



**BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL 2009, AT 2.00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BURCOT LANE, BROMSGROVE**

MEMBERS: Councillors Mrs. R. L. Dent, D. McGrath and S. P. Shannon

**AGENDA**

**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HEARING PROCEDURE** (Pages 1 - 4)

1. Appointment of Chairman for the Meeting
2. To receive apologies for absence and notification of substitutes
3. Declarations of Interest
4. To consider an application for a Premises Licence in respect of Lickey End Working Men's Club, Alcester Road, Lickey End, Bromsgrove (Pages 5 - 32)
5. To consider any other business, details of which have been notified to the Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services prior to the commencement of the meeting and which the Chairman, by reason of special circumstances, considers to be of so urgent a nature that it cannot wait until the next meeting

K. DICKS  
Chief Executive

The Council House  
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1st April 2009

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## LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

### HEARING PROCEDURE

1. The Chairman will open the hearing and introduce members of the Sub-Committee and officers present.
2. The Chairman will ask all other people present to introduce themselves.
3. The Chairman will remind the Applicant and each party present that they can be represented by a legal representative at their own expense.
4. The Licensing Officer will present the report.
5. The Chairman will invite Members of the Sub-Committee and all other parties present to put any relevant questions to the Licensing Officer.
6. The Chairman will invite the Applicant and/or his/her representative to present his/her case and call any witnesses. The Applicant will be allowed a maximum of 10 minutes to present the case.
7. The Chairman will invite Members of the Sub-Committee and all other parties present to put any relevant questions to the Applicant.
8. The Chairman will invite the Responsible Authorities to present their representations. New representations must not be raised. The Responsible Authorities will be allowed a total of 10 minutes to present their case(s). If two or more Responsible Authorities wish to address the Sub-Committee the 10 minutes will be divided between them.
9. The Chairman will invite Members of the Sub-Committee and all other parties present to put any relevant questions to the Responsible Authorities.
10. Interested Parties will be invited to present their representations or elect a spokesperson (which may be a Councillor) to speak on their behalf. New representations must not be raised. A maximum of 10 minutes will be allowed for the Interested Parties to present their case(s). If two or more Interested Parties wish to address the Sub-Committee the 10 minutes will be divided between them.

- 11. The Chairman will invite Members of the Sub-Committee and all other parties present to put any relevant questions to the Interested Parties.**
- 12. The Interested Parties will be invited to sum up. A maximum of 5 minutes will be allowed.**
- 13. The Responsible Authorities will be invited to sum up. A maximum of 5 minutes will be allowed.**
- 14. The Applicant will be invited to sum up. A maximum of 5 minutes will be allowed.**
- 15. At the conclusion of the hearing all parties, including the Licensing Officer, will be asked to withdraw. The Members of the Sub-Committee, the Legal Adviser and the Committee Services Officer will remain.**
- 16. Once the Sub-Committee has reached its decision, all parties will be invited to return. The Sub-Committee's decision, together with the reasons for the decision, will be announced by the Chairman.**
- 17. The Sub-Committee's decision will be confirmed in writing to the Applicant and those parties who made representations.**



**Please Note:**

1. ***Each application coming before the Licensing Sub-Committee will be treated on its own merits, and the Sub-Committee will take its decision based upon:***
  - a) ***the promotion of the four licensing objectives, as given by the Licensing Act 2003, namely:***
    - ***the prevention of crime and disorder;***
    - ***public safety;***
    - ***the prevention of public nuisance; and***
    - ***the protection of children from harm;***
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  - b) ***Bromsgrove District Council's Statement of Licensing Policy;***
  - c) ***guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003; and***
  - d) ***the Licensing Act 2003.***
2. ***The Chairman may require any person who in his/her opinion is behaving in a disruptive manner to leave the meeting, and may refuse to permit that person to return, or permit him/her to return only on such conditions as the Chairman may specify. However, such person may, before the end of the hearing, submit in writing any information which he/she would have been entitled to have given orally at the meeting had he/she not been required to leave.***
3. ***Decisions may be taken in the absence of the Applicant or any other party. All notices and representations received from absent parties will be considered.***
4. ***Questioning must not be hostile or intended to unfairly undermine the position of any party.***
5. ***Late evidence will only be considered with the agreement of all parties present.***
6. ***In cases where a decision cannot be given at the end of the hearing, the decision will be made within 5 working days.***
7. ***An appeal to the Magistrates' Court against the Sub-Committee's decision must be lodged within 21 days of the date on which all parties were notified in writing of the decision of the Licensing Sub-Committee.***
8. ***All meetings are recorded.***

