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Licensing Officer

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Dear Licensing Officer

Re Lewes Golf Club Limited application for the grant of a Premises License (notice posted 25th April 2019).

I am writing to register our objection to the above Lewes Golf Club application on the following grounds -

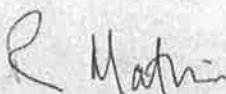
1. The historic highway of Chapel Hill is already suffering from overuse by vehicles. The single track and ancient paths are not conducive to the traffic volumes it is currently subjected to. The increased drinking hours would mean more traffic (from drinkers and deliveries) not only on Chapel Hill but also the connecting residential roads such as Malling Street. This would be a public nuisance due to increased road traffic volumes.
2. Most users of the golf club drive to it. The increased hours of alcohol sale, for consumption on and off the premises, should not be encouraged. After dark Chapel Hill is infrequently used. It is dark with poor visibility. The application would mean drinkers noisily ascending and descending the hill. This change would undermine public safety, be a public nuisance and undermine the prevention of crime and disorder.
3. Passing vehicles mount the historic pavements in the residential length of the hill. In the dark, on a slope, with headlights on, residents will endure revving engines making a hill start and beams of light filling their front rooms. A further public nuisance.
4. Even in the hours of daylight the behaviour and conduct of some drivers is reckless. Speeds are too fast and many mounts the ancient pavement causing damage to it. A house and street furniture have all been damaged by traffic (some vehicles being over the vehicle limits for the road). Increased alcohol sales will not improve this situation and undermine public safety and public nuisance. It only takes bad behaviour by a minority to undermine the situation.

Note Chapel Hill residents are in communication with the highways commission to get the road use of Chapel Hill improved.

In response to residents consulting with the golf club management about their bad experience of drivers on the hill the club always blames 'other' users and not its members. If this license is extended, I am sure they will blame 'others' for any nuisance and disorder. It is a club that does not take responsibility for its impact on the good-natured community on its doorstep.

I do not object to alcohol being sold during the core golfing hours. The clubs 'use' is for golf functions only. It has attempted to expand its 'use' to include other public functions and this application can only be a means to expand the club 'use' behind the back door.

Situated in the heart of the South Downs National Park and used by so many families let's not let this application degrade the nature experience that is available to all on Chapel Hill.



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10th May 2019