis coming and going. I would class this as **public nuisance** and the prevention of this has to be a priority for the numerous households located around the clubhouse.

This application also seems to be in direct conflict with the planning permission for the clubhouse on the following points:-

9 D01 Hours of Use

The bowling clubhouse hereby permitted shall operate only between the hours of 1100 to 2300 Monday to Saturday and 1200 to 2230 on Sundays. Reason: To safeguard the amenities of surrounding area and to ensure compliance with the following Development Plan policies for Merton: policy 7.15 of the London Plan 2016, policy CS7 of Merton's Core Planning Strategy 2011 and policy DM EP2 of Merton's Sites and Policies Plan 2014.

10 D03 Restriction on Music/Amplified Sound

No music or other amplified sound generated on the premises shall be audible at the boundary of any adjacent residential building so as to constitute a statutory nuisance. Reason:

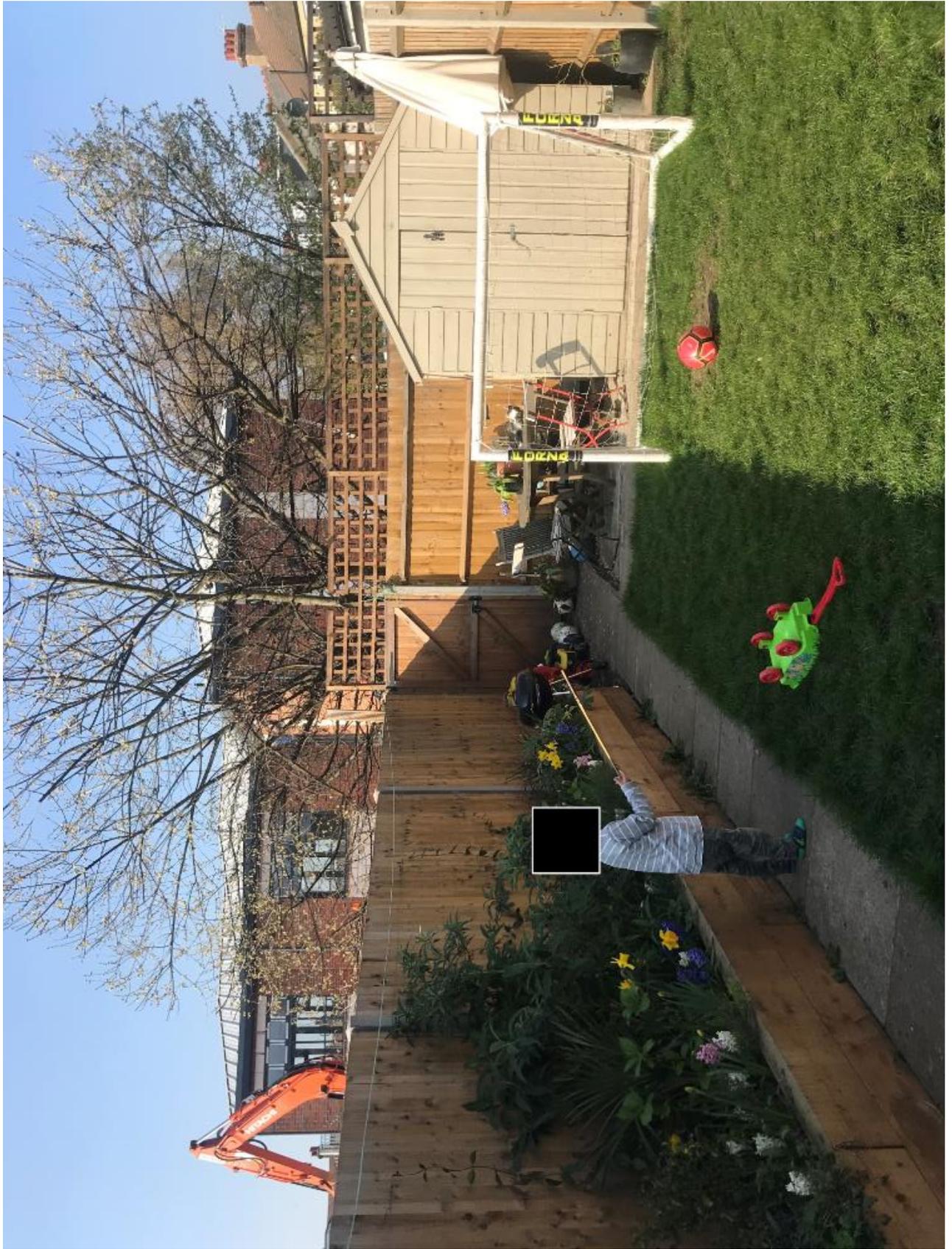
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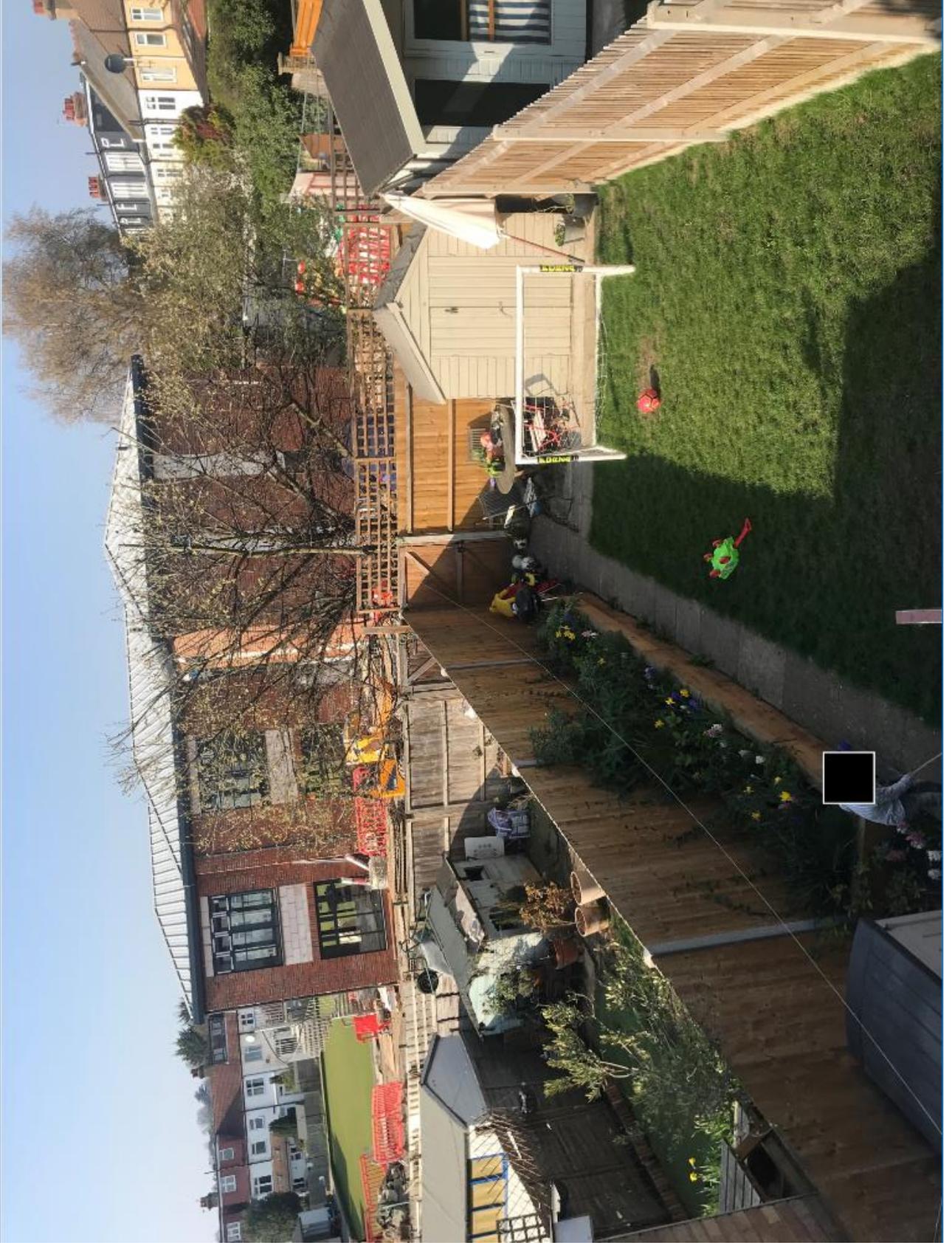
For these reasons, I hope you will refuse the club's licensing request.

I would like Anthony Fairclough to represent me at the Licencing Committee.

Regards

Sarah Blackburn





From: Nikki
Sent: 01 April 2019 20:36
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Cc: Councillor David Dean <David.Dean@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Anthony Fairclough <Anthony.Fairclough@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Simon McGrath <Simon.McGrath@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: Current Premises and Club Licensing Application: WK/201813094

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to object to the application being made by Southey Bowling Club for a New Club Certificate regarding permitted hours for Club Alcohol Supply, Live Music and Recorded Music.

The club is in the process of building a new 2 storey club house. This is replacing a much smaller single storey club house that is adjacent to only a couple houses and only overlooks a car park and footpath. The licensing hours they are requesting are significantly longer than the hours applying to the current clubhouse, but given the much more intrusive nature of the new clubhouse, I believe that the licensing hours for the new building should be significantly shorter than the hours currently permitted for the smaller current building, and additional restriction placed on the second floor of the new clubhouse.

The intrusive nature of the new building was clearly reflected in the conditions attached to the planning permission, several of which I believe this application in direct conflict with, namely:

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The bowling clubhouse hereby permitted shall operate only between the hours of 1100 to 2300 Monday to Saturday and 1200 to 2230 on Sundays. Reason: To safeguard the amenities of surrounding area and to ensure compliance with the following Development Plan policies for Merton: policy 7.15 of the London Plan 2016, policy CS7 of Merton's Core Planning Strategy 2011 and policy DM EP2 of Merton's Sites and Policies Plan 2014.

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11 D04 Soundproofing of Building

No development on the recreational development hereby approved shall commence until a scheme for the soundproofing of the building to prevent the transmission of noise and vibration has been submitted in writing for approval to the Local Planning Authority. No works which are the subject of this condition shall be carried out until the details are approved, and the clubhouse development shall not be occupied unless the measures have been approved and carried out in strict accordance with the approved details and those measures shall thereafter be retained for use at all times from the date of first occupation. Alternatively, the development shall be carried out in accordance with details previously agreed under the discharge of Condition 11 under application ref. 17/P3578. Reason: To safeguard the amenities of the area and the occupiers of neighbouring properties and ensure compliance with the following Development Plan policies for Merton: policy 7.15 of the London Plan 2016 and policies DM D2, DM Page 17 D3, DM EP2 and DM EP4 of Merton's Sites and Policies Plan 2014.

25 A Non Standard Condition (Use of Clubhouse Balcony)

Other than for the purposes of maintenance and in the case of an emergency, the bowling clubhouse balcony hereby permitted shall not be used between the hours of 2100 to 1100 Monday to Sunday. Reason: To safeguard the amenities of the surrounding area and to ensure compliance with the following Development Plan policies for Merton: policy 7.15 of the London Plan 2016, policy CS7 of Merton's Core Planning Strategy 2011 and policy DM EP2 of Merton's Sites and Policies Plan 2014.