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## BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

### LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

15TH APRIL 2009

#### APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE – LICKEY END WORKING MENS CLUB, ALCESTER ROAD, LICKEY END, BROMSGROVE

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Cllr. P. Whittaker
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Planning and Environment Services

#### 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 To consider an application to grant a premises licence in respect of Lickey End Working Mens Club, Alcester Road, Lickey End, Bromsgrove.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That Members determine the application. The application may be refused, or it may be granted in whole or in part (with additional conditions, if appropriate), and all of it or part of it may be applied to the whole or part of the premises provided that the Sub-Committee's decision is consistent with the licensing objectives and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

#### 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Licensing Authority has received an application for a new Premises Licence, in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.
- 3.2 Members may wish to note that the premises does already hold a Club Premises Certificate which was subject to a review application in July 2008 by a local resident, due to noise nuisance arising from regulated entertainment events held at the premises. Furthermore the premises was also served with a noise abatement notice in October 2007. However, since the notice was served limited noise monitoring has taken place to establish whether or not there has been a breach of the notice.

- 3.2 The new application to seeking the following permissions:

##### **Retail sale of alcohol**

- 10.00 a.m. – 12 midnight every Monday through to Sunday;
- 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 a.m. on New Year's Eve.
- 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 a.m. into the morning following every Sunday preceding a Bank Holiday Monday

- Up to 12 occasions per calendar year an additional 1 hour to be added to normal permitted times, providing the police have been given 14 days notice prior to the event.

**Provision of regulated entertainment inside the premises (Performance of a play; exhibition of films; indoor sporting events; live music; recorded music; performance of dance; anything of a similar description; provision of facilities for making music; provision of facilities for dancing; provision of facilities for entertainment of a similar description; )**

- 10.00 a.m. – 12 midnight every Monday through to Sunday;
- 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 a.m. on New Year's Eve.
- 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 a.m. into the morning following every Sunday preceding a Bank Holiday Monday
- Up to 12 occasions per calendar year an additional 1 hour to be added to normal permitted times, providing the police have been given 14 days notice prior to the event.

**Provision of late night refreshment**

- 11.00 p.m. – 12 midnight every Monday through to Sunday;
- 11.00 p.m. – 2.00 a.m. on New Year's Eve.

**Actual opening hours of the premises**

- 10.00 a.m. – 12.30 a.m. every Monday through to Sunday;
- 10.00 a.m. – 2.30 a.m. on New Year's Eve.
- 10.00 a.m. – 1.30 a.m. into the morning following every Sunday preceding a Bank Holiday Monday
- Up to 12 occasions per calendar year an additional 1 hour to be added to normal permitted times, providing the police have been given 14 days notice prior to the event.

3.3 In addition to the above-mentioned licensable activities taking place on the premises, the applicant has stated in the application form that it is not their intention to use the premises for adult entertainment but it cannot be ruled out in the future. Any such adult entertainment of whatever nature will only be introduced to the premises upon giving at least 14 days notice to the Police Authority.

3.4 Since receiving the application and through the mediation process, the applicant has agreed to also inform the Licensing Authority and the Area Child Protection Committee of any such adult entertainment events taking place on the premises.

3.5 As part of the application process, applicants are required to carry out a risk assessment of the effect the proposed licence would have on the four licensing objectives and what steps they intend to take in order to promote these objectives should the application be granted.

3.6 For ease of reference the four licensing objectives are:

- Prevention of crime and disorder;
- Protection of public safety;
- Prevention of public nuisance;
- Protection of children from harm.

- 3.7 Details of the measures the applicant is prepared to take are set out at Appendix 'A'. Should the licence be granted, these measures will form part of the licence, which the applicant will have to adhere to.
- 3.8 In accordance with the Licensing Act, a responsible authority is entitled to make representations. Responsible authorities include the Police Authority, Planning Authority, the Council's own Environmental Health Department, Fire Authority, Trading Standards and the Area Child Protection Committee.
- 3.9 On this occasion, a representation has been received from the Council's Environment Health Section (Pollution Control) on the grounds of public nuisance. A copy of their report is attached at Appendix 'B'.
- 3.10 No representations have been received from the other responsible authorities.
- 3.11 In accordance with the Licensing Act, anyone residing in the vicinity of a premises for which an application has been made is entitled to make representations. Vicinity is not defined in the Licensing Act.
- 3.12 Representations have been made by a number of residents living near to the premises. A copy of each representation is attached at Appendix 'C'. The basis of their representations relate noise nuisance arising from public entertainment events and parking.
- 3.13 A plan showing the location of the premises is attached at Appendix 'D'.
- 3.14 A plan showing the floor layout of the premises is attached at Appendix 'E'.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this Report. However if either party made a successful appeal to the Magistrates' Court against the decision of the Council, the Council may be liable for any legal costs.

#### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Each party is entitled to appeal to the Magistrates' Court if they are dissatisfied with the decision of the Council, within 21 days from the date of decision.
- 5.2 The Sub-Committee must have regard to the Statutory Guidance, issued by the Secretary of State under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

5.3 The Sub-Committee must have regard to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

5.4 The conduct of the Sub-Committee is governed by the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005, as amended.

5.5 The Sub-Committee is reminded that the Human Rights Act 1998 guarantees the right to a fair hearing for all parties in the determination of their civil rights.

## **6. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES**

6.1 This item links with the Council Objective CO2.

## **7. RISK MANAGEMENT**

7.1 The main risk associated with the details included in this report are:

- Decision made without having regard to Council Policy, Guidance issued by Secretary of State and governing legislation.

7.2 This risk is being managed as follows:

- Adhere to all licensing policies and legislation when determining applications for all licensing functions.
- Risk Register: Planning and Environment Services
- Key Objective Ref No. 7

## **8. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 All parties will be notified of the Council's decision in writing.

## **9. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 All applicants are dealt with on their own individual merits are accepted in line with legislation and Council Policy.

## **10. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 None.

## **11. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

Procurement Issues – None
Personnel Implications – None
Governance/Performance Management – None
Community Safety including Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 – None

<p>Policy – The Council’s Statement of Licensing Policy applies to this application. This reads: “We will consider every application sent to us, on its individual merits. When we make licensing decisions we will promote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ prevention of crime and disorder;</li> <li>▪ protection of public safety;</li> <li>▪ prevention of public nuisance, and</li> <li>▪ protection of children from harm.”</li> </ul>
Environmental - None

**12. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT**

Portfolio Holder	Yes
Chief Executive	No
Corporate Director (Services)	No
Assistant Chief Executive	No
Head of Service	Yes
Head of Financial Services	No
Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services	Yes
Head of Organisational Development & HR	No
Corporate Procurement Team	No

**13. WARDS AFFECTED**

All wards.

**14. APPENDICES**

- Appendix A – Operating Schedule
- Appendix B - Report from Council’s Environmental Services (Pollution Control).
- Appendix C – Letters of representations
- Appendix D – Location plan of the premises
- Appendix E – Floor plan of the premises

**15. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- Application form received on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2009
- Email received from the Police dated 24<sup>th</sup> February 2009
- Memo received from Environmental Services (Pollution Control) dated 15<sup>th</sup> December 2008
- Email received from Environmental Services (Health & Safety) dated 19<sup>th</sup> February 2009

Letter received from Worcestershire County Council – Safeguarding and Quality Assurance dated 20<sup>th</sup> February 2009  
Email received from Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority dated 24<sup>th</sup> February 2009

**Contact officer**

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Tel: (01527) 881626



**P** Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

**a) General – all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e)** (please read guidance note 9)

The family room, snooker room and lounge bar shall be for the sole use of members and guests and members of associated clubs and the concert room may be used for bona fide pre-organised business or social functions or events for non-members.

The Applicant has a well trained management team and a training programme to ensure all staff are briefed on the licensing objectives covering in particular no underage drinking, no drunkenness on the premises or outside of the premises, no use of drugs, no violent or anti-social behaviour and that there is a need to protect children from harm.

**b) The prevention of crime and disorder**

Responsible management controls, for example capacity levels. Ongoing staff training including identification of anti-social or unusual behaviour. Training and supervision of all staff to adopt best practice, adhere to the Portman Group on drinks strategy. Use of proof of age scheme, internal and external lighting checked regularly.

**c) Public safety**

First aid training for a member of staff. Health and Safety risk assessment carried out regularly. Electrics, gas fire and relevant equipment, checked and maintained in working order and tested annually. Fire risk assessment carried out weekly. Adoption of best practices, e.g. National Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy.

**d) The prevention of public nuisance**

Responsible management at all times. Zero tolerance to drunken or anti-social behaviour. Regular visits to all parts of the premises. Management and staff, voluntarily follow best practice, e.g. control of noise from pubs and clubs. Out of hours deliveries to be monitored. All staff trained to ensure quiet departure of patrons. Ventilation to be maintained to prevent nuisance of odour and noise. Recorded music sound levels to be monitored.

