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15th.August, 2021.

The Licensing Section,
Northumberland County Council,
Stakeford Depot,
East View,
Stakeford,
Choppington.
NE625TR

Re: - Club Premises Certificate.

Riding Mill Cricket Club T/A Riding Mill Sports Club.

My wife and I have lived at the above address for almost twelve years. One of the main reasons for choosing it was the peace and quiet the house affords. This peace and quiet would be ruined if this application is granted. We have already had noise and drunken revelry coming from the cricket club without an 'official' alcohol license.

We therefore wish to object to the application for the alcohol license for the above premises for the following reasons.

There is a probability of public nuisance for the many buildings nearby including our own. I am particularly concerned regarding noise nuisance. This has already happened during recent times without an 'official' license. As the application stands this license would cover 364 out of 365 days per year. This is not necessary for a cricket club.

Background music – dance. The premises are not big enough to have more than a couple of people dancing. Noise travels far at night particularly on quiet, still nights. This would be particularly troublesome for any families nearby with young children.

There is an increased possibility of drink driving offences coming from this application. The vast majority of people attending this cricket club do not live in Riding Mill and travel in by car.

Parking is also a problem at the Cricket club. There are no formal parking facilities the premises. For this season only the cricketers have been allowed to park in a car park belonging to Osbit engineering. I have been given to understand that this was solely because of an extension being built to the cricket pavilion. That permission may well be withdrawn now the extension to the cricket pavilion has been completed.

In previous years the cricketers have parked their cars at the top of the cricket club on a grass verge. This is far enough away from the local houses to negate any noise.

I am aware that Broomhaugh and Riding Mill Parish Council were aware that the Cricket Club was serving alcohol at functions (and at all times there was cricket being played) and that they had advised the Cricket Club to check the legality of their actions. They were not legal because they were charging for the alcohol but stating that it was a donation to the club's finances. Hence this application.

Therefore please take this as my objection to the granting of a Club Premises Certificate for Riding Mill Cricket Club.

Yours Sincerely

Colin Lisgo

The Licencing Section
Northumberland County Council
Stakeford Depot
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19th August 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

Club Premises Certificate Application – Riding Mill Cricket Club T/A Riding Mill Sports Club

I object to the above application on the following grounds:

- 1) The granting of a licence would contravene The Licencing Act 2003 by the fact that it would lead to enhanced levels of public nuisance both from customers using the sports field for drinking and general revelling – there have already been numerous instances of this under the current system whereby the club takes a donation from guests and provides alcohol free of charge. Secondly, the noise from vehicles is excessive and adds to the public nuisance contravention.
- 2) The granting of a licence would also contravene The Licencing Act 2003 as it would generate further crime by virtue of increased littering of the sports ground and adjoining properties which is already an issue.
- 3) Increased custom at the club house would almost certainly mean increased incidences of trespass over my land and my neighbours as customers of the club seek to make a short cut on foot. We are unable to close our boundary as we give access to twelve other private properties, all of which would be detrimentally affected by points 1) and 2) above.
- 4) There is insufficient car parking.
- 5) Broomhaugh has, for several centuries, been a quiet and peaceful residential area. The village of Riding Mill, which was developed from the expansion of Broomhaugh is already served by one licenced public house which is materially under utilised and within 400m from the club house mentioned above. With more than sufficient car parking I see no reason why this facility can not be used by the members of the club.

The improvements which the club has made to sports ground are to be applauded and I very much enjoy watching the cricket that is played there. There is no malice to this objection, simply the granting of a licence is unnecessary, detrimental to the peace of Broomhaugh and in contravention of the governing Act of Parliament.

Yours faithfully,

Philip Winspear ACIB, FIMM

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26/8/2021

Dear Ms Tate

Re: Riding Mill Cricket Club

Thank you for your very prompt reply; a rarity during these Covid days. As our initial objection has been rejected we are revising our objection as per your advice.

1 - Protection of Children from Harm

As indicated previously, the venue has been operating as an unofficial bar during most of lockdown. During this period there have been many instances of bored children obviously wanting to go home after a long day of cricket then having to hang around for the after game drinking session. They get tired, fed up and are generally unsupervised leading to them wandering about the public area, left to their own devices, so far culminating in a lot of crying, shouting etc.

2 - Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Again as indicated previously, the venue has on occasions had very late closures - maybe until the booze has run out, leading to excessive noise, drink driving and a clear breach of the Covid restrictions. Our concern is if the venue couldn't operate in an orderly fashion during lockdown, would those in charge be able to operate an orderly house if a full license was applied. Will the license be applied to a bar committee, part time licensee, who has the experience to operate a licensed venue professionally. Are there any undertakings that this will be the case?

3 - Public Safety

Currently the players, guests and associates park unofficially on Osbit Powers car park; this concession is due to finish soon and cars will have to be parked elsewhere. This is more than likely to be on the A695 or in and around Ford Terrace, where already there is insufficient parking for residents, which will lead to a high volume of extra cars; already on Ford Terrace, even without the extra cars, an ambulance would have difficulty accessing residents of Ford Terrace and beyond.

4 - Prevention of Public Nuisance

We thought we had covered this previously, with regards to the high levels of noise, litter and drunken behaviour, already witnessed regularly by residents. The venue is in a valley - noise travels. Whilst operating as an illegal bar, the noise has proved excessive and disturbing, the granting of a full license will just exacerbate this. I hope the aforementioned points will be considered by your department; the area is green belt and should be protected; residents should not be subjected to heightened levels of noise and disturbance - as when the Broomhaugh Hotel did so many times when operating as a public bar/entertainment venue. We're sure police records will confirm this.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely

Martin Baird
Ann Lewis