The club already successfully rents out its rather dilapidated old clubhouse many weekends for birthday parties etc., and is intending to run a thriving business doing this even more regularly in its new premises. There is no other reason for requesting extended licensing hours.

In the licensing application the request permission for Live music is explicitly for “Live Music for parties by members” and for recorded music for “Background music during opening hours”. This implies that any non-members renting the clubhouse will not be permitted live music or anything other than background music (so no DJs etc.). This is not how the club currently markets itself as a venue, it is not how it currently operates in its old clubhouse so unlikely to be how it intends to operate in the future.

In addition to being in direct conflict with the planning permission for the clubhouse, and not accurately describing the intended use of the building, I believe this application conflicts with all 4 licensing objectives:

1. Protection of children from harm

This is a quiet residential area with many families living around the bowling club. Allowing alcohol to be served beyond children's bedtimes means their sleep will be disturbed by music and other noise from the club, and by intoxicated individuals leaving the club. The club's request to serve alcohol up to 2330 on school nights will cause children and other residents to be disturbed well after their bedtime. The proposed weekend hours will be even more disruptive, with party goers leaving the club in the middle of the night.

2. Prevention of public nuisance

The club is seeking permission to play live or recorded music up to 0030 at weekends. During the final approval of this development at the Planning Committee, a commitment was made to closely monitoring the noise levels coming from the club (assuming the licensing hours that currently apply to the old clubhouse). Extending the licensing hours into the middle of the night with an explicit intention to be playing live or recorded music clearly conflicts with the basis on which the planning application was approved. No amount of soundproofing will stop noise escaping from the clubhouse, especially whenever a door is opened for revellers to enter or leave the premise or to smoke as it is illegal to smoke inside. Parking is already a challenge in this area, on party nights it may become almost impossible to park near our homes, significantly impacting these with families or limited mobility.

3. Prevention of crime and disorder

Access to and from the club will be via a narrow driveway that passes behind many houses. It is highly likely that intoxicated partygoers will disturb residents as they leave and there will be a constant risk of damage to fences and other property, as well as other public disorder offences. As this is a quiet residential area, the police presence in the area late at night is very limited. Therefore if / when disturbances occur due to excessive drinking our already overly stretched police force will not be on hand to control the situation quickly and will need to be distracted from their oversight of revellers in the centre of Wimbledon or Raynes Park.

4. Public safety

The narrow access to the clubhouse, which is also the only access to the club car park, does not separate car and pedestrian traffic so the safety of intoxicated individuals sharing the same space as vehicles leaving the club must be at risk. The entrance to this driveway is a sharp turning from Lower Downs Road, with visibility into the driveway obscured by garden walls and fences, so there is a real risk that distracted Uber drivers arriving at the club may not see alcohol impaired pedestrians walking down the alley as they turn into the driveway.

For these reasons, I hope you will see fit to refuse the club's licensing request. During this process, the club has made no attempt to constructively engage with local residents, and it is not our fault that they have chosen to be build a clubhouse that is too large for their core requirements.

Your faithfully

Nicola Blackie

From: Susan
Sent: 18 March 2019 20:41
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Cc: Councillor David Dean <David.Dean@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: Application Reference WK/201811830

Dear Sir/Madam,

I live in very close proximity to the Southey Bowling Club. At [REDACTED]

Any licence to supply alcohol would be a public nuisance and lead to crime and disorder.

The entrance to the club is down a dark alleyway which is parallel to our houses away from the main road. It would encourage this kind of behaviour. People standing drinking and smoking [till 23.30](#) on a weekday night would be an unacceptable disturbance to my way of living. This is a residential area surrounded by up to 30 flats in the vicinity with an average of 3 people living in each. This is far too compacted to add this kind of noise, disturbance and problems to our neighbourhood. It is a bowls club not a public house.

I wish to formally raise a complaint and actively protest to this licence being given to a bowls club. I would like counsellor David Dean to act on my behalf.

Yours Sincerely

Susan Burbridge

Sent from my iPhone

From: BUTT, Alexander
Sent: 01 April 2019 23:15
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Cc: Councillor David Dean <David.Dean@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Anthony Fairclough <Anthony.Fairclough@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Simon McGrath <Simon.McGrath@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to application WK/201813094

Dear Merton Licensing Authority,

I write to express my deep concern regarding your potential acquiescence to the above application.

As a local resident and Consultant Psychiatrist working at St George's Hospital in Tooting I have no doubt you, and the wider Council, are aware of the close link between excess alcohol consumption and severe mental illness, and the consequent cost to society, the NHS and social services.

I am especially concerned that the application includes prolonged licensing hours several times each week in an establishment likely to sell alcohol at low cost.

Both the prolonged hours and low cost have been shown in high quality peer reviewed studies to correlate closely with the prevalence of alcohol dependence, crime, disorder, reduced public safety, increased public nuisance and harm to children. The significant harm to children not only flows from the direct harm alcohol can cause from say intoxicated drivers, but perhaps more worryingly from harm to the child's experience of a disrupted family life if one or both parents drink alcohol excessively, even within what they may consider modest levels

I am concerned the application. includes a request for extended licensing hours on a regular basis, and that these hours, for what purports to be a social club for mostly elderly respectful gentlefolk, would not be in keeping with the proposed clientele of the bowels club. It would seem obvious the club intends to hire out their facilities for other functions likely to attract a much more boisterous, noisy and socially disruptive people who are in turn more likely to cause significant public nuisance especially if leaving the club intoxicated.

Whilst I appreciate the council may view granting a licence as an opportunity to gather much needed revenue I very much doubt the increased revenue will over the consequent increased costs that flow from consumption of alcohol at the club. Such costs may be accrued from damage to public and private property, increased complaints and the staffing needed to respond to them, disrupted private lives of the neighbourhood, and perhaps most importantly the reputation of the council. I would not want people to think the council sought to increase revenues at the expense of the people they strive to care for.

I am aware there is already significant public concern about the current development of the club site and that a large number of my neighbours have written to you to express their concerns. Some, including myself, have also raised their concerns with their local ward counsellors or MPs.

I therefore look forward to hearing of your careful deliberations in due course and hope you will pay my objections to the above application due regard.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Alexander Butt MBBS, MRCPsych.

From: David Cocks
Sent: 24 March 2019 15:29
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Cc: Councillor David Dean <David.Dean@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Anthony Fairclough <Anthony.Fairclough@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Simon McGrath <Simon.McGrath@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: Licensing Application WK/201813094

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to object to the application being made by Southey Bowling Club for a New Club Certificate regarding permitted hours for Club Alcohol Supply, Live Music and Recorded Music..

I would like to first provide some context. The club is in the process of building a new 2 storey club house that directly overlooks my back garden and dozens of other houses on Abbott Avenue, Kingston Road and Lower Downs Road. This is replacing a much smaller single storey club house that is adjacent to only a couple houses and only overlooks a car park and footpath. The licensing hours they are requesting are significantly longer than the hours applying to the current clubhouse, but given the much more intrusive nature of the new clubhouse, I believe that the licensing hours for the new building should be significantly shorter than the hours currently permitted for the smaller current building, and additional restriction placed on the second floor of the new clubhouse.

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The club already successfully rents out its rather dilapidated old clubhouse many weekends for birthday parties etc., so is no doubt intending to run a thriving business doing this even more regularly in its new premises. Indeed, there is no other reason why it needs such a large, two storey clubhouse in the first place. Club representative Michael McGrath made this clear in a conversation with concerned local residents on nextdoor.com on 11th February 2019 when he stated “Two levels were introduced to separate parties from regular club users”.

I note in the licensing application that the request permission for Live music is explicitly for “Live Music for parties by members” and for recorded music for “Background music during opening hours”. This implies that any non-members renting the clubhouse will not be permitted live music or anything other than background music (so no DJs etc.). This is not how the club currently markets itself as a venue, it is not how it currently operates in its old clubhouse and I'd be very surprised if it is how it intends to operate in the future. I will be generous and assume this is an administrative error on their part and not an attempt to obtain a license under false pretences.

In addition to being in direct conflict with the planning permission for the clubhouse, and not accurately describing the intended use of the building, I believe this application conflicts with all 4 licensing objectives:

1. Protection of children from harm

This is a quiet residential area with many families living around the bowling club. Allowing alcohol to be served beyond children's bedtimes means their sleep will be disturbed by music

and other noise from the club, and by intoxicated individuals leaving the club. The club's request to serve alcohol up to 2330 on school nights will cause children and other residents to be disturbed well after their bedtime. The proposed weekend hours will be even more disruptive, with clubbers leaving the club in the middle of the night. I use the word clubbers deliberately: if this extension is allowed, Merton Council will be permitting the opening of a nightclub at the end of many families' gardens. Children's sleep will also be impacted by light pollution. We are already suffering from significant light pollution from the upper floor of the clubhouse, since the builders leave the lights on all night (I have attached a photo taken from my back door to give a sense of how intrusive this is). This will be even worse when the club is open and these lights become flashing disco lights. I do not believe it is remotely appropriate for any sort of alcohol or music licence to apply to the upper floor of the clubhouse given the way it looms over our back gardens.

A further risk to children is that the club balcony overlooks many families' gardens. I believe it is highly inappropriate for a group of predominately middle aged men to be allowed to sit on a balcony drinking alcohol on a summer's afternoon watching young children play in their gardens. This is a significant invasion of privacy. Additionally, spectators and bowlers can be surprisingly noisy when a match is in progress (and this gets noticeably worse later in the afternoon as more alcohol gets consumed). This noise will carry even further if it is coming from the balcony rather than ground level, and being able to view the Green directly from the clubhouse will encourage more drinking (and hence amp up the volume still further). I therefore believe it is inappropriate to allow alcohol consumption on the second floor or balcony at any time of day.

2. Prevention of public nuisance

The club is seeking permission to play live or recorded music up to 0030 at weekends (assuming the reference to 1230 is a typo and they are not planning all night raves). During the final approval of this development at the Planning Committee, a commitment was made to closely monitoring the noise levels coming from the club (assuming the licensing hours that currently apply to the old clubhouse). Extending the licensing hours into the middle of the night with an explicit intention to be playing live or recorded music clearly conflicts with the basis on which the planning application was approved. No amount of soundproofing will stop noise escaping from the clubhouse, especially whenever a door is opened for revellers to enter or leave the premise (or pop outside for a cigarette that I doubt they will be enjoying in silence once outside).

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Access to and from the club will be via a narrow driveway that passes behind many houses. It is highly likely that intoxicated partygoers will disturb residents as they leave and there will be a constant risk of damage to fences and other property, as well as other public disorder offences. As this is a quiet residential area, the police presence in the area late at night is very limited. Therefore if / when disturbances occur due to excessive drinking our already overly stretched police force will not be on hand to control the situation quickly and will need to be distracted from their oversight of revellers in the centre of Wimbledon or Raynes Park.