No persons are to be admitted onto the premises after 23:00 hours.

All doors and windows to be kept closed except for ingress and egress after 23:00 hours and at all times during live or recorded music events.

The Designated Premises Supervisor shall undertake regular monitoring to ensure external levels of music are not excessive. This is to be done once per hour during events and curative measures taken if necessary. Written records shall be kept of all such monitoring results and of any actions taken.

The electronic noise limiting device installed in the function room shall be set to an appropriate level to prevent annoyance to neighbours, and shall be used at all times to control amplification.

Prominent, clear and legible notices are to be displayed at the front door entrance to the club requesting members to respect the local residents and to leave the premises and the area quietly.

Any regulated entertainment at the premises shall not be capable of causing a statutory nuisance.

**e) The protection of children from harm**

Provision of sufficient staff to protect children from harm, with training on appropriate behaviour. Children have to be accompanied by a responsible person who has attained the age of 18. No children allowed at the bar serveries. No persons under the age of 18 years permitted to play the AWP machine unless over the age of 16 and accompanied by a responsible adult. In the event of any type of adult entertainment taking place no persons under the age of 18, whether a member, guest or performer, will be admitted.

The premises shall adopt the Challenge 21 Scheme and appropriate signage will be placed at the entrance to the premises and adjacent to any bar servery. The premises will operate a policy whereby any person attempting to buy alcohol or any person attempting to gain entry to the premises who appears to be under 21 will be asked for photographic ID to prove their age. The only ID that will be accepted is a passport, driving licence with a photograph (this to be checked to ensure that it is not a provisional licence where the bearer could still be under 21) or an accredited proof of age card bearing the PASS mark hologram.

**Please tick yes**

- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee
- I have enclosed the plan of the premises
- I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable
- I have enclosed the consent form completed by the individual I wish to be premises supervisor, if applicable
- I understand that I must now advertise my application
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected

**IT IS AN OFFENCE, LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE UP TO LEVEL 5 ON THE STANDARD SCALE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION**



Principle Licensing Officer  
Bromsgrove District Council

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16 March 2009.

**Lickey End Working Mens Club, Alcester Road, Lickey End.**

This report will only deal with noise caused by events within the structure of the club and not alleged nuisance from people arriving or leaving the premises or using the car park at the rear of the premises. Legislation enforced by this Section does not relate to these activities.

As the committee are aware a statutory notice to abate noise nuisance was served on the club in October 2007 and significant work was carried out by the club following this.

After completion of the work further monitoring was carried out and it was found that there was still a statutory noise nuisance during live performances, although there had been an improvement following the remedial works.

Intermittent complains have continued to be received from a local resident about the loud music from the function room at the rear of this club and monitoring has recently been undertaken by an officer from Environmental Services. This monitoring was from outside the complainant property. Monitoring was carried out between 9pm and 10pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2009.


The officer stated that the bass beat of the music could be heard but the lyrics were not audible. On occasions the people attending the event could be heard singing to the music. In the opinion of the officer at the time of the monitoring the noise was not a statutory nuisance. However the volume may become a problem later at night and to assess the impact of this further monitoring from within the complainants property would be required. The committee should note that monitoring was undertaken with a recorded music event not a live band.

Live bands often involve drums the volume from which are not easily limited and result in the other members of the band having to play at a higher level. This type of event is more likely to lead to statutory noise nuisance to local residents

If the hours for permitted entertainment are extended this may exacerbate the problem and it may be necessary for the club to carry out further insulation works at the premises or fit a suitable noise limiting device to ensure any noise escaping from the function room.

I am concerned about the change to the type of licence for the function room so allowing any person to hire the facility without needing to be a member of the club. I am concerned that this may lead to an increase in the number of events incorporating live music the volume of which is much harder to control than from recorded music (i.e. disco)

I would recommend that should the premises licence be granted the regulated entertainment element of the application does not come into effect until verification of adequate insulation and / or the installation and setting of a noise limiting device is obtained to ensure that a statutory noise nuisance will not arise from the use of these premises.



16/3/09

Richard Lovegrove  
Environmental Health Officer.

Sharon Smith  
Licensing Section  
Bromsgrove District Council  
Burcot Lane  
BROMSGROVE  
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9<sup>th</sup> March 2009

Dear Ms Smith,

**Re: Lickey End & District Working Mens Club Application for licence.**

I wish to make a strong recommendation that the above licence should not be granted.

