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Dear Miss Lindsey

LEWES GOLF CLUB - PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION

We fully understand that matters relating to the granting of a Premises Licence and Town Planning are covered by separate legislation.

However, what has already been approved regarding Lewes Golf Clubhouse under Planning Law is highly relevant and we cannot see the justification for this not taking preference with regard to considering a Premises Licence.

Reference needs to be made to Lewes Golf Club's planning approval decision notice (reference LW/95/0527F) dated 19 December 1996, in particular, Condition 9 which states:-

"the facilities hereby approved including the bars and dining area shall not be hired out or used for functions other than those associated with the Golf Club unless otherwise agreed in writing with the local Planning Authority."

REASON "In the interests of the amenities of the residents of Chapel Hill."

Recently in February this year it transpired that the Golf Club was advertising on its website that members of the public could hire the Club's bar and restaurant for wedding receptions, funeral wake gatherings and other parties. This clearly contravenes Condition 9 of the Club's planning permission and they were held to account by the South Downs National Park Authority's Enforcement Officer.

Jennifer Baxter - Specialist (Planning Enforcement) for SDNP visited the Golf Club and then reported to residents of Chapel Hill as follows:-

"The matter has been investigated and contact has been made with the Golf Club. They have confirmed that the events will cease and the website will be updated to ensure they do not advertise such events."

The current application for granting a Premises Licence from 9am through to 11pm, 7 days a week and open to the general public falls into exactly the same category in terms of a proposed change of use which would also clearly breach Condition 9 of the Club's planning permission. We cannot see any justification for extending the current Licence which allows for the sale of alcohol between 10am and 8pm.

The intention of Condition 9, amongst other things, has been to achieve what is stated in Lewes District Council - Statement of Licensing Policy - Licensing Act 2003, page 2, item 1 : 2. The aims of this Policy are to Secure the Safety and Amenity of Residential Communities.

We fully endorse and support all the views presented to you by our fellow residents of Chapel Hill regarding the dangerous situations that are currently generated on the road by Golf Club traffic, a significant number acting illegally.

The Club presumably interviews new members and requires them to adhere to Club rules and etiquette. That would not be the case when the doors are open to the wider public and this would not bode well when, as we understand it, the Club sells alcohol at below market prices.

Clearly all 4 of your licensing objectives will be undermined if this application is allowed to go ahead.

Yours sincerely

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