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The narrow access to the clubhouse, which is also the only access to the club car park, does not separate car and pedestrian traffic so the safety of intoxicated individuals sharing the same space as vehicles leaving the club must be at risk. The entrance to this driveway is a sharp turning from Lower Downs Road, with visibility into the driveway obscured by garden walls and fences, so there is a real risk that distracted Uber drivers arriving at the club may not see alcohol impaired pedestrians walking down the alley as they turn into the driveway.

For these reasons, I hope you will see fit to refuse the club's licensing request. I have lived next to Southey Bowling Club for 20 years and have until recently have always considered them to be good neighbours. During this process, the club has made no attempt to constructively engage with local residents, and it is not our fault that they have chosen to build a clubhouse that is too large for their core requirements. However, should this application be rejected I'm sure we would be happy to engage with them to find a compromise solution that works for everyone.

Your faithfully

David Cocks

Photograph submitted by David Cocks



From: Izzy Cotton
Sent: 02 April 2019 21:35
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: Licence application for Southey Bowling Club

To Merton Council,

Application Ref: WK/201813094/ licence application from Southey Bowling Club

I am emailing on behalf of my household (3 adults) to express our deep concern over the new licence proposal for Southey Bowling Club. This is in response to the licence objective on prevention of public nuisance.

Granting an alcohol licence until 23.30 most nights of the week, midnight on Friday and 1am on Saturdays/public holidays is beyond the typical curfew/last rounds of 23:00 for many pubs. Furthermore, Southey Bowling Club sits within a quiet and enclosed residential area, rather than a commercial street. The hours proposed is not reflective of the residential setting within which the bowling club is situated.

The proposed later alcohol serving hours encourages further alcohol consumption by visitors. This raises the risk of crime, public disorder, nuisance and noise. We always knew when the former Southey Bowling Club was hired out due to the noise, which disrupted sleep. The licence proposal, in particular the application to play music until later, will only further this disruption into our lives.

A curfew of alcohol purchase and music at 23:00 at Southey Bowling Club would not restrict the use and hire of the site to the detriment of local residents. We urge the council to reconsider the licence proposal so that it is appropriate.

Many thanks,
Isabel Cotton

From: Andrzej Dabrowski
Sent: 01 April 2019 07:37
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: Application WK/ 201813094

Dear Committee

I strongly object to license application WK/201813094 made by the Southey Bowling Club.

In my view being able to serve alcohol and have music (recorded or live) after 11pm on any day of the week would be an unacceptable public nuisance to the residents living close to the club. Many of the houses and flats that back on to the club premises (in Abbott Avenue, Lower Downs Road and Kingston Road) are family homes with young children and having noise and anti-social behaviour late into the night would harm those children and their parents.

I am particularly concerned that having a late license could make the Southey club a magnet when other pubs and clubs have closed for the night. As the club is bound on all four sides by the gardens at the back of residential homes it is very secluded, quiet and dark at night (with no street lights and not even the possibility of being disturbed by someone walking their dog!) unlike say a pub on a well lit main road. This really is a big risk factor for crime and public safety.

Of course there will be patrons going outside to have a smoke (cigarettes) and after a few drinks they don't realise how even a "quiet" conversation is audible and disturbing to residents nearby.

A worse fear of mine is that it would be the perfect place to smoke drugs, to inject drugs and of course to buy and sell drugs. It is secluded, dark, with no chance of any police appearing unexpectedly, and with many alleyways giving perfect escape routes if needed, it really could be an oasis for drug dealing and drug taking. I don't think I am being alarmist as these things are happening whenever an opportunity arises.

I appreciate that any of this activity could arise before 11pm but generally there are better places to do it than the Southey Bowling Club. It is after 11pm that the club would suddenly become incredibly attractive.

Yours faithfully
Andrew Dabrowski

From: Anne Fleming
Sent: 17 March 2019 21:57
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Cc: cllrdaviddean; Councillor Anthony Fairclough
<Anthony.Fairclough@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Simon McGrath
<Simon.McGrath@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: Southey Bowling Club Licencing Application WK/201811830

Dear Sir,

I am writing to object in the strongest possible terms to the application being made by Southey Bowling Club to extend their permitted hours for Club Alcohol Supply.

The club is in the process of building a new 2 storey club house that directly overlooks the back of houses on Abbott Avenue, Kingston Road and Lower Downs Road. This is replacing a much smaller single storey club house that is adjacent to far fewer houses and only overlooks a car park.

This is a quiet residential area with many families living around the bowling club as the gardens of parts of Abbott Avenue, Lower Downs Road and Kingston Road adjoin the bowling club. Allowing alcohol to be served beyond children's bedtimes means their sleep will be disturbed by music and other noise from the club, and from people leaving the club in the early hours of the morning. This is not a town centre - it is a residential area. The club already successfully rents out its rather dilapidated old clubhouse on many weekends for birthday parties etc., so is no doubt intending to expand and grow these money making activities (which are quite distinct from the core activities of a sports club) even more regularly in its new premises. Indeed, there is no other reason why it needs such a large, two storey clubhouse in the first place. I believe that this contravenes one of the four licensing objectives - namely the protection of children from harm.

Part of this application is that the club is also seeking permission to play live or recorded music up to 00.30 at weekends. During the final approval of this development at the Planning Committee, a commitment was made to closely monitoring the noise levels coming from the club, based on the existing licensing hours. Extending the licensing hours into the middle of the night with an explicit intention to be playing live or recorded music clearly conflicts with the basis on which the planning application was approved and again I believe this does not comply with the objective of the protection of children from harm as these late hours and associated noise will be happening at the bottom of many families gardens thereby impacting on sleeping children.

Access to and from the club will be via a narrow driveway that passes behind many houses. It is highly likely that intoxicated partygoers will disturb residents as they leave and there will be a constant risk of damage to property. This narrow driveway is also the only access to the club car park, so the safety of intoxicated individuals sharing the same space as vehicles leaving the club must also be at risk - public safety is a real concern here as is the prevention of crime and disorder. Additionally, there is the distinct possibility that children

and other residents will encounter pollution from vomit and urine in our residential streets as frequently happens in the vicinity of late night drinking establishments. Again prevention of public nuisance and protecting children from harm should be fully considered with respect to this.

As this is a quiet residential area, the police presence in the area late at night is very limited. Therefore if / when disturbances occur due to excessive drinking our already overly stretched police force will not be on hand to control the situation quickly and will need to be distracted from their oversight of revellers in the centre of Wimbledon or Raynes Park.

For these reasons, I hope you will see fit to refuse the extension to the club's licensing hours and consider my alternative proposal to instead review and reduce the existing permitted hours to reflect the change in location, access to and size of the clubhouse.

Yours faithfully

Anne Fleming

From: Kevin Fleming
Sent: 01 April 2019 21:57
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Cc: Councillor David Dean; Councillor Anthony Fairclough <Anthony.Fairclough@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Simon McGrath <Simon.McGrath@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: Licensing objection - Southey Bowling Club WK/201813094.
Importance: High

Dear Sir,

I am writing yet again to object to the application being made by Southey Bowling Club at SW20 8SF to extend their permitted hours for Club Alcohol Supply. The application number is WK/201813094.

First of in in advance of objecting to the application I would like to **draw your** attention to a number of points which mean that the application should not be considered.

- **Breach of planning permission:** the request made under this application is in direct and material breach of the planning permission granted under 15/P4083, 17/P3005 and 18/P3154. The Planning permission has various restrictions, that the Clubhouse can only operate from 11:00-23.00 Mon – Saturday and 12-22.30 on Sundays. Also, operating to 23:00 would suggest that the licence covers to 22:30 given time required for closing.
- **Hire of venue:** the request is in relation to member events but it is clear from social media and backed by the design of the club as a 2 storey venue, that this is a venue for hire. See attached member posting on NextDoor explaining their design to support hiring out the venue to others and also their Facebook profile attached.

I live in Abbott Avenue, a quiet residential street that the bowling club backs on to. This is not a suitable location for a late night venue. The club are in the process of building a new larger clubhouse (increasing from single to 2 storey) and also moving their clubhouse closer to the local residential houses where many young families reside. Given the change in location (close to our homes) and structure (two storey building will increase noise pollution) this will have a detrimental impact on all of us on Abbott Avenue, disrupting our sleep particularly so for our children on the street. Given this change I strongly object to this application and request that consideration is given to reducing their hours as having a licensed premises surrounded in close proximity to so many homes in a quiet residential area will be nothing short of a public nuisance.

Allowing a license requesting permission to play live / recorded music up until 1am at the weekends is totally inappropriate - this noise will be seriously detrimental to children in the surrounding properties that overlook the clubhouse and when partygoers spill out into the residential streets in the small hours of the morning will exacerbate this situation.

We are a quiet, residential area and our council should respect this and protect the quality of life and safety of those living here. Accepting this application be establishing a nightclub feet away from house of young families - this cannot be allowed.

When objections were being raised during the planning stages, there were repeated issues raised with regards to the noise based on existing hours and a commitment was made by the planning committee to monitor noise based on existing hours in recognition of the concerns

raised by local residents. Considering an extension of this application conflicts with the basis on which the planning application was approved.

Policing of this area is based on this being a quiet residential area. As is always the cases with late night establishments, there will be issues required police involvement. We do not have the police to cover this as well as the Wimbledon and Raynes Park areas and therefore this application is putting the public at risk.

In summary, this application breaches all licensing objectives:

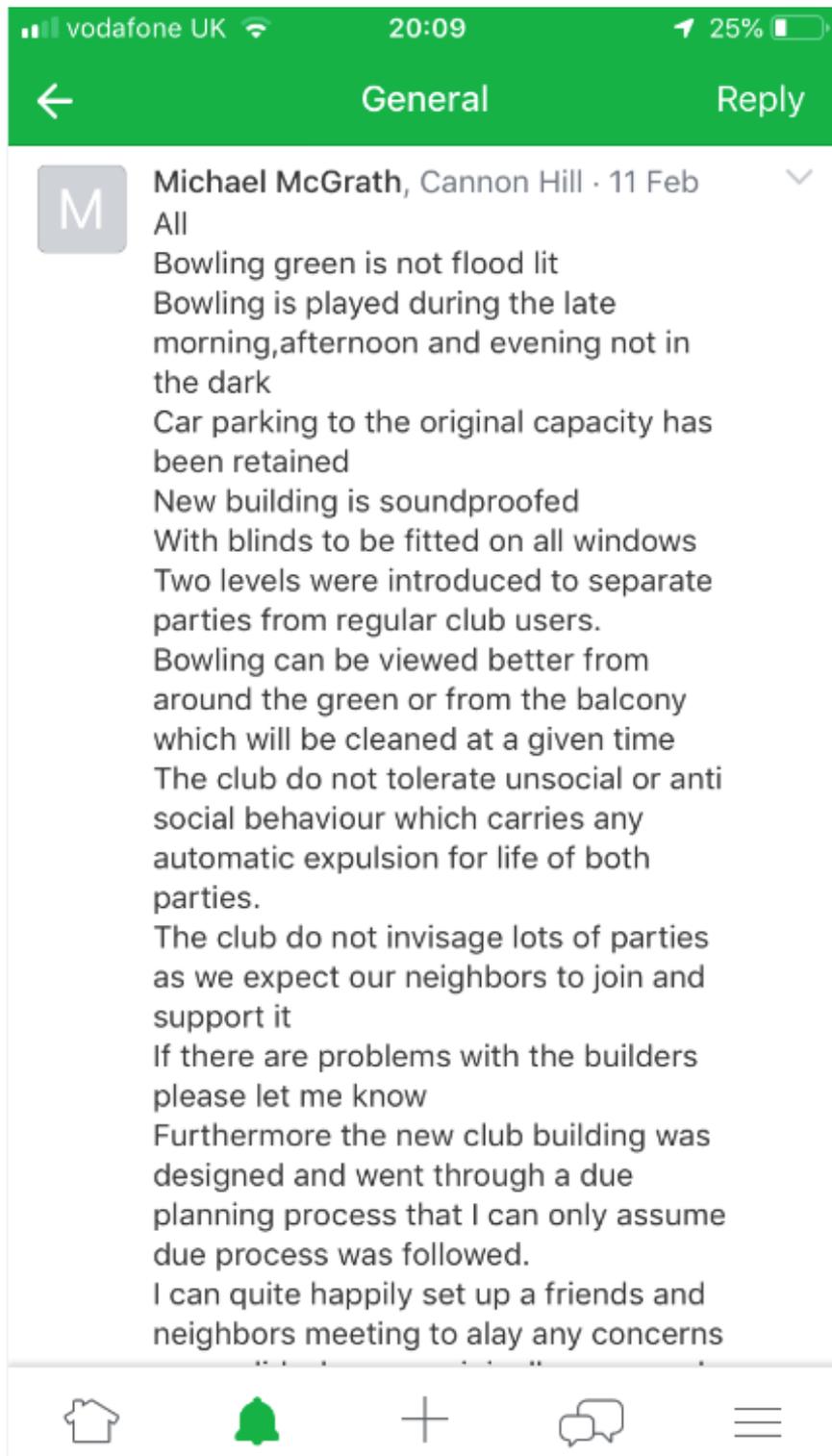
- The prevention of crime and disorder: this venue is advertising its location for hire creating a nightclub in the middle of a residential street backing on to my street. A residential area is no place for a venue that will operate these late hours.
- Public safety: we are a residential area and do not have the policing resources to deal with late night venue for hire.
- The prevention of public nuisance: this will be a serious noise pollution for us all on Abbott Avenue anyone who wants to hire this venue (and it is clear that their intentions are
- The protection of children from harm: both noise and lights from the club will keep the children on my street awake - the proximity of the club to our houses together with the increase in size and subsequent noise pollution will have a serious detrimental impact.

Given these reasons I sincerely hope that you see it fit to not only refuse the application for extension but consider a reducing in the existing licence given the increased noise pollution from the new building.

Given the seriousness of this application, if it does go to a hearing I request the opportunity to speak at the meeting to make my case heard.

Sincerely,

Kevin Fleming



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From: Claire Frost
Sent: 02 April 2019 16:10
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: WK/201813094 Southey Bowling Club

I am writing to express my concern at the application by Southey Bowling Club to extend its hours for both music and the sale of alcohol.

As one of the closest residents to the current Southey Bowling clubhouse, we have always found them to have been good neighbours; parties were infrequent and ended at a reasonable hour. This proposal will change that. The new clubhouse is even closer to houses than the old one and it is therefore very unkind to local neighbours to extend the hours for music and alcohol sales to 1 am at weekends. It is primarily a residential area and people are very conscious of not making a noise late into the night. Those leaving at 1 am will inevitably create a disturbance as they leave, either on foot or by car. Moreover, with so few car parking spaces allowed for, people will also be walking around the local streets increasing the possibility of disorderly and antisocial behaviour, and making it less safe for local residents.

We know of both elderly people and families with young children who live in the road that immediately backs on to the new bowling club who would be disturbed by this proposal. The fact that the clubhouse is now bigger suggests that more use will be made of it for social gatherings and therefore it is totally unacceptable for it to be used any later than the previous one. In fact, as it is now closer to residential properties, it could be argued that the licensing hours should become earlier rather than later. Residents living near a high street have to accept noise and disturbance; people who live in Lower Downs Road and Abbott Avenue have chosen the area because it is primarily residential and therefore a more comfortable area for families to live in.

In addition, it will affect the new properties currently being built. It is inconsistent to allow the building of new houses which are designed to be family homes and then to allow something that will create a public nuisance immediately behind them.

Please can I urge you to refuse this application and consider the needs of the local residents.

Regards,

Claire Frost

From: "Peter Frost"

Date: 2 April 2019 at 15:46:51 BST

To: licensing@merton.gov.uk

Subject: Licence application Southey Bowling Club WK/201813094

(NB address details at end)

I am writing to express my concern at the application by Southey Bowling Club to extend licenced hours for both music and the sale of alcohol.

As one of the closest residents to the current Southey Bowling clubhouse, we have always found them to have been good neighbours; parties were infrequent and ended at a reasonable hour. The new clubhouse is even closer to houses than the old one and it is therefore very unkind to local neighbours to extend the hours for alcohol sales to 23.30 for Sun-Thurs, midnight on Friday and 1am on Saturdays, with music later than currently in Fridays and Saturdays. I consider this will constitute a public nuisance. This is primarily a residential area – it is simply not a high street nightlife area. Those leaving at 1am will inevitably create a disturbance as they leave, either on foot or by car. Moreover, with so few car parking spaces allowed for, people will also be walking around the local streets, shouting parting comments and banging car doors, starting engines etc. This also would be a public nuisance. The fact that the clubhouse is now bigger suggests that more use will be made of it for social gatherings and therefore it is totally unacceptable for it to be used any later than the previous one. In fact, as it is closer to residential properties, it could be argued that the licencing hours should end earlier rather than later.

There are children of all ages locally - night time disturbance on summer evenings when it is warm and people need to have windows open will be the worst as partyers will also want to be outside. Little one will woken and older ones prevented from going to sleep, and this will coincide with SATs and other public exam times – so the proposals will harm children socially and educationally.

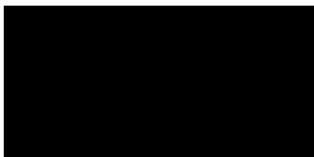
The longer alcohol is served the more chance there is of drunkenness and violence resulting – shorter hours would reduce this potential.

The licencing proposal will also affect the new properties currently being built. It is inconsistent to allow the building of new houses which are designed to be family homes and then to allow something that will create a public nuisance immediately behind them.

Please can I urge you to refuse this application for extending the alcohol and music licence hours and to and consider the local residents.

Regards,

Peter Frost



From: Stuart Gardiner

Sent: 20 March 2019 15:26

To: Councillor Anthony Fairclough <Anthony.Fairclough@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor David Dean <David.Dean@merton.gov.uk>; Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Simon McGrath <Simon.McGrath@merton.gov.uk>

Subject: WK/201813095 Southey Bowling Club - Objection to new club certificate(s)

FAO Licensing Committee re Application WK/201813095

I am writing to object to the above application made by Southey Bowling club in respect of their licenses.

Indoor sporting events

- Playing of darts and indoor bowls until 1am on Saturday nights.

The finish time of 23:30 throughout the week sounds late enough and extending to midnight and 1am on Friday and Saturday respectively will only encourage late night departures, particularly in that enclosed residential area where people are likely to be disturbed by people leaving at such late time.

Live Indoor music

- Live music until 23:30 on Friday and 12:30 on Saturday

The finish time of 12:30 on a Saturday is particularly late for live music in that enclosed residential area. Unless there is sound proofing and door systems similar to that of a nightclub the neighbours around that area are going to be disturbed late into the evening by bands singing and instruments being played (drums etc)

I think 11pm is reasonable time for live music to finish on these days, if you consider the cavern club in Raynes Park which is arguably in far less of a residential area closes at midnight and their bands who are on most nights of the week start at 9pm and finish by 11pm. It is also extremely loud when bands are on so I cannot imagine residents not being disturbed by bands playing until 1am at the bowling club.

Recorded music

Recorded music should not be an issue as long as it is kept as per the application to background music. If this was to become recorded music played by DJs etc through sound speaker systems for parties and events etc then this would become a problem given the residential area. I think background music at low levels until 23:00 is reasonable.

Anything similar to music and dancing

I am confused by the application for anything similar to music and dancing finish time of 9pm given the application for live music and background music beyond this time detailed above. This does not make sense to me.

Club Alcohol supply

The club alcohol supply to midnight and 1am on Friday and Saturday night could result in late night disturbance to the residential area. I think 23:00 is reasonable closing time for sale of alcohol throughout the week including weekends to encourage people to have left the area by latest 23:30. Considering this is a bowling club and not a pub or nightclub/ bar this would seem reasonable. Even the pubs around the area do not stay open selling alcohol until these times. The Leather Bottle nearby closes at midnight on Friday and Saturday and I am sure they stop serving alcohol earlier than that.

Premises Opening Hours

Premises opening hours until midnight and 1am on Friday and Saturday as per the alcohol supply seems too late for a venue in that residential area. I think 23:30 closing time is reasonable throughout the week and the weekend which would be in line with a 23:00 finish time for sale of alcohol mentioned above. If the local pubs do not stay open past midnight then I don't see how the bowling club can expect to have a later licence, given their location.

With regards to Christmas Eve, I think adjustments should be made to times in the application to consider the fact that it is a residential area and not all, particularly families with young children who might want to go to sleep earlier on Christmas Eve be able to sleep and not be disturbed.

For Presidents day, again adjustments could be made to reflect the fact this is a club night that if going to possibly disturb local residents, the times in the application are adjusted accordingly.

For New Years eve, I can see this being the only day where it can be accepted by local residents that there is going to be a late night party or event with some possible disturbance given the nature of the day.

In summary whilst on the face of it the bowling club should be a relatively quiet place for members to enjoy the facilities and a drink/ food etc after games, similar to that of a golf club, as soon as this extends beyond that to hosting parties, events, with music and sale of

alcohol at those events through to late night and early morning then this has the potential to become a huge problem and nuisance to those who are living in the direct vicinity of the area. Simply because of the noise and traffic of people in and out of the area.

I don't think it is particularly fair to the residents, particularly those that are elderly or with children to have to endure the likelihood of disturbance to their evenings through to early mornings, particularly at weekends.

With the licence applications extending to the times as I have commented above this is just going to increase the risk of crime and disorder, it is a given that there would be trouble in some form or another at some point in time, as there is anywhere and by sensibly adjusting the application per the above this would reduce the risk of trouble drastically.

I have seen the comments on this application through social media for some time and perhaps selfishly chose not to object until now, firstly because I don't live right on the site of the bowling club and secondly because I do like to the idea of having somewhere else to go of an evening to enjoy a beer and music, game of darts etc. However, now I have read the licencing application it would not be right to not put forward my objections, I have a young family myself and I do feel adjustments must be made per my comments above against each of the licencing sections to protect the residents living in that particular area and the surrounding area.

