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18 June 2014



Mr Robin Grey
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Dear Mr Grey,

APPLICATION BY HIGHWORTH TOWN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
PREMISES: THE PAVILION, SANDS GROUNDS, SWINDON ROAD, HIGHWORTH

Please find enclosed hard copy of Highworth Town Council representation on the above licensing application.

This representation was sent to you by E Mail and receipted on Wednesday 18 June 2014 to meet the closing date for such representations.

Yours sincerely,


D.C. LANE
Town Clerk



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Dear Sir,

**APPLICATION BY HIGHWORTH TOWN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
PREMISES: THE PAVILION, SANDS GROUNDS, SWINDON ROAD, HIGHWORTH**

Highworth Town Council debated the application for a Premises License submitted by Highworth Town Junior Football Club at the Pavilion at Sands Grounds, Swindon Road, Highworth.

Councillors have instructed me to make a representation opposing the granting of the license in the form requested for the following reasons:

The premises for which the license is being applied is a sports pavilion and changing rooms specifically erected and used for young and teenaged footballers, ages range from between 10 and 17 years. The Pavilion is situated on Highworth Lower Recreation Ground and is in close proximity to private dwellings to the North and East. When Planning Permission was granted for its erection both its core use for young children and the close proximity of its neighbours was recognised by the Planning Officer who restricted its use to sports activities and forbade its use for entertainment purposes. In spite of this, a license was applied for and granted some 4 years or so ago to sell alcohol between the hours of 6.00 pm and 12.00 pm daily.

Councillors were concerned at this blanket application for a license to allow the Club to be open from 7.00 am to 00.30 am every day and a blanket request to be allowed to put on entertainment, indoor and outdoor at any time between 10.00 am and 24.00 pm between Monday and Sunday.



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Chief Licensing Officer
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Wrdc Hill
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cc Chief Planning Officer

14th June 2014

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Dear Sirs

Licensing Application by Highworth Town Juniors Football Club (HTJFC)

My wife and I are deeply concerned about the application by HTJFC for a licence to sell alcohol and provide entertainment at The Pavilion, Sands Grounds, Highworth, SN6 7EJ, every day of the week from 10 am until midnight and to remain open until 00.30 hours each night.

Quite apart from the inappropriateness of serving alcohol in a Junior football club, we feel there are several reasons why the application should be refused.

1. **Infringement of Planning Rules:** Planning Permission S//00/03239JB was granted on 13/2/2001 for the original erection of the building. Condition 5 stipulated that the building should be used solely as a changing room with ancillary committee/coaching room and no independent activities including any social function, should be carried on therein.

If Planning Laws carry any weight, it seems to us that the Licence Application should be refused on these grounds alone.

2. **Public Nuisance:** The applicants state that entertainment will take place both indoors and outdoors. This will almost inevitably have a detrimental impact upon neighbouring homes, especially late at night when residents and small children are trying to sleep, and will constitute a public nuisance. In effect, the applicants are seeking carte blanche to operate the equivalent of a night club.

Under Section M of the application, the applicants claim to be able to prevent crime and disorder and ensure public safety by working with the police and St John's Ambulance, but this seems to apply only to large and community events.

The applicants also claim always to keep their neighbours informed of forthcoming events, but this has not been our experience in this instance. We were only alerted by neighbours who happened to spot an earlier notice in the Swindon Advertiser, leaving barely a week to respond.

It then took several visits to Wat Tyler House to view the application. Each time we were fobbed off initially with excuses such as lack of staff or inability to find the documents. Only when my wife insisted that she would wait in Reception as long as necessary did the documents appear, as if by magic, within a few minutes.

In summary, we feel that the application should be rejected on Planning and Public Nuisance grounds.

Yours faithfully

Berwyn Jones

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Beckhampton St.
Swindon
SN1 2JH

Wode Hill, 1/2
Highworth,
Swindon,
Wilts.
SN6 7BX.
16th June 2014

Dear Sirs,

Re Application for a Premises License
for the sale of Alcohol & Indoor & Outdoor
Entertainment by Highworth Town Junior
Football Club.

In their application for the above, Highworth Town Junior Football Club (HTJFC) state in section d) The Prevention of Public Nuisance, of your proforma, that they ensure neighbours are informed of forthcoming events. That is not the case. The last event they held last summer we were not advised about, and our living room was about 80 metres from the bandstand.

We have however been advised of a music event being promoted by the 'Highworth Committee' on 12th July. No contact details are given.

As this event will inevitably be centred about HTJFC's changing room pavilion, who will be responsible for complying with the licensing objectives, HTJFC or the promoters,
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the 'Higwoods' if an issue arises? If such lack of clarity exists I believe a licence should not be granted.

It seems quite perverse that the Junior section of a football club should apply for such a licence when the Senior section already has one.

Yours faithfully



S. E. YOUNGHUSBAND

The Chief Planning Officer,
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HIGHWORTH,
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SN6 7BX
12 June 2014

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16 JUN 2014

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Dear Sir,

Highworth Junior Football Club

On 5th June 2014 appeared a public notice in the Swindon Advertiser regarding an application by the above club (HJFC) for the granting of a Premises Licence at the Pavilion, Sands Ground, Swindon Road, Highworth, SN6 7EJ. This is the address of the HJFC's changing room pavilion. The licence is to allow:-

' Sale by Retail of Alcohol for consumption on and off the premises and regulated entertainment indoors and outdoors (plays, films, indoor sporting events, live music, recorded music, performance of dance) Mon to Sun 10.00 - 24.00.

Late Night Refreshment Mon to Sun 23.00 - 24.00

Opening Hours Mon to Sun 07.00 - 00.30.

The Planning Consent S/100/03239JB decision dated 13/02/2001 included amongst others condition (5) for the changing room pavilion

' The building hereby permitted shall be used solely as a changing room with ancillary committee/coaching room in association with the use of the adjacent recreation grounds/sports pitches, and no independent activities including any social

function shall be carried on therein.

Reason: In the interest of amenity

Relevant Policies: SEV2 Swindon Borough Local Plan (1999)

The application to the Licencing authority completely ignores the existence of this condition, which should be enforced forthwith. The considerations made in the original planning process for the building pertained to the promotion of sport for juniors i.e. under the age of 18.

If the aforementioned condition is not complied with it could fundamentally change the primary use of the building and its surrounding environment irrevocably.

Yours faithfully



G.E. YOUNGHUSBAND