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Dear Jon

Whilst writing I thought I would draw your attention to the above photo.

You advised in June 2021.

Following the licence decision the Sports and Social Club commissioned an further independent fire risk assessment regarding the use of the balcony and escape corridor and applied to vary second condition above to:

No furniture, sports bags or sports equipment shall obstruct the 1050mm escape corridor delineated by a permanent painted line to the rear of the viewing/open-air social area of the balcony. It is to be kept clear of any items that may impede or obstruct the safe passage of people in the event of an emergency. A notice reminding patrons using the balcony of this requirement is to be put up inside the premises near the door or doors if more than one, giving access to the balcony and this notice is to be placed in a prominent place on the balcony itself.

There is now a delineated marked route for the safe passage of people in case of an emergency that is to be kept clear at all times and no items can be placed in this area. This leaves an area of the balcony where furniture can be placed without interfering with this route. The fire escape remains in place with the required access.

The photo taken on 11th May 2022. For information, the staircase is 1050mm wide.

I note that today, 14th May 2022, the line has been marked out, are you due to inspect the property?

On regards to my representations:

The licensing objection that my representation is being made under is The Prevention of Public Nuisance.

My concerns remain as they were when the applicant made its original application last year, when a limit for 9pm for use of the balcony was set by the Licencing Committee.

Noise –

I complained to you directly, via email, twice last year in July and October about noise from the “Club” when the doors were left open and they had a live band or from people making noise on the balcony at 9.30pm.

I am aware of neighbours commenting to the club about noise on the “whatsapp” group that was set up to enable us to report issues. The Applicant has representation on this WhatsApp Group and I am surprised, given this, that they are seeking to review the licence in this way.

The open elevated position in combination with its proximity to neighbouring residential dwellings means that noise from the balcony, even from just opening the doors, carries and is a nuisance/disturbance to the neighbouring residential properties, which include a number of family homes with young children.

This impacts on the amenity of nearby residents by virtue of noise and disturbance.

I note that MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMENCES 5th JANUARY 2020 states:

2.6 Licensing decisions taken by the Council (The Licensing Authority) will be focused on matters within the control or influence of individual licensees and others granted relevant permissions. Accordingly, these matters will centre on the premises and places being used for licensable activities and the vicinity of those premises and places. Therefore, we will focus on the impact of the activities taking place at the licensed premises on members of the public living, working or engaged in normal activity in the area concerned.

In response to Comments from the applicant:

The old village hall/clubhouse building had no outdoor space, it was fully enclosed, visitors brought a drink and sat on the grass and went home when the cricket finished.

The comments made in the Club's application relating to pubs in local densely populated villages and EG Sports ground are irrelevant.

Ansty is not a densely populated village, it is generally a quiet rural village. Up until 2 years ago this building didn't exist and there was no noise or problems from the recreation ground.

In his email Mr Thorpe refers to licenced premises in local villages. Presumably he means pubs? We have repeatedly been told that it is not a pub so why reference pubs in neighbouring villages?

East Grinstead Sports Club is now a large purpose built multi-sports facility with no residential houses in close proximity.

Ansty recreation ground is a public recreation ground with neighbouring residential properties in close proximity.

Does this suffice for your requirements?

Kind regards

Joanna

From: Jon Bryant <Jon.Bryant@midsussex.gov.uk>

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Dear Joanna

Thank you for your email.

Before I can accept your comments as a representation please could I ask for some clarification

As per the original application any representations have the address one of the four licensing objectives. Please could you confirm the licensing objective that your representation is being made under. Additionally with applications for a variation of a Premises Licence the comments must address the likely effect of the variation on the objectives.

Could you provide some more detail surrounding your comments.

Many thanks

Ind regards

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Dear Sirs

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

I understand that the Ansty Village Centre have applied to extend the hours that the balcony is allowed to be used for drinking from 9pm to 10pm. Although I cannot find the full details of the application online.

The concerns raised to the original licence application, by the residents about noise, have proven to be valid.

The height of the building means that when there are people on the balcony or if the doors are left open the noise carries, it is antisocial and a nuisance to the residents that live in the vicinity, as evidenced by the number of times it has been brought to the attention of MSDC.

If people want to sit outside, they can sit on the field where the sound of voices does not carry or cause a disturbance.

The reasons why the time limit was set when the original application was submitted have not changed but the number of times we have been disturbed by noise from the building generally in the last 12 months demonstrates that sadly the residents' concerns were well founded.

I would respectfully ask that the limit of 9pm for the use of the balcony remains as per the original licence.

Kind regards

Joanna Steadman

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