It is not unreasonable to allow the residents nearby to relative peace and quiet late at night at weekends in an area where there happens to be a bowling club and the licencing committee should ensure the bowling club make adjustments to their application to reflect that.

My objections that I have summarised I feel relate to the following; prevention of crime and disorder, prevention of public nuisance, protection of children from harm.

I am happy to discuss this further or provide further comments if necessary.

Regards

Mr Stuart Gardiner

From: Marion Garvey
Sent: 18 March 2019 08:56
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor David Dean <David.Dean@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Anthony Fairclough <Anthony.Fairclough@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: Current Premises and Club Licensing Application: WK/201813094

Dear Sirs/Madams

I am writing to strongly object to the Club Licensing Application WK/201813094 being made by Southey Bowling Club.

Despite significant, robust, detailed objections from residents, Southey Bowling Club has built a large new 2 storey club house that directly overlooks the back of dozens of houses on Abbott Avenue, Kingston Road and Lower Downs Road. This is replacing a much smaller single storey club house that was adjacent to far fewer houses and only overlooked a car park. Given its size, structure and new location, the Club Alcohol Supply, Recorded and Live Music Applications are all entirely inappropriate.

The last year of building work has been bad enough to endure. Now that the clubhouse is built, our right to peaceful enjoyment of our own home has been further impacted by clubhouse lights which are left on all night shining directly across into our kitchen and dining area, disturbing our use of these rooms in our home. The level of disturbance and impact on our privacy and on that of many other residents will only increase once the club is in use, with the application including indoors and outdoors music to be permitted until 9pm Mon-Sat and until 8pm on Sunday, plus alcohol being supplied until 23.30 Sun-Thurs, until midnight on Friday and until 1am on Saturday. Southey Bowling Club should be ashamed of themselves for treating their neighbours like this.

The new clubhouse has a balcony wrapping the entire second floor, which would permit revellers on the second floor to look directly into our garden, kitchen and dining area from a distance of about 30 metres away. Not only am I objecting to the application WK/201813094, I am asking Merton Council to consider not allowing alcohol to be served at all on the second floor of the club house to limit some of the disturbance and nuisance on residents.

This is a quiet residential area with many young families living in close proximity to the bowling club. Permitting the club to remain open serving alcohol until 23.30 Sun-Thurs, until midnight on Friday and until 1am on Saturday will result in children and families having their sleep disturbed by music and other noise from the club, from drinkers leaving the club and from taxis coming and going. This entirely inappropriate application is essentially asking Merton Council to permit the opening of a late night bar at the end of many families' gardens.

During the final approval of the Southey Bowling Club development at the Planning Committee, a commitment was made to closely monitor the noise levels coming from the club, based on the existing licensing hours. Extending the licensing hours with an explicit intention to be playing live or recorded music clearly conflicts with the basis on which the planning application was approved.

Access to and from the club will be via a narrow driveway that passes behind many houses. It is highly likely that intoxicated partygoers will disturb residents as they leave and there will be a constant risk of damage to fences and other property. This narrow driveway is the only access to the club car park, so the safety of individuals, particularly those under the influence of alcohol, sharing the same space as vehicles must also be at risk. Finally, the highly unsavoury possibility of intoxicated revellers' vomit and/or urine polluting the residential streets around the club as a result of extended drinking hours is not what any family would want their children to have to encounter as they go about their business each morning following a late night at the Bowling Club.

As this is a quiet residential area, the police presence in the area late at night is very limited. If/when disturbances occur, our already overly stretched police force will not be on hand to control disturbances quickly and will be distracted from their already difficult task preventing public nuisance in the centre of Wimbledon and Raynes Park.

For these reasons, I hope you will see fit to refuse the application and to consider my alternative proposal not to permit alcohol to be supplied at all on the second story of the clubhouse.

Yours sincerely

Marion Garvey

From: kerstin haigh

Sent: 19 March 2019 14:58

To: Elizabeth Macdonald <Elizabeth.Macdonald@merton.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Southey bowls licensing objection wk/201813094

Objection to Southey bowling club late license:

I am the owner of [REDACTED]

I would like to object to the late licensing of Southey bowls new clubhouse as it is right behind my house and we have had previous negative experiences from the bowling club even [at midnight](#). 1.00 [am](#) would be a greater infringement. Previously we have had to witness people vomiting and having sex outside our back fence. I have a young son who's bedroom overlooks the back garden and activities like this could be disturbing for him. It is a densely residential area and not really appropriate for weekend clubbers

Keeping in mind that this is a quiet residential area and that there needs to be an imperative to prevent crime and disorder it seems that this license will be in direct contravention to this and even more worrying that it contravenes measures that help protect children from harm, proven by the event a few years ago when the clubs users were engaged in illicit activities directly behind our garden, I suspect as a result of excessive drinking and consequent lowered inhibitions.

This is of grave concern!

Kind regards

Kerstin Haigh

Sent from my iPhone

From: linda Humphreys
Sent: Saturday, March 30, 2019 9:34:35 AM
To: licensing@merton.gov.uk; Anthony Fairclough; david.dean@merton.gov.uk
Subject: WK/201813094

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to object to the application being made by Southey Bowling Club for a new club certificate regarding permitted hours for the club alcohol supply, Live music and recorded music.

These extended hours will have an impact on the surrounding residential roads, Loud music partygoers leaving in the early hours. Cars arriving that will not be able to park within the club carpark will then be using adjoining roads.

I have lived in Abbott Avenue 44 years this is a quiet cul-de-sac if this application is allowed to go ahead it will be like having a nightclub on our doorstep, with all the unsocial behaviour and noise.

Yours faithfully

Linda Humphreys

From: Imran Kali

Sent: 02 April 2019 21:27

To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>

Cc: Councillor David Dean <David.Dean@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Anthony Fairclough <Anthony.Fairclough@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Simon McGrath <Simon.McGrath@merton.gov.uk>; 'Edward Ash' 'HAMMOND, Sally'

Subject: RE: Licensing Application: WK/201813094 OBJECTION BY [REDACTED]

Dear Sirs/Madams

I am resubmitting this objection as a result of the attached email which I consider quite strange given there is only one Abbott Avenue in the vicinity of the above referenced application. Regardless I therefore confirm My name is Imran Kali and my address is [REDACTED] Also I have been asked to write on behalf of Mrs Pat and Mr Michael Tipper of [REDACTED]

I am writing on behalf of the two addresses as above. [REDACTED] is where I reside along with my family and my neighbours Mr and Mrs Tipper live at [REDACTED] have asked me to write on their behalf as they also object to the application as referenced in this email but are unable to use the internet as they are an elderly couple and not internet literate and thus require my assistance as they are deeply concerned about the nuisance and distress that this application if granted will cause to the neighbourhood. Therefore I would ask that you treat this as an objection to the above referenced application for both homes at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

We are writing to strongly object to the Southey Bowling Club for a New Club Certificate regarding permitted hours for Club Alcohol Supply, Live Music and Recorded Music.

Despite significant, correct and detailed objections from residents, Southey Bowling Club has built a large new 2 storey club house that directly overlooks the back of dozens of houses on Abbott Avenue, Kingston Road and Lower Downs Road. This is replacing a much smaller single storey club house that was adjacent to far fewer houses and only overlooked a car park. Given its size, structure and new location, the Club Alcohol Supply, Recorded and Live Music Applications are all entirely inappropriate. The licensing hours they are requesting are significantly longer than the hours applying to the current clubhouse, but given the much more intrusive nature of the new clubhouse, I believe that the licensing hours for the new building should be significantly shorter than the hours currently permitted for the smaller current building, and additional restriction placed on the second floor of the new clubhouse.

The intrusive nature of the new building was clearly reflected in the conditions attached to the planning permission, several of which I believe this application is within direct conflict with, namely:

9 D01 Hours of Use

The bowling clubhouse hereby permitted shall operate only between the hours of 1100 to 2300 Monday to Saturday and 1200 to 2230 on Sundays. Reason: To safeguard the amenities of surrounding area and to ensure compliance with the following Development Plan policies for Merton: policy 7.15 of the London Plan 2016, policy CS7 of Merton's Core Planning Strategy 2011 and policy DM EP2 of Merton's Sites and Policies Plan 2014.

10 D03 Restriction on Music/Amplified Sound

No music or other amplified sound generated on the premises shall be audible at the boundary of any adjacent residential building so as to constitute a statutory nuisance. Reason: To safeguard the amenities of surrounding area and to ensure compliance with the following Development Plan policies for Merton: policy 7.15 of the London Plan 2016, policy CS7 of Merton's Core Planning Strategy 2011 and policy DM EP2 of Merton's Sites and Policies Plan 2014.

11 D04 Soundproofing of Building

No development on the recreational development hereby approved shall commence until a scheme for the soundproofing of the building to prevent the transmission of noise and vibration has been submitted in writing for approval to the Local Planning Authority. No works which are the subject of this condition shall be carried out until the details are approved, and the clubhouse development shall not be occupied unless the measures have been approved and carried out in strict accordance with the approved details and those measures shall thereafter be retained for use at all times from the date of first occupation. Alternatively, the development shall be carried out in accordance with details previously agreed under the discharge of Condition 11 under application ref.

17/P3578. Reason: To safeguard the amenities of the area and the occupiers of neighbouring properties and ensure compliance with the following Development Plan policies for Merton: policy 7.15 of the London Plan 2016 and policies DM D2, DM Page 17 D3, DM EP2 and DM EP4 of Merton's Sites and Policies Plan 2014.

25 A Non Standard Condition (Use of Clubhouse Balcony)

Other than for the purposes of maintenance and in the case of an emergency, the bowling clubhouse balcony hereby permitted shall not be used between the hours of 2100 to 1100 Monday to Sunday. Reason: To safeguard the amenities of the surrounding area and to ensure compliance with the following Development Plan policies for Merton: policy 7.15 of the London Plan 2016, policy CS7 of Merton's Core Planning Strategy 2011 and policy DM EP2 of Merton's Sites and Policies Plan 2014.

The club already successfully rents out its rather dilapidated old clubhouse many weekends for birthday parties etc., so I am in no doubt that the Club intends to run a thriving business doing this even more regularly in its new premises. Indeed, there is no other reason why it needs such a large, two storey clubhouse in the first place. Club representative Michael McGrath made this clear in a conversation with concerned local residents on nextdoor.com on 11th February 2019 when he stated "Two levels were introduced to separate parties from regular club users".

I note in the licensing application that the request permission for Live music is explicitly for "Live Music for parties by members" and for recorded music for "Background music during opening hours". This implies that any non-members renting the clubhouse will not be permitted live music or anything other than background music (so no DJs etc.). This is not how the club currently markets itself as a venue, it is not how it currently operates in its old clubhouse and I'd be very surprised if it is how it intends to operate in the future. I will be generous and assume this is an administrative error on their part and not an attempt to obtain a license under false pretences but it is for the local authority to enforce and protect residents. Again a matter for the Licensing committee to review and clarify and if necessary push back.

