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Dear Sue Lindsey (Specialist Advisor - Licensing)

I am writing in response to the recently posted Premises Licence Application notice, viewed with difficulty, positioned high on a post on the private part of Chapel Hill Lewes, for the "Sale of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises from 9am to 11pm Monday to Sunday".

Chapel Hill Lewes is a narrow, single tracked road through a quiet residential area and due to the fragile nature of the chalk base, has a 7ft width and a 7T weight restriction. At the top of the hill is the Lewes Golf Club. If approved this will make it the Lewes "Pub On The Downs".

I wish to object to this new Premises Licence as I believe granting of this licence will undermine all four objectives - Public safety, Public nuisance, Protection of children from harm and Prevention of crime and disorder.

At East Sussex County Councils suggestion, we have been reporting witnessed Anti-social driving, to Sussex Police, on 'Operation Crackdown', and over sixty vehicles were reported for 'Careless and Inconsiderate driving on the footpath' often when pedestrians are nearby, in the first three months alone. The majority of reported vehicles were leaving the golf club. Extending the licensing hours and selling to the general public could put further at risk public safety on the hill and create alcohol-influenced nuisance. The golf club will have no control.

Many families walk on the Downs and being exposed to drivers who drink will risk the safety of the children. The ESCC public rights of way map shows the public footpath in the centre of the private road and even a slight increase in drink driving will put these children further at risk.

Several residents have been threatened by drivers, some people have been pushed against walls when walking on the footpath in the public area and sworn at and threatened whilst walking to the Downs in the Private area, which is actually still a listed Public Footpath.

We are concerned that extending the hours and opening up of sales to the general public will further put at risk other road users, drivers, pedestrians and cyclist. Sadly this application also appears to contravene Condition 9 of the Planning Approval for the golf club extension.

If the poor driving and aggressive behaviour of a small number of drivers to and from the golf club continues we may need to seek a review of the existing licence as 97.5% of the vehicles have one occupant, the driver, who may be using the bar facilities and could therefore explain why their driving is so poor and their attitude so aggressive.

We hope your decision will secure the safety and amenity of our residential community.

Yours sincerely Ken Sutton





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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
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(GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995

NOTICE OF PLANNING PERMISSION

Decision Class	Parish	Application No.
	LEWES	LW/95/0527F
Site Location Lewes Golf Club, Chapel Hill		
Proposal Extensions and refurbishment of existing golf clubhouse and parking facilities		

9. The facilities hereby approved including the bars and dining area, shall not be hired out or used for functions as 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.





