

Appendix 3

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Are you happy for the Rec to hold events:

With no restrictions, with a full alcohol license and events held at night

YES

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NO

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TIME

If no, would you prefer events held at any time but with no alcohol?

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and

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Depends on event.

Would you prefer events only to be held during the day? If yes what time to end?

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7.00pm.

If you have any further comments please write here:

My main concern is parking and noise with having 3 1/2
yr old twins and other children in the area noise level
a great concern as well as parking its bad enough as it is
will events allow cars to be parked on the rec. PTO.

Please bear in mind that the more restrictions placed, the less likely event holders will be attracted to use the site, so a balance must be found. If you are happy to, please include your name and house number and road name opposite. Many Thanks! Jo Warren

MRS SARENA ROUND,
2, MONT ROAD.

I have lived here for many years and the noise levels at weekends with students, underage drinkers causing noise and disturbance has been a problem and I have contacted the police on many a occasion to report noise. I am in agreement the use of the rec for events is an excellent idea but a reasonable finishing time is I think around 7PM. Especially as I live right opposite the Park on Junction of Avondale / MOWA ROAD and my bedroom like other houses faces the Park, and my twins bedroom is located to the side so with windows open noise can be heard quite easily. My other main concern is the Dog mess that is still left in the Park and Dogs also urinate on the grass and people with have to ~~get~~ sit around in it.



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9 PM

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drinking, disturbing the
residents including myself.

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Mrs M. R Sandford
18 Whitley Road

Josephine Warren
20 Whitley Road
Eastbourne
East Sussex
BN22 8NJ

26th March 2014

REF: 005710

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing with reference to the proposed change of use/ license application for Seaside Rec, Eastbourne (ref number above). I am a resident living opposite the Rec, so I feel any events held here would directly affect us. I attended a meeting last week with councillor Steve Wallis concerning the issue, and learnt that there is much effort being made to improve the area. I totally agree this is something that needs to be addressed, especially since there are increased sightings of drug dealing in the area, fouling of the Rec by dogs and some antisocial behaviour in the playground some nights. However I do not feel that granting an alcohol permit in order to attract event holders is the answer here. I am concerned that the area is not suitable nor ready to hold events of this kind, being so close to neighbouring houses. There are many young families such as myself that would suffer from disturbances from events being held late at night, from noise especially.

I felt it necessary to consult some of my neighbours about the issue in person, so I devised a quick questionnaire to this effect. I have included some of the returns with this letter, and received a great deal of feedback from residents around the Rec who mostly feel late night events with alcohol would not be suitable. There are problems with parking too around the Rec which would need serious consideration.

Yet I do not want to discourage the positive actions of the local councillors who are trying to improve the area. Most residents would like to see the Rec improved, cleaned up and made more user friendly and I am interested to discuss alternative ways of achieving this at the meeting planned for the 9th April at St. Agnes Church. Personally I would prefer the public toilets to be rebuilt with perhaps a cafe and the playground area improved with perhaps more softer landscaping/ woodland areas or a skate park. I'm very happy to help organise fundraising events to raise money towards this. Ideas I have had are a vintage fair, cinema screenings of classical music/theatre and a summer BBQ event.

So to summarise, I would not like an alcohol license permitting events during the evening, and I would not like events to be held later than 9pm on weekends.

Yours Sincerely



Josephine Warren

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C. Wray  55 Clarence Rd
BN 22 8HG

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23 AVONDALE

RD

J. Varkell

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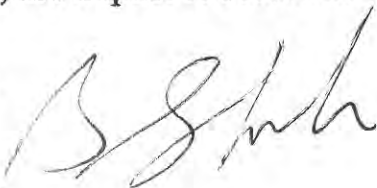
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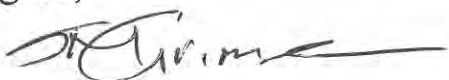
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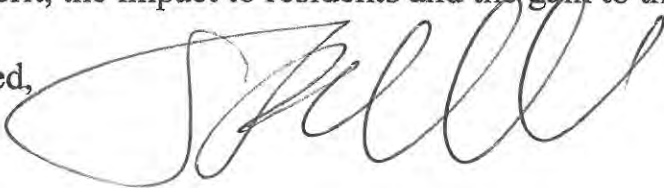
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With no restrictions, with a full alcohol license and events held at night

YES

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NO

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TIME

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Would you prefer events only to be held during the day? If yes what time to end?

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Jo - I have already placed my views.
I wish to join the "Friends" but will be
away 9 April. Email [REDACTED]

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If events were held during the day only we
wouldn't mind the sale of alcohol

Emily Jefferson, Arundale RD.

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I wish to raise my objection to the licensing of the Whitley Road Rec/Seaside Rec.

I live in Gilbert Road right opposite the Rec and I feel the licensing of alcohol and late night events will severely impact on the area for the following reasons.

First the rec is a childrens play park and having alcohol in the vicinity of children would be unacceptable.I feel that this would put children at risk if drinking is freely allowed in the park.

The park already has drunks and drug dealers visiting this will only increase the problem.I feel alcohol could bring trouble increasing the potential for the police to get involved when they are already over stretched I feel the noise levels would be totally unacceptable at night due to the houses being so close.

The whole licensing of the rec would increase the potential for social disturbance due to alcohol being consumed Being a childrens play area the impact on the children could be a concern seeing adults drinking is the wrong message to give out.

The rec is an open space and the extra parking round the area could increase the potential of accidents for the children crossing the roads etc.