In addition to being in direct conflict with the planning permission for the clubhouse, and not accurately describing the intended use of the building, I believe this application conflicts with all 4 licensing objectives I reiterate the concerns raised by many local residents as follow:

1. Protection of children from harm

This is a quiet residential area with many families living around the bowling club. Allowing alcohol to be served beyond children's bedtimes means their sleep will be disturbed by music and other noise from the club, and by intoxicated individuals leaving the club. The club's request to serve alcohol up to 2330 on school nights will cause children and other residents to be disturbed well after their bedtime. The proposed weekend hours will be even more disruptive, with clubbers leaving the club in the middle of the night. I use the word clubbers deliberately: if this extension is allowed, Merton Council will be permitting the opening of a nightclub at the end of many families' gardens.

It is obvious that with Alcohol and late nights comes issues of anti-social behaviour and I'd ask the local authority to present to me with evidence that it has adequately placed in measures to protect children and public from such matters.

A further risk to children is that the club balcony overlooks many families' gardens. I believe it is highly inappropriate for a group of predominately middle aged men to be allowed to sit on a balcony drinking alcohol on a summer's afternoon watching young children play in their gardens. This is a significant invasion of privacy. Additionally, spectators and bowlers can be surprisingly noisy when a match is in progress (and this gets noticeably worse later in the afternoon as more alcohol gets consumed). This noise will carry even further if it is coming from the balcony rather than ground level, and being able to view the Green directly from the clubhouse will encourage more drinking (and hence amp up the volume still further). I therefore believe it is inappropriate to allow alcohol consumption on the second floor or balcony at any time of day.

2. Prevention of public nuisance

The club is seeking permission to play live or recorded music up to 0030 at weekends (assuming the reference to 1230 is a typo and they are not planning all night raves). During the final approval of this development at the Planning Committee, a commitment was made to closely monitoring the noise levels coming from the club (assuming the licensing hours that currently apply to the old clubhouse). Extending the licensing hours into the middle of the night with an explicit intention to be playing live or recorded music clearly conflicts with the basis on which the planning application was approved. No amount of soundproofing will stop noise escaping from the clubhouse, especially whenever a door is opened for revellers to enter or leave the premise (or pop outside for a cigarette that I doubt they will be enjoying in silence once outside).

It is to be noted that pubs in the centre of Wimbledon and the Village and Raynes Parks are required to close by 11pm – so why is the local authority's licensing team even ENTERTAINING such a request.

3. Prevention of crime and disorder

Access to and from the club will be via a narrow driveway that passes behind many houses. It is highly likely that intoxicated partygoers will disturb residents as they leave and there will be a constant risk of damage to fences and other property, as well as other public disorder offences. As this is a quiet residential area, the police presence in the area late at night is very limited. Therefore if / when disturbances occur due to excessive drinking our already overly stretched police force will not be on hand to control the situation quickly and will need to be distracted from their oversight of revellers in the centre of Wimbledon or Raynes Park.

4. Public safety

The narrow access to the clubhouse, which is also the only access to the club car park, does not separate car and pedestrian traffic so the safety of intoxicated individuals sharing the same space as vehicles leaving the club must be at risk. The entrance to this driveway is a sharp turning from Lower Downs Road, with visibility into the driveway obscured by garden walls and fences, so there is a real risk that distracted Uber drivers arriving at the club may not see alcohol impaired pedestrians walking down the alley as they turn into the driveway.

For these reasons, I hope you will see fit to refuse the club's licensing request. A home is to be enjoyed and a place to switch off this will be difficult with a night club next to our homes.

It is to be mentioned that the Club when making the application to sell the land which once comprised of a car park and the old club house to developers and decided build the new club house and 9 houses, the club made assurances to the council and the community including no variations to its licensing hours in order to get approval on their plans and now they want to move the goal posts. The Licensing committee should be holding them to account.

The residents in this area have endured a horrendous time on our side of the development we now have newly built properties overlooking our gardens and the constant irritation and nuisance of constructions works on going and what seems will be for another year – all in breach of covenants that governed the land and it seems the Planning Committee of Merton Council has no interest in protecting the rights of council tax payers in the borough a matter which I will raising with the Local Authority Ombudsman and the London Mayors Office, I do hope this will not be necessary for the Licensing committee.

Kind regards

Imran Kali on behalf of [REDACTED]

From: Lynn Kho
Sent: 01 April 2019 11:25
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Cc: [anthony](#); [simon](#); Councillor David Dean < >
Subject: Current Premises and Club Licensing Application: WK/201813094

Dear Sirs/Madams

I am writing to object to the Club Licensing Application being made by Southey Bowling Club.

I have lived in the same house, backing onto the bowling club, for 35 years. In that time there have been few problems, although I have on occasion had to sleep with the windows closed in the summer in order to lessen the noise coming from parties being held at the clubhouse well into the night. This was when the clubhouse was a small single storey building at the opposite side of the bowling green.

We now have a much larger 2 storey building virtually at the end of many gardens with a first floor balcony overlooking those gardens and affording a view directly into rear bedroom windows.

Given the intrusive nature of the new building, the licensing application is totally inappropriate and conflicts with the planning conditions applied to the development by Merton Council.

Planning was granted on the condition that the clubhouse operated between the hours of 1100 and 2300 Monday to Saturday and 1200 to 2300 on Sundays. The club has ignored this condition in its application and is seeking permission for the supply of alcohol until 23.30 on Sundays to THursdays, 00.00 Fridays and 1.00 Saturdays. They are also seeking permission for live music on Fridays until 23.30 and 00.30 on Saturdays, and for recorded music 23.30 on Fridays and 00.30 on Saturdays. The conditions were applied in order to 'safeguard the amenities of the surrounding area' By ignoring the planning conditions the club are showing a lack of respect and consideration for the families who live close by.

The application is in conflict with all 4 licensing objectives:

Protection of children from harm

There are many families in the area with young children. Given that the balcony is on the same level as first floor bedrooms and very close to several, the noise is bound to be projected across the green, and together with the escaping sound of music from the opening and closing of doors and the light pollution from such a large glass frontage, together with the increasingly loud behaviour as people consume more and more alcohol, there is bound to be disturbance caused to children after their bedtime.

Prevention of public nuisance.

There is a huge potential for the residents in the surrounding area being disturbed by loud music, drunken behaviour, and light pollution. One of the planning conditions is that no music or amplified sound generated on the premises shall be audible at the boundary of any

adjacent residential building so as to cause a statutory nuisance. Given the close proximity of the new building to so many houses, it would seem to be impossible to contain the noise generated by live music to such an extent.

Prevention of crime and disorder.

Partygoers will have to enter and leave the premises via a narrow driveway that runs behind several houses. There are also access paths running along the rear of the houses bordering the green. There is serious concern that intoxicated individuals will not only disturb residents as they leave the club, but will also enter the access paths behind the houses and may commit public order offences.

Public safety.

Given the narrowness of the driveway from the club, and the poor visibility onto Lower Downs Road, there is a danger to pedestrians from increased traffic, not only when they are crossing the driveway entrance on Lower Downs Road, but also when leaving the club with their judgement impaired by alcohol.

Given all the above, I would ask that the licensing hours be restricted in line with the operating hours already imposed by the planning conditions, and that the license for live music is not permitted.

To my knowledge, all the the pubs in Raynes Park and Wimbledon operate until 11.00pm. Why not let the club prove over the next 12 months that it is capable of managing the new building in a responsible and considerate manner so as not to cause a nuisance to residents within its current set operating hours, before considering permitting anything longer.

Lynn Kho

From: Alexander Lapidus
Sent: 01 April 2019 21:00
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Cc: Councillor David Dean <David.Dean@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Anthony Fairclough <Anthony.Fairclough@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Simon McGrath <Simon.McGrath@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to Licence application WK/201813094

Dear Sirs,

This email is to make a formal objection to a license (new club certificate) application WK/201813094 by Southey Bowling Club.

I am residing in a neighbouring street at [REDACTED] and my garden and all back side windows face the new club building at [72 Lower Downs Road, Raynes Park, London, SW20 8QQ](#).

Currently the club field is a closed sound area with perfect acoustic dissemination where you can hear well all the noise or even conversations made at the opposite side of the field. There was a lot of noise during construction and I am extremely concerned over the nuisance new application will bring.

The club's current license allows playing music until 11pm. However its new application requests permission to sell alcohol and play live and recording music [until 1am on Saturday, 12:30am on Friday](#) and [between 11 and 11.30pm](#) the other days. This new application shall not be accepted for the following two reasons at least:

- 1) Approval of such application for extended hours will guarantee a high level of public nuisance due to excellent acoustic spreading in that field.
- 2) We have three children and it is crucial for my family that any loud music after 23.00 will create harm to their good wellbeing by preventing a peaceful environment and good sleep at the time when they shall sleep.

Permission for such new extended hours license may lead all our family to leave this neighbourhood looking for a more quiet space.

Kind regards,

Alexander Lapidus

From: Natalia Lapidus
Sent: 01 April 2019 20:06
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Cc: Councillor David Dean <David.Dean@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Anthony Fairclough <Anthony.Fairclough@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Simon McGrath <Simon.McGrath@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to Licence application WK/201813094

Dear Sirs,

This email is to make a formal objection to a license (new club certificate) application WK/201813094 by Southey Bowling Club.

I am residing in a neighbouring street at [REDACTED] and my garden and all back side windows face the new club building at 72 Lower Downs Road, Raynes Park, London, SW20 8QQ.

Currently this whole area of the club field is a closed sound area with perfect acoustics where you can hear well all the noise or even people conversations made on the opposite side of the field. There was a lot of noise during construction and I am extremely concerned over the nuisance new application will bring.

The club's current license allows playing music until 23.00. However its new application requests permission to sell alcohol and play live and recording music until 1am on Saturday, 12:30am on Friday and between 11 and 11.30pm the other days. This new application shall not be accepted.

Approval of such application for extended hours will guarantee of high level of public nuisance due to excellent acoustic spreading in that field. It is crucial for my family as I have three children and any loud music after 23.00 will create harm to their good wellbeing by preventing a peaceful environment and good sleep at the time when they shall sleep.

Permission for such new extended hours license may lead all our family to leave this neighbourhood looking for a more quiet space.

Kind regards,

Natalia Lapidus

From: Natalie Loibner
Sent: 01 April 2019 22:45
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Cc: Councillor David Dean <David.Dean@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Anthony Fairclough <Anthony.Fairclough@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Simon McGrath <Simon.McGrath@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: Southey Bowls Club

1st April 2019

Dear Merton Licensing Team,

Re: Application Reference WK/201813094

I am writing to formally raise my objections to an extension of the liquor license and a live and recorded music license in respect of Southey Bowls Club.

The basis of my objection relates to several licensing objectives namely prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.