Having lived opposite the club since November 1973, I am in a position to witness the recent changes, and base my recommendation against issuing a licence on the following grounds:

1. **Noise.** At recent late night private parties the road was full of young, drunk, noisy partygoers, waiting for taxis. They wander all over the road, shouting at each other, and generally behaving unsocially, totally unaware that it is a residential area. On more than one occasion revellers have been dancing in the road, at considerable danger to themselves and passing motorists. A major problem with allowing the sale of alcohol until midnight is that it is then up to an hour before the revellers actually leave, taking us to 1.00am. We do not retire early, but consider that 1.00am in a residential area is unacceptable. We have called the police more than once to complain, and the police have attended to quieten things down. The taxis called seem unaware of the laws regarding using horns whilst not moving, and using them late at night. They simply turn up, park anywhere, sound their horn, and leave their (noisy diesel) engines running whilst waiting for their fares.
2. **Parking.** Since selling off part of their car park for building there is insufficient space for cars. The result is cars parked on both sides of the road, many obstructing the pavement illegally. Photo attached. On leaving, it is the custom to sound their horn as a "goodnight" to fellow revellers.
3. **Litter.** Following late parties, there is a considerable amount of litter, including glasses left on the pavement, cans in our garden.

I feel that allowing the club to sell alcohol on or off the premises until midnight in a residential area would be against the wishes of local residents, and would cause them problems, as outlined above. I feel that it would also be an additional burden on our local police should they be called upon to investigate complaints.

In conclusion the above cited problems have not always been present, and certainly not when the club closed at a reasonable hour.

Yours sincerely,



March Home Sunday 8th March 2009 *[Signature]*



LICENSING APPLICATION  
LICKEY END CLUB

Alcester Road  
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5th March 2009

Dear Mrs Smith,

I have just received information regarding the above, as I live almost opposite the club the application for ON EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK will no doubt cause me many problems.

1. Noise from people leaving the club and banging of car doors
2. Every day I have to clear litter off my garden and in front of my property.  
Cans, bottles, paper litter, cigarette packets etc.
3. Parking on the pavement either side of my drive causes a real problem getting in or out of my property. As my vision is blocked both ways.

Plus I can not sleep in my bedroom because of the noise, and have had to move to the back.  
With the above application being approved I can only see things getting much worse, and strongly object to the above.

Yours sincerely

**Sharon Smith**

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**From:**

**Sent:** 03 March 2009 10:22

**To:** Sharon Smith

**Subject:** RE: Lickey End Work Men's Club

Hi Sharon

Further to your email. My objection is based on a history of problems with the club since moving into the area some three years ago. The problems which have been encountered are ongoing noise problems beyond the proposed license request. This has resulted in lengthy discussions with the environmental health department and indeed on two occasions have representatives been out to my property and agree that the noise is "totally unacceptable". This resulted in a hearing with Council Members and impositions placed on the license, however, the club have continued to emit noise beyond the terms of their license and those impositions made at the hearing have not been adhered to.

We have experienced instances of intoxicated youths spilling out into the residential area further compounding the ongoing problem and this together with the noise matter has been reported to the Police many times in an attempt to seek peace in what we believed would be a quite and prosperous area.

We have also experienced ongoing parking problems up the busy Alcester Road (off a motorway island) which the Police are frequently intervening in as residents of the club persist on parking on the pavements up both sides of the road. This leaves little or no room for foot pedestrians and on occasions my family have resorted to the use of the road as the pavement has been inaccessible. Clearly this poses an extreme hazard for both pedestrians and other motorists.

With the aforementioned in mind, I would like to strongly oppose the application for extension of the current arrangement, suffice to say that I believe the current situation is inappropriate for the reasons mentioned above and an extension to the terms of the license would destroy and hope of this residential area regaining the peace which it deserves.

With kind regards



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11<sup>th</sup> March 2009

Sharon Smith,  
Licensing Department,  
Bromsgrove District Council.

