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Appendix D1

Sent: 04 May 2022 19:04

To: EVH Licensing <EVH.Licensing@swansea.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to Premises Licence at Newton Village Hall

Dear Lindsey,

I really appreciate your prompt responses to my queries today, consequently, please find below my updated objections to this application.

I wish to object to the application for a premises licence under section 17 of the licensing act 2003 at Newton Village Hall, Swansea.

I live less than 50 metres from the hall and have been a resident in the area for 64 years.

1/ **Application requirements** Local residents have not been given a fair opportunity to object to this application. There are no notice of application signs on any of the lampposts around the Church or Village Hall, on the Church or Village Hall notice boards or on the main entrance to the Hall. It clearly states that *`notices should be placed every 50 meters on the external perimeter of the premises abutting any highway`*. This is clearly not the case. We have dated photographic evidence to back this up where all lampposts and notice boards have this week been photographed with no such notices. **Should this now void the application as notices have not been displayed for 28 consecutive days from the day after April 8th?**

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In conclusion, the Village Hall has been of great benefit to our community, an alcohol licence would in no way enhance this.

Thank you for taking the trouble to read my objection to this application, it is very much appreciated.

Philip Reason
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Swansea
SA3 4SD

Local resident.

Sent: 05 May 2022 14:14

Appendix D2

To: EVH Licensing <EVH.Licensing@swansea.gov.uk>

Subject:

Dear Ms Loosemore

I would like to register my strong objection to the above application. If this were allowed to proceed it would immediately change the whole character of the presently quiet residential area; increasing noise levels and promoting all-day drinking resulting in an undoubted public nuisance for all. Furthermore I regularly have my grandchildren staying, am thus concerned for their safety and do not expect them to have to be confronted by such behaviour.

I would moreover question this as a benefit to locals and assume it is merely a scheme to allow the owners to line their pockets from parties and gatherings related to the church.

On numerous occasions in the past my drive has been blocked by cars unknown. This would undoubtedly increase and constitute a public nuisance.

In addition, I had a brake-in several years ago. By introducing increased numbers into the immediate vicinity my house is further exposed to potential crime.

I would expect my concerns to be seriously addressed and this to be considered as a valid representation as requested.

Yours sincerely

Peter Jones

Sent: 05 May 2022 15:59

Appendix D3

To: EVH Licensing <EVH.Licensing@swansea.gov.uk>

Subject: Application for Premises Licence, Newton Village Hall SA3 4SD passed to Lindsay

To whom it may concern,

As a local resident, we object to the above application on the grounds of the potential to cause Public disturbance and nuisance in the surrounding area associated with the sale of alcohol. The application notice posted at the Village Hall, cites alcoholic on and off sales and we are strongly against this as feel it would encourage loud behaviour and potential for litter, broken glasses/bottles and vandalism. We note that this could be every day of the week and for prolonged periods throughout the day until 10.30pm. This is a quiet residential

area, and feel that there is no essential reason to serve alcohol whilst watching a film . We are concerned that the granting of this licence may then lead to other activities with a potential of being granted a liquor licence. This could lead to further nuisance related to alcohol for the surrounding neighbours.

Yours Faithfully
Nicola Sorley

Sent: 05 May 2022 17:36

Appendix D4

To: EVH Licensing <EVH.Licensing@swansea.gov.uk>

Subject: Register my strong objections for premise licence for Newton Village Hall passed to lindsay

I would like to REGISTER my strong objection to the above application.

Dear Sir/Madam

I strongly object to the licence for Newton Village Hall for the following reasons:

1. PARAGRAPH 3 : I fear the noise levels will be unbearable and interfere with my home life. Coming back from a long day at work I need the peace and quiet to relax and prepare for the next day. This will be greatly put at risk with noise from (drunken) people at the Village Hall and this is clearly unacceptable. To me it is an unnecessary nuisance!!
2. PARAGRAPH 3: I am concerned for my drive to be blocked to access my house. This happened before and the chance of this happening would only increase if this party venue would be allowed.
3. PARAGRAPH 1: We had our house broken in a couple of years ago and I am anxious of drawing too much attention to my home. I am worried for my safety in my home.
4. PARAGRAPH 4: My grandchildren come regularly to stay with us and I would be very worried for their safety! I am anxious they would be exposed to harm by drunken people
5. PARAGRAPH 3: How could we possible have a party/pub venue in a quiet residential area? I am sure the police would be called regularly if this licence would succeed!!

I would expect my concerns to be seriously addressed and this to be considered as a valid representation as requested

Yours sincerely
Claudia Bliestle

New Premises Licence Newton Village Hall

Appendix D5

We have been notified of the application by the St Peters Church Newton Parochial Church Council to apply for a new premises licence which will enable the Village Hall to:-

- a) Sell Alcohol from Monday to Sunday between the hours of Midday and 2230 (ie 10.5 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days each year); and
- b) Show Films from Monday to Sunday between the hours of Midday and 2230 (ie 10.5 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days each year).