Southey Bowls Club is located in a quiet residential area which thankfully suffers relatively low levels of crime and antisocial behaviour. There is a well established association between alcohol and antisocial behaviour therefore I believe it is reasonable to expect that there will be an increase in this kind of behaviour if the liquor license for Southey Bowls Club were extended until the proposed hours of 12.30am and 1.00 am. In addition if the liquor and live music licenses were extended I believe this would create a public nuisance for the local community and would negatively affect the quality of life many residents currently enjoy.

Therefore, I believe the Licensing Team should not extend the liquor and live music license for Southey Bowls Club as this would increase public nuisance, detrimentally affect public safety and increase levels of crime and disorder.

Yours sincerely,

Natalie Loibner

From: Jeannine Malherbe
Sent: 02 April 2019 22:16
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: re. application reference WK/201813094 Southey Bowls Club

Please find below as requested full name and address further to the concerns raised regarding the Southey bowling club planning application as detailed and set out in my email from 1.4.19 below.

Regards
Jeannine malherbe

From: Jeannine Malherbe
Sent: 01 April 2019 21:15
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Cc: Councillor David Dean <David.Dean@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Anthony Fairclough <Anthony.Fairclough@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: re. application reference WK/201813094 Southey Bowls Club

To whom it may concern

I am writing to raise my objection and concern re.the application submitted by Southey Bowls Club to sell alcohol until 1am on Saturdays and beyond 11pm during the week as well as applying for a live music license into the late hours.

This is unacceptable and unnecessary in a residential area like Kingston Road, Abbott Avenue and Lower Downs Road and will most likely lead to increase of crime and disorder as well as creating a public nuisance and increasing noise-levels beyond expected levels in a quiet residential area like this.

With numerous young children as well as elderly residents in these street, neighbors enjoying spending time outdoors in their gardens in peace, the potential for exposure to unwanted and possibly inebriated characters in what is currently a safe area is very unwelcome.

regards
J. Malherbe

-----Original Message-----

From: Kathy McLauchlan

Sent: 27 March 2019 22:29

To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection re Application WK/201813094

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express my concerns over the late licensing application submitted by the Southey Bowling Club in respect of their new clubhouse, particularly in terms of public nuisance.

With events that they have held in the past, there is significant noise and disruption at the end of an event (and during it) with people shouting farewells and the slamming of car doors. As the bowling club is surrounded on all sides by residential dwellings, the sound really echoes around and causes a nuisance to those of us trying to sleep. I therefore wish to object strongly to this very real public nuisance.

The Club has also applied for a live and recorded music licence, which will mean further nuisance and disturbance for entire evenings; this will be very disruptive to us, as our houses are separated from the club by no more than a narrow alleyway and wire mesh fence.

With them planning to increase the number of occasions, and the length of them, this is going to have a definite impact on us as local residents.

I trust that you will listen carefully to my concerns, on both the late licence, and the entertainment license, and those that I know my neighbours are also raising on the same.

Yours faithfully

Laura Kathleen McLauchlan

Sent from my iPad

From: Alistair
Sent: 02 April 2019 12:07
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: Southey Bowling Club objection

Re: Southy Bowling Club Licensing Hours
Application Ref: WK/201813094

I wish to express my disquiet about the application from Southey Bowling Clubs to be able to sell alcohol until 23:30 on most nights, midnight on Friday and 1am on Saturdays. I fail to see why a club which I believe exists as a club for playing bowls should want to operate a bar later than the majority of pubs in Wimbledon and Raynes Park

My main areas of concern are –

Noise: one of the primary attractions of the area is the peace and quiet that one would expect from a totally residential location. That will inevitably be shattered by a late license, not only from the noise of the club itself but also as people leave the club though the night and into the early hours of the morning. A music licence would only exacerbate the problem.

There is also the consideration of an increase in disorder that often accompanies late night drinking, this could range from general nuisance to more serious problems that we see too frequently on our high streets on Friday and Saturday nights.

I wonder whether Chase Construction will advertise, when selling the new houses, the new club house's proposed opening hours – it just might put a few people off, but of course at the least they will know in advance what they are letting themselves in for – we did not!

Yours
A R Mitchell

From: Bruce Murray
Sent: 26 March 2019 19:45
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Cc: Councillor Anthony Fairclough <Anthony.Fairclough@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor David Dean <David.Dean@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Simon McGrath <Simon.McGrath@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: Reference WK/201813094

Dear Sirs/Madams

I am writing to strongly object to the Club Licensing Application being made by Southey Bowling Club.

I would like to make clear so there is no doubt that this is a quiet residential area with a lot of families with young children.

I am deeply worried that when the club house opens the disturbance and impact on the residents family life will be intolerable.

This application to include indoors and outdoors music to be permitted until 9 pm Mon- Sat and 8 pm on Sunday ,plus alcohol being served until 23 30 Sun-Thurs midnight on Friday and 1 am on Saturday is totally unacceptable.

If this is application is approved then this will result in hard working families having there sleep disturbed by music and loud voices coming from the club and open balcony area. The noise of people leaving will be heard all around this enclosed area. This will cause a public nuisance.

The risk of damage to peoples fences ,cars and gardens is also a cause for concern as people leave the club and spill onto surrounding roads.

My family have experienced the aftermath of this over the last 17 years on a few occasions as my house is the one with the fence running along the access drive.

Safety is another concern access to and from the club is by a very narrow drive way with only just enough for one car.

The mixture of intoxicated revelers and uber and taxi drivers not familiar to the area and access could cause a terrible or even fatal accident.

As i understand it the final Planning Permission was only given under the clubs current licensing hours and granting this new application is in direct conflict with this.

For these reasons common sense must prevail and this application must be refused.

Yours sincerely

Bruce Murray

From: Alex Nailon
Sent: 01 April 2019 13:58
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Cc: Councillor David Dean <David.Dean@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Anthony Fairclough <Anthony.Fairclough@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Simon McGrath <Simon.McGrath@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: Application Reference: WK/201813094

Applicant: Southey Bowling Club
Application Reference: WK/201813094
Application Type: New Club Certificate
My Details: Alex Nailon, [REDACTED]

Dear Sir or Madame,

I wish to register my objection to the above application.

I am most concerned about the public nuisance it will cause.

This license is far to late and does not take into consideration the quiet, residential nature of its surroundings. We back on to the property and I am concerned about the disturbance to my family's sleep. The lights from the property shine right into our bedroom and we have had to modify our bedroom to try and keep the light from disturbing our sleep. The noise from people and cars coming and going will be going on into the early hours of the morning affecting our ability to sleep. I am concerned about the amount of exposure my children, wife and I will have to endure when out in the garden, eating dinner in our dining room, cooking in the kitchen and generally living in our home. The ability for those on the second floor to look directly into our home from 11am until after last orders at 1am is completely unnecessary.

I am also concerned about safety. Our home has had intruders in its back garden and our next door neighbours house was ransacked last month by a burglar. Having extended hours opens the back of our home up to more traffic. I am also concerned that pedestrians share the narrow alley with cars leading to an unsafe entry/exit point. Please note that this alleyway also services the houses who back on to the site opening them up to increased hazards.

This site is designed to be a bowling club for sporting purposes. A liquor license extending past its current time is not necessary.

Please confirm receipt of this email.

Regards,
Alex Nailon

From: Stephanie Lucca Nailon
Sent: 28 March 2019 14:40
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Cc: Councillor David Dean <David.Dean@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Anthony Fairclough <Anthony.Fairclough@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Simon McGrath <Simon.McGrath@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: WK/201813094

Applicant: Southey Bowling Club
Application Reference: WK/201813094
Application Type: New Club Certificate
My Details: Stephanie Nailon, [REDACTED]

Dear Sir or Madame,

I write with regards to application WK/201813094 and wish to register my objection to the application.

First and foremost, this application breaches the planning permission approved by the London Borough of Merton. The operating hours they seek extend well beyond those approved for the site within the Planning Permission Decision Notices for 18/P3154, 17/P3005 and 15/P4083. As per section 9 and 10 of the 18/P3154 Planning Permission Decision Notice, the hours of operation should not exceed 2300 Monday to Saturday and 2230 on Sunday.

To comply with the requirements of the licensing committee, I also address the following issues:

- Prevention of crime and disorder

Within the body of the Planning Application, the Met Police determined that the majority of break-ins happen via the back of the house. Our property borders both the alley way and the car park. My next door neighbour was burgled last month. She has lived in the property for decades and never had this happen to her. Our house was also visited by intruders climbing into our back garden a few weeks ago. The increase in foot traffic behind our house at unsociable times opens us up to a new level of safety issues.

I am also concerned that after a long night of drinking, there may be altercations outside the clubhouse resulting in violence. Due to the quiet, residential layout of our neighbourhood, we are very lightly policed. With the impending budget cuts I question if the police could attend to any issues if the arise.

- Public safety

This alley is narrow and only has room for one car. It will be shared with pedestrians visiting the club and local residents whose gardens have rear entry. I am concerned that the safety of people in the alley at this late hour may be compromised due to the inebriated nature of those leaving the club. The junction of the alleyway with Lower Downs is very near a dangerous corner with frequent accidents and can cause serious issue if not handled with care.

- Prevention of public nuisance

Most importantly, I am concerned about the public nuisance this will cause. The clubhouse is surrounded on all 4 sides by residential properties, many with children. Allowing the club to serve

alcohol until 1am will disturb the residents right to a night of good sleep. Further, having live music played for a similar length of time will be loud and relentless. Even though the venue may stop serving alcohol at 1am, there will be an even longer allowance for people to leave, stretching even further into the early hours of the night. There will be inebriated people smoking outside, having loud conversations outside, taxi's coming and going, car doors slamming, idle engines running and potential altercations right outside our back garden. The neighbourhood will be kept awake and on edge. The club have made no secret about their wish to rent out one floor to the general public and so we are not just talking about the idle sport chat of bowlers, but additionally the nuisance caused from a function room full of people who are out to have a good night.

Further afield, it is worth noting that the nearest bus stop is serviced by only 2 buses. The 152 does not run after 1am and only the 163 will run 2 buses after 1am until it finishes for the night. The inebriated people leaving the bowling club in the wee hours of the morning will not just be isolated to the parking lot of the bowling club, they will spill into the quiet streets seeking a way home and will potentially wake many more in the area.

· Protection of children from harm

Our neighbours have had glass beer bottles thrown into their yard from the bowling club. I do not want to have to constantly be worried that my children may be stepping on shattered glass entailing a trip to A & E for stitches.

Air safety is also an issue that needs to be considered. If the club is left open later, the amount of taxi's and cars coming and going will increase drastically and most do not turn off their engines while they wait. They are kept idly running. The area behind my house used to be a bowling green. It is now a parking lot. My children will be exposed on all sides to an increase of car fumes and tobacco smoke. All of which can cause lung issues and more recently has even been sited with an increase in teenage psychosis.

I do hope you will consider the local residents arguments to this application. Our home life will be significantly disrupted by a ruling in their favour.

Please note I wish to have Councillor David Dean represent me at the hearing.

Please also confirm receipt of this email.

