

I reside directly behind the new Ansty Village Centre. The re-location has brought the Village Hall closer to me in proximity, in comparison to the old existing building where it was originally located. The premises will be used as a village centre, sports centre and social club.

Upon reading the new premises licence application with regard to the new centre I have a few concerns and as such I wish to make representations to the application with regard to all four of the Licensing Objectives

I fully supported the hall being a sports and social club, but looking at the application, it concerns me that the use of the hall will generate a lot of additional noise and disturbance, which may increase the Crime and Disorder as well as be the cause of an increase in Public Nuisance. I was under the impression that it was to be for the local village use and the cricket club giving the younger generation an ideal venue to play cricket in a safe atmosphere. It now looks as though the focus is also on allowing daily/nightly celebrations and a premises to lease for a venue to hold many gatherings

Application has been made for use of the centre between 9am and 2300 daily and a liquor licence between 1200 and 2300 with a membership system put in place. The invitation of visitors appears very flexible. There is no mention of maximum occupancy, how visitors will be regulated and if there will be a signing in policy. How would members and non members be differentiated? I'm concerned about the club becoming a public house hence creating a possible daily and nightly noise disturbance to the local residents. I think some "policing" at the door should be put in place

When music is being played, I think it would be fair if all outdoor openings (windows and doors) remain closed to contain noise disturbance as there would be an internal air conditioning system put in place to make the indoor ambience comfortable. Also, to have a noise regulatory management system installed.

The outside area which is intended to be used should have a restriction time. 2100 would be reasonable, as opposed to 2200 which has been applied for. Clearly this would reduce the noise levels and therefore potential for Public Nuisance but also as there are young children living in the vicinity go some way to the Protection of Children from Harm.

I am concerned about the use of glassware when consuming drinks outdoors due to breakages. Although regular collections would be put in place, if the containers were made from safe, i.e. acrylic materials, it would reduce the number of breakages and injuries that could be sustained by those attending the village centre and members of the public using the field for recreational activities. The potential risks involved could undermine all of the Licensing Objectives

designated area for smokers was mentioned in the application, but not stipulated exactly where it would be located. Congregation of outdoor smokers should not affect the local residents by way of noise disturbance or smells

Also, the outdoor cooking area i.e. barbecue has not been given a specific location. The aroma of the cooking can travel, so it should be located away from the residential area. I would like to know the intended location. Security lighting is invaluable during certain hours of darkness.

Can it be made clear as to the direction of the lighting and the times it would be illuminated and whether it will be sensor activated. The placement and direction of the lighting should be situated with the local residents in mind so as not to disturb sleep patterns and intrusion into the homes.

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