At the outset, we would like to re-iterate that although we wish to express our objection to the application for the reasons which follow, we do so reluctantly. We unfortunately see that we have no alternative given that the proposed terms of the application are wide, excessive, unreasonable, impractical and wholly unacceptable.

We appreciate that financial pressures have been compounded by the difficulties which we have all faced over the past 2 years and this has required the Charity to consider other ways to improve cashflow. However, we are of the view that a more measured reasonable and realistic approach, with more restrictive conditions, would balance the interests of the wider community whilst also enabling the Charity to operate as it wishes.

Grounds for Objection

Technical & Legal Errors

1. Having consulted the Reverend Chris Darvill (the Applicant), it appears that the application does not reflect the original purposes and reasons for the application. We have been informed by the Applicant that in fact the intention is to:-
 - a. Enable the Village Hall to be used to show films
 - b. To enable alcoholic drinks to be sold during the viewings of the films, as well as during any other private events.The terms of the application as it is presently drafted would effectively enable the Hall to be provided with the same licensing restrictions as a pub. We have been told that this was not the intended purpose of the application and for this reason the application should fail.
2. If granted, the application would effectively be an attempt to change the use of the Hall to a licensed premises in breach of Planning Controls. Furthermore, as the Hall is in a Conservation Area, the measures proposed should meet the relevant legislative controls and measures. For this reason the application should fail.
3. The Licensing Act 2003 (Premises and Club Premises Certificates) Regulations 2005 (2005 / 42) Schedule 11, requires a declaration in the prescribed form where alcohol is to be sold. The prescribed declaration has not been included and for this reason the application should fail.
4. It is stated that the Hall is open to the public between the hours of 9.00 and 23.00 hours. It would be an offence for a person working in the Hall or a person holding a licensing authorisation to allow an unaccompanied child (ie a person under 16) to be on the premises at a time when they are being used for the supply of alcohol for consumption there. This would effectively limit the use of the Hall by unaccompanied children to the hours of 9 – 12 as otherwise a criminal offence would be committed. This would effectively preclude unaccompanied children from using the Hall, as they currently do, to attend functions and clubs between 12 noon and 22.30 hours.

The Charity's own constitution states that its purpose is to be 'The promotion of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical, in the parish'. If granted, the application would in effect preclude the use of the Hall by a sector of the community arguably in

contravention of its own constitution. For this reason the application should fail.

5. It is required that the advertising of the application must be by:

'Placing a notice at or on the premises

- On A4 (or larger) pale blue paper
- Printed legibly in black ink or typed in a font of at least 16.
- Placed prominently at or on the premises where it can be conveniently read from the exterior of the premises
- Placed every 50 meters on the external perimeter of the premises abutting any highway'

The application has not been advertised as required and for this reason the application should fail.

Affect on the four Licensing Objectives

6. The prevention of crime and disorder

The Hall is located in a quiet residential area. Within less than half a mile and in the immediate vicinity there are 2 shops which are licensed to sell alcohol, as well as a pub and a restaurant, not to mention the licensed premises which are situated in Mumbles and less than a mile. Given that the links between alcohol consumption and crime and disorder are well documented, there can be little doubt that by allowing the increased sale and consumption to the general public of alcohol for 10 hours every day of the year, will fail to achieve the desired objective of preventing crime and disorder.

7. Public Safety

The safety of all road users, including public and pedestrians, is already an issue. Cars using the Hall presently park along Caswell Road outside the Hall and towards the corner of the Church. This forces drivers travelling towards Caswell to travel around a blind bend onto the opposite side of the road. The application is intended to increase use of the Hall & therefore parking limitations will only become more of an issue and increase dangers to both pedestrians and road users alike.

8. The prevention of public nuisance

Noise: Again, there can be little argument that the increased consumption of alcohol and the increase in the number of people using the Hall will only increase the noise levels as people come and go from the Hall. Anecdotally, during lockdown, we experienced more disruption when young people used the grounds of the Hall to meet and socialise when they had no other alternative. It is therefore highly probable that as there is higher footfall and people using the facilities this will increase noise so as to cause a public nuisance. There is a real danger that this will extend beyond the hours in the application as consumers will chose to remain and / or congregate in the grounds of the Hall.

Parking: The lack of parking already impacts residents of the roads surrounding the Hall and Church, in particular on the occasions where there are functions taking place. The lack of parking and negative impact to those residents living near the Church and Hall is an issue which will only deteriorate further so as to cause a public nuisance. There also does not

appear to be any consideration for Welsh parking standards which should also be considered.

9. The protection of children from harm

Families with children of all age groups live in the residential area surrounding the Hall. There can be little doubt that extended use of the Hall will not protect children from harm arising from:

- a) Increased crime and disorder (see above)
- b) Highway safety (see above)
- c) Public Nuisance arising from antisocial behaviour and the absence of highway safety. (see above)

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully
Mr & Mrs R Jones

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Appendix D6

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