Regards,
Stephanie Nailon

From: Andrew Partridge
Sent: 18 March 2019 09:08
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: southey bowling club licence application

Dear Merton

re southey bowling club licence extension application

Please note our objection to the application for a change to the licensing terms for Southey Bowling Club. The request for an extension into the early hours of the morning at the weekends is outrageous. It is in contradiction to the assertions made when the club applied to build their new club house when they stated they did not intend to seek late night drinking licenses. This is a residential area populated predominantly by families with young children or elder residents who will be severely impacted by having a late night drinking club on their doorstep. There is already an increased level of crime in the immediate area with several burglaries having been recently committed directly adjacent to the new bowling club site. Late night drinking is likely to lead to significantly more crime to enter the area. The noise levels will be unacceptable and the management of the club have no regard for local residents and do not appear to take their responsibilities seriously and as such seem extremely unfit persons to hold a licence.

We strongly object to this application on the grounds that it will lead to an increased in crime, noise and social disturbance, increase in waste and litter and generally creating greater levels of public nuisance.

Andrew & Julie Partridge

From: Duncan Siegle
Sent: 01 April 2019 19:14
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Cc: Councillor David Dean <David.Dean@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Anthony Fairclough <Anthony.Fairclough@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Simon McGrath <Simon.McGrath@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: Application Ref:WK/201813094/licence application for Southey Bowling Club

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to object to the application being made by Southey Bowling Club for a new Club Certificate that allows for extended opening hours, sale of alcohol and the playing of live and recorded music.

As I am not a planning expert, I will focus on public issues and reasons why this certificate should not be passed, namely:

1) Prevention of public nuisance

The effect of this use and licence extension would be to establish a licensed club in a residential location which if it had been applied for in the first instance would have been unlikely to obtain planning or licensing consent. This is clearly an unacceptable use in such an enclosed residential location and links to “prevention of public nuisance” as late night noise will emanate from the premises, customers and staff leaving the premises and location in the early hours, ditto vehicle movements from the car park.

2) Prevention of crime and disorder

It is unlikely that users of the club would exclusively be members. A late night drinking establishment will attract late night drinkers and provide increased levels of intoxication. This would lead to the likely increase of crime and disorder, damage to properties and behaviour fitting of a early morning in a town centre. As the users would not necessarily be members, the club would have less control over them and their behaviour.

3) Protection of children from harm

This residential area is well populated by families with young children due to the proximity of a number of primary schools. By extending the licensed hours, the children would be exposed to a greater level of intoxicated adults (which in itself should be avoided), traffic and traffic noise pollution, as well as significant other noise pollution. The new clubhouse is significantly larger than the old one and is much closer to more houses which would only add to these problems

4) Public safety

the vehicular access to the clubhouse is narrow and not well lit. This will provide access problems for vehicles using the facility and avoiding pedestrians when arriving/leaving. This would be enhanced late at night

Yours faithfully,
Duncan Siegle

From: STEPHANIE SIEGLE

Date: 19 March 2019 at 11:01:29 GMT

To: "licensing@merton.gov.uk" <licensing@merton.gov.uk>

Subject: Application Ref: WK/201813094/licence application from Southey Bowling Club

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the licence application from Southey Bowling Club.

Our house ([REDACTED]) backs on to the bowling club house, as do many other homes and, having put up with almost a year of building works (where we've experienced, on a daily basis, the house and furniture shaking from the digging), we now object very strongly to this licence application being granted on the grounds of the prevention of public nuisance.

The very late licensing hours the club has asked for will mean noise disturbance that will affect everyone living close to the club house. It is unlikely that the club house will only be hired out just to club members family and friends and the volume of people coming and going from late-night events will be a noise nuisance to the public. This also includes the potential of more littering outside the back of the gardens and potentially thrown into gardens as there is now direct access to them. In addition, there will be more cars accessing the club house, causing increased traffic, pollution and noise, resulting in public nuisance in a residential area.

All together, the granting of the licence application will cause huge public nuisance, creating an unsafe environment and be incredibly disturbing to sleep and mental wellbeing.

Thank you for the time to read this.

Kind regards
Stephanie Siegle

-----Original Message-----

From: Claire Soulal

Sent: 02 April 2019 15:35

To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>

Cc: Councillor David Dean <David.Dean@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Anthony Fairclough

<Anthony.Fairclough@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Simon McGrath

<Simon.McGrath@merton.gov.uk>

Subject: WK/201813094 - Liquor License Southey Bowls Club

Dear Sir

I would like to register my objection to the proposed liquor license for the Southey Bowls Club which has been registered under reference WK/201813094.

In Lower Downs Road we have suffered months of building work, disruption, noise, excessive traffic and congestion whilst they built their new club, now I find that they wish to sell alcohol until 1 am on Saturday, 12.30 on Friday and between 11 and 11.30 the rest of the week.

I can not understand why this should even be considered, this is a residential area, there are an awful lot of people with young children and older people who would be disturbed by this reckless request. The extra number of visitors who would no doubt descend on the only place selling alcohol at that time of night around here, should not be underestimated, and the increased likelihood of extra crime is a consideration (considering the police cuts, I doubt they will have time to come out more often). It is hard enough to park around here at the best of time, the number of times I have tried to leave my house to find my drive is blocked by a truck or inconsiderate parker, will no doubt increase, and I don't see any of the residents in these roads, should have to put up with the increased disruption.

I would ask the Council to please reject this license and let us have a quiet and peaceful neighborhood.

Yours faithfully

Ms Claire Soulal

From: Liezl van Zyl

Sent: 02 April 2019 15:30

To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>

Cc: Councillor David Dean <David.Dean@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Anthony Fairclough

<Anthony.Fairclough@merton.gov.uk>; Councillor Simon McGrath

<Simon.McGrath@merton.gov.uk>

Subject: Application reference WK 201813094 Southey Bowling Club

To whom it may concern

I am writing to raise my objection and concern regarding the application submitted by Southey Bowling Club to sell alcohol until 1am on Saturdays and beyond 11pm during the week, as well as applying for a live music license into the late hours.

This is unacceptable and unnecessary in a residential area like Kingston Road, Abbott Avenue and Lower Downs Road.

If the license is granted it could possibly lead to crime and disorder as well as creating a public nuisance as the noise-levels will increase beyond expected levels in a quiet residential area like this.

The area consist of families with young children as well as elderly residents. It would be awful to think that their lives will be heavily disrupted with all the noise at silly hours when you would expect them to be asleep. We are a quiet and respectful neighbourhood and I don't agree with the way the application had been put forward. It sounds like they only have their own interests at heart and not being considerate at all. We were assured that the hours of operation would not exceed 11pm when the building permission was granted.

Therefore, I do not welcome this application at all and it would be really sad if this safe and quiet environment gets ruined by possibly drunk and disorderly people, causing a public nuisance.

Thanks for listening.

Regards

Liezl van Zyl

From: emma williamson
Sent: 02 April 2019 15:38
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: WK/201813094 Southey Bowling Club -resend with address and postcode

Ref: WK/201813094 Southey Bowling Club

I am gravely concerned by the Southey Bowling Club's application for extended licensing hours. The club, as you will be aware, is deep within a dense residential area. Indeed, this residential area has become more dense by their making with the

What is their argument for needing to sell alcohol until 23.30 on a week night? This does not seem necessary to me and will exasperate the existing problem of safety and anti-social behaviour in the area, particularly the alleyway leading from Kingston Road (Approach Road) to Abbott Avenue which is already a crime scene in the making.

I would very much hope this extended application is not approved.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Williamson

From: Jamie and Sianne Wilson
Sent: 02 April 2019 15:22
To: Licensing <Licensing.Licensing@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Southey Bowling Club WK/201813094

Dear Sirs,

Southey Bowling Club WK/201813094

As residents of the immediate area ([REDACTED]) we are writing to register our objection to the application for the requested premises and club licence by Southey Bowling Club.

It is our recollection that we were assured the hours of operation would not exceed 23.00 when the building permission was granted for the new clubhouse. It seems inappropriate that the club would now go back on those assurances. For context, we note that the licensed hours of operation of similar Merton bowling clubs are as follows:

- Merton Bowling Club, until 22.30 Monday to Sunday
- Colliers Wood Bowling Club, until 22.30 Monday to Sunday
- Norbury Bowling Club, until 22.30 Monday to Sunday
- West Wimbledon Bowling Club, until 23.00 Monday to Saturday, until 22.30 Sunday

It is notable that each of these clubs operates hours that respect the local neighbourhood and residents and minimise noise late at night, especially on a Sunday.

The application in question by Southey Bowling Club seems excessive by comparison and not in keeping with its position as a community club, built in very close proximity to residential housing.

Outside of bowling clubs, it is noticeable that even clubs such as Wimbledon Common Golf Club, which is not in a similarly built up area, only operates until 23.00 Monday to Saturday and until 22.30 on Sunday.

The addition of the live music application by Southey Bowling Club until 23.00 Fridays and 12.30 Saturdays (I assume this is a mistake in the application and should read 00.30) seems to show a further disregard for local residents.

The current licensing hours, which we believe are until 23.00 Monday to Saturday, and until 22.30 Sunday are more than adequate and are hours that local residents have become accustomed to and therefore tolerate. These hours are in keeping with the other similar local clubs.

We also wish to raise the following specific objections as the granting the requested licence for these premises will not promote the licensing objectives, as follows:

1. Prevention of crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour

Enabling the premises to sell alcohol until the requested hours would be detrimental to this objective. The area is increasingly subject to crime, disorder and public nuisance and such long drinking hours in the middle of a residential area will increase the potential problems.

We are also concerned about the potential for damage to property if customers are leaving the club in the early hours of the morning (possibly by car), having drunk significant quantities of alcohol.

The use of the club house as a venue for late night entertainment is not an appropriate one because of the solely residential character of the surrounding area.

2. Public Safety

It is not appropriate to be operating a late night club style venue with such late hours in the residential setting. People having been allowed to drink for so long would introduce nightclub style problems to the local area and place the public safety of residents at risk.

3. Prevention of Public Nuisance

Residents in this area already suffer noise nuisance and antisocial behaviour caused by the current club licensed hours. The requested extended hours for alcohol and music will create an unavoidable nuisance to the surrounding housing. In particular, in the hot and humid summer months it is clear that open windows and doors at the club will exacerbate the disturbance. This is bound to happen despite assurances from the club. It is entirely unreasonable for activities within the clubhouse to impact on the sleep and quiet enjoyment of local residents to such late hours. The further noise caused by drunk/noisy/inconsiderate people returning their cars to depart will be an unacceptable nuisance at the requested late hours.

Given the proximity of the new club house to the bowling green, noise will carry across the green causing widespread disturbance to all bordering neighbours.

4. Protection of Children from Harm

The surrounding residential properties in close proximity to the club are predominantly family homes with young children. Most families have their childrens' bedrooms at the rear of the house (i.e. directly facing the bowling club/green as it is quieter than the bedrooms that face the road). The increased noise from the club house would negatively disturb the sleep of children in the surrounding housing, causing them potential harm and placing them at greater risk.

Given the above, we would ask that ask the licensing authority refuse the application as set out, and restrict activities/hours in line with those currently operated by the club - which are more than reasonable.

Yours faithfully
Jamie and Sianne Wilson