The main issue I have is the late night and alcohol I just feel it will put more pressure on the emergency services as alcohol could potentially bring trouble especially in outside events,street drinking in the surrounding area could become a problem.the houses being so close to the park would be the issue with late night noise due to music or instruments and in fact crowds gathering etc.Many households have young children who's sleep could be disturbed.

I am not against events being held in the Recreation ground they have been held successfully for years it's the alcohol license and late night license I'm opposed to ,I just do not think the Rec needs alcohol ,people should be able to enjoy themselves without a drinks license and if they cannot and need a drink then use the local pub on the corner.

The impact on the surrounding area needs to be looked at when making your decision,let's have more family and children orientated events and attract the right people to a childrens play area.

Please could you reply to me so I know you have my objection.

2 Gilbert Road
Eastbourne
Bn22 8ja

[REDACTED]
Stephen Spence
[REDACTED]

INCOMING EMAIL

From: [REDACTED]
To: CustomerFirst <CustomerFirst@eastbourne.gov.uk>
Date: 25/03/2014 20:39:25
Subject: Ref 005710

Ref: 005710

I wish to make my objections known to the proposed licensing of Seaside Recreation.

No license, should be issued.

Objections:

Residents in the surrounding roads of Avondale Road, Gilbert Road, Seaside and a few in Whitley Road which overlook the recreation area have not been properly consulted. Many unaware that a recent meeting was on the behalf of the council. Or not being consulted at all.

The declarations fixed to the gates and fence of the recreation ground being insufficient. I have not seen any newspaper declarations of the proposals.

Rowdiness and underage drinking is a regular occurrence in the recreational area during the summer, which is not policed, apart from weekend police anti-social campaigns.

The prevention of public nuisance – Extra policing will need to be provided

The protection of children from harm – A children's play area is provided in the recreation ground, and should not be subjected to drinkers possibly using the play area.

Public safety – Surrounded by busy (rat run) roads and one larger road. Will require upgrading the gates and perimeter hedge / fencing to stop access to the roads.

G.Button
61 Avondale Road
Eastbourne

INCOMING EMAIL

From: Rich Moore [REDACTED]
To: CustomerFirst <CustomerFirst@eastbourne.gov.uk>
Date: 25/03/2014 20:01:25
Subject: Proposed license application Seaside Whitley Rd Eastbourne

Dear Sirs

I write with regard to the proposed license application for the recreation area opposite my home on Seaside, Eastbourne.

I wish to record my concerns and objection to the proposal to change the licensing arrangements, and add that I would be very upset and stressed about late events, in particular those involving alcohol sales.

My partner and I have to both work at time that require sleep during early evenings, including weekends and such events would cause problems with this.

I feel that Seaside/Whitley park is very much a residential area that would not lend itself to such a license being granted.

I would be very happy to discuss my concerns further and very much hope that this does not go ahead without further consultation with the local residents.

Can I also add that I would be concerned about the amount of parking available in the area that would also be impacted on during organised events.

Yours sincerely

Richard Moore
173 Seaside
Eastbourne
BN22 7NP

INCOMING EMAIL

From: [REDACTED]
To: CustomerFirst <CustomerFirst@eastbourne.gov.uk>
Date: 24/03/2014 16:40:24
Subject: Ref No 005710 Whitley Road recreation ground

Mr Christopher Street

81 Avondale Road

Eastbourne

E.Sussex

BN22 8JU

As an Eastbourne resident overlooking the recreation ground, I strongly object to any proposal that allows any event to be held there until midnight.

I would like the ground to be used for family friendly events only and therefore do not feel it is necessary to have an alchohol license at all and that these events should finish no later than 9pm

Thankyou and I am voicing the opinion of many residents that live close to the ground. I was unable to go to the meeting last week and am disappointed that the notice to voice opinions/objections is so short.

INCOMING EMAIL

From: alan toft [REDACTED]
To: CustomerFirst <CustomerFirst@eastbourne.gov.uk>
Date: 24/03/2014 11:28:24
Subject: Ref 005710 Objection to Seaside Rec licence application

Ref 005710

This is an objection to the granting of a general licence for the sale and consumption of alcohol on the Seaside Recreation Ground, Eastbourne.

We strongly object to the granting of this licence on the following grounds :

1. It is hugely inappropriate to allow a general licence to allow the sale of alcohol on a recreation ground used by families, children of all ages, under-18's and local sports teams.
2. There exists in the area already ample licenced premises where alcohol can be consumed by users of the recreation ground should they so require.
3. The granting of such a general licence will by its very availability encourage commercial interests and irresponsible people to create events where the sale and consumption of alcohol is a component for profit.
4. The very idea of granting a general alcohol licence for any reason on recreation grounds used for enjoyment by families, children, and teenagers severely conflicts with current Coalition Government strategy which strongly discourages any increase in the exposure of alcohol to young people and minors.
5. Should a specific event require a licence then this should be processed by specific application by the event organisers. In this way the local authority could monitor the suitability of making alcohol available at the event and prevent any abuse of the availability of a general licence.

In this regard, we are surprised to learn that the local authority believes this may discourage event organisers from coming to Eastbourne. This attitude reflects a lack of understanding of the duty of care - an overall responsibility inherent upon every local authority.

Surely the care of young people and their environment comes before the commercial interests of event organisers?

Alan & Mary Toft,
23 Coastguard Square,
Addingham Road,
Eastbourne.