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Fiona Cottrill,



24 March 2021

For the Attention of: The Environmental Health Licensing Section.

REF: Calne Bowls Club Application for Alcohol License.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing on behalf of myself and my fellow residents to object to the application for a Club Premises Certificate for the sale of alcohol, requested by Mr Stuart Beard for, Calne Bowls Club, The Pavilion, Anchor Road, Calne, SN11 8RJ.

The reasons for our objection fall under the 'Prevention of Public Nuisance' licensing objective and are as follows:

- Anchor Road is a quiet residential area and we are concerned that the addition of a second drinking establishment, next door to the existing one at Calne Recreation Club, will cause significant additional noise disturbance for local residents late into the evening.
- The Bowls Club is as close as 5 metres from residential housing, with many bedrooms overlooking the bowling green. We are all aware that where alcohol is served, noise levels increase. What may appear to drinkers to be a quiet conversation, travels much further and echoes around the neighbourhood particularly in an evening, disrupting the routines of parents and their children as they prepare to settle down to sleep.
- The Bowls Club Pavilion, where alcohol is proposed to be served, is an extremely small space. It is quite clear that patrons will drink outside, especially during the summer months.
- As you will be aware, Wiltshire Council has applied to extend significantly the Recreation Club premises (Application number 21/01325/FUL). This application is seeking the extension of the decking area, creating a larger area for customers to drink outdoors. Whilst this letter is not an objection to the extension of the Recreation Club, adding additional licensed premises in very close

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proximity to a facility where an outdoor drinking area is already planned, seems excessive and unnecessary and will most definitely be detrimental to the peace and well-being of residents.

- The serving hours requested in the application are essentially those of a public house and are for seven days per week, between the hours of 10am to 11pm on some days. Even the shorter hours proposed for mid-week are between midday and 10pm. The application states that bowlers wish to 'enjoy a drink on a warm summer's day.' The timings requested in the application extend far beyond this as well as when bowlers will be reasonably playing.
- We are also concerned that 'guests' have been included on the licensing application, which puts into question the statement in the application that those drinking will be of pensionable age. Based on the intention for guests to be admitted to drink there, clearly younger people will also attend.
- Finally, we have a question regarding private members club licensed premises. Many clubs allow non-playing members to join for a reduced fee, permitting those members to benefit from generally lower priced alcohol sales. What is the policy at Calne Bowls Club?

Anchor Road and vicinity is a close and friendly community and we welcome the presence of the Bowls Club. We are concerned that this long-standing community club should wish to jeopardise this peaceful co-existence.

We trust, following careful consideration of our objections, you will agree that the addition of a second drinking establishment on a quiet residential street is an unreasonable demand to place on residents.

Calne Council deserves credit in the progress it has made in improving the living environments of residents, by reducing anti-social behaviour and helping to make the town a desirable place to live. We believe the Council would be making a backwards step by accepting this licensing application. The attached petition signed by local residents demonstrates the strength of feeling against this proposal.

Yours faithfully

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Fiona Cottrill

On behalf of the attached names and addresses of residents.

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I, the undersigned object to the application for a Club Premises Certificate for the sale of alcohol by Calne Bowls Club

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Signature</u>