

APPENDIX 2

To whom it may concern

The clubhouse was built in 2006 and as I understand there was a licence since even before that, when the golf course was run from the barn at the top.

When we bought the clubhouse in 2018, it was in ill repair with a scruffy marquee attached onto the sides in which functions were held, the sides of which were so insecure they would flap in the wind. The office was being run within the roof with low slanted ceilings and no windows. The kitchen and bar area were very small and unsafe to work in, you had to walk past the toilets to carry food to the customers, which is frowned upon for food hygiene.

Hence, we decided to remodel to provide a better and safer area for both customers and staff. The bar and restaurant now flow as they should, the kitchen now has adequate ventilation and a proper wash up area, we used to have to wash up in a bowl on the bar. With H and S regulations becoming a lot more paramount these days, especially after Covid the area is certainly a lot more compliant.

The actual footprint has yes increased, however the kitchen takes up a quarter of this, as does the bar, we also have a large disabled toilet which we didn't have before and corridors to enable us to send orders without passing the toilets. Also a separate shop for golf, the capacity is no different to when the clubhouse and marquee were full in the past and its of my understanding that the marquee was used during the winter months, as well as the summer for parties with the doors open which were previously bifold then, surely the increased space inside will in fact decrease the public disturbance as we can keep the guests inside more.

During construction we considered many elements to prevent a nuisance to the public- all the windows and bifold doors are treble glazed and hi tech, they are designed to limit noise pollution, we haven't received one noise complaint since we reopened 18 months ago or had any visits from the police due to any such issues with disturbance or public nuisance.

We also used soundproofing in the walls and have had heavy curtains made for all windows, All in consideration of local residents and to promote the licensing objectives.

It is also our policy not to have any younger birthday parties ie 18th or 21st, as these run more risks.

The argument that the recent year and a half of trade have misrepresented the use of the remodelled clubhouse is ludicrous as we have had several member and charity events which have certainly not caused any problems, during both the winter and the summer. Just for the record we have never held a karaoke event either.

With the course and clubhouse being the best it's ever been the membership for golf has grown and thus enabled us to employ up to 30 casual staff, which a real boost for the community.

We are prepared to measure our sound with decibel meters regularly during such events to protect the neighbours, or even except additional conditions like a time that all windows and doors are closed during such an event.

Kind Regards,

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