Dear Sharon Smith,

I am asking the Licensing Committee to reject the application by Lickey End Workmens' Club for a Premises Licence, but I would like to make clear that my opposition does not stem from any personal animosity towards the Club, which is a valuable local facility. Although I would not say that at present the Club's activities generally constitute a persistent nuisance, there are already too many occasions when its special evening events give rise to anti-social behaviour causing major distress to those who live nearby. Some examples are as follows:

- Why planning permission was ever granted is difficult to understand, but when the new estate was being built Lickey End Club sold off a large part of its car park to the developers for a substantial sum. Since then well attended social events at the Club always give rise to major parking problems and traffic obstruction on the B4096 Alcester Road in the vicinity of the Club. Vehicles parked on both sides of the road and on the pavements are a considerable hazard to both motorists and pedestrians, and driveways, including mine, are partially blocked from time to time.
- After late night events at the Club there is often rowdiness, accompanied by vomit and litter (empty cans and broken bottles) etc., which is exacerbated by a procession of taxis sounding their horns and waiting with their engines running. Although all of this does not go on for hours on end, it is a significant nuisance that should not be happening in what is otherwise a quiet residential area.

I have spoken to at least a dozen local residents who have expressed opposition to any extension of Lickey End Club's late night activities and I believe their concerns were also reflected in a survey carried out on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March by Councillor Webb. I understand the comments made have already been passed on to you by Mr. Webb and I assume they will be made known to members of the Licensing Committee, as will the content of this letter.

I have been a member of social clubs of one sort or another for most of my adult life and I do understand the increasing financial pressure upon clubs and other licensed premises which may underlie this application. But although I might sympathise, I

strongly believe that Lickey End Club's needs have to be balanced against the needs of local residents, many of whom in the immediate vicinity are in their later years.

If this application is granted the facility will exist for drinking and dining events to go on until midnight every night of the week, which means that on such occasions the participants are likely to be spilling out of the club in the early hours of the morning. It may well be claimed that it is not the Club's intention to extend massively the number of evening events, but local residents are understandably sceptical and wonder why the Club is going to the trouble and expense of seeking a facility which it does not intend to use.

The police tell me that they are evidence bound and are unwilling to oppose any licensing application on the grounds of what might happen, but that stance is difficult to understand in the light of the attitude of the medical profession and the proliferation of Health & Safety regulations, where prevention is seen as better than cure.

Bearing in mind the existing evidence to which I have drawn attention, I do hope the Licensing Committee will recognise on balance of probabilities that the granting of a Premises Licence to Lickey End Club is likely to impact even more adversely on the quality of life of nearby residents and will reject the application.

Yours sincerely,

Alcester road  
Lickeyend  
Bromsgrove

To Sharon Smith, Licensing Officer

Re: Licensing Application: Lickeyend Club

I am writing to register our opposition to the application being granted.

The parking of vehicles on the Alcester road can be a nightmare. Also on several occasions we have had difficulty getting into our own drive, so for this to happen every night would be unacceptable, and for such a quiet area the noise can be loud at times so that isn't fair for young families and the elderly.

Yours sincerely

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13th March 2009.

Licensing Officer  
Sharon Smith.

Council Offices  
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Dear Sharon.

Ref. Licensing Application  
Lickey End Club.

With reference to your circulated information regarding the license extension for Lickey End Club. We beg you as local residents to please not let this go through.

My husband and I live over the road and about 5 doors up from the club. We have a drive way to our garage which gets regularly blocked by people using the club and the people next door

When ever there is a function at the club the road gets very blocked with cars parking in it. We get very worried that one day (very soon) someone is going to get knocked over.

We very rarely hear anyone coming out of the pub next door as it is and entry place but every weekend we get woke up late on a Saturday / Friday night with youngsters coming up the road, it happened again last night.

I would like the road to become double yellow lines to stop the parking and problems we have. Please help the local residents and Do NOT allow the license

Yours sincerely

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**Sharon Smith**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 17 March 2009 22:48  
**To:** Sharon Smith  
**Subject:** Licensing Application: Lickey End Social Club

Alcester Road

Lickey End

Bromsgrove

Worcestershire

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17th March 2009

Dear Ms Smith,

Re: Licensing Application: Lickey End Social Club

We would like to register our opposition to the extended license application for Lickey End Social Club to provide entertainment between 10.00am and midnight every day of the week, the sale of alcohol for consumption on or off the premises and the provision of late night refreshment.

We live very close to the Social Club on the Alcester Road and although appreciate it is a valuable local facility we do experience anti-social behaviour regularly at the weekends often into the early hours of the morning. There is often a lot of noise both from general rowdiness and leaving the club but also from the numerous cars that block our drive and park along the Alcester Road due to limited parking spaces behind the club. We have a 16 month old baby who is regularly woken at the weekend by people leaving the club and feel this would also happen during the week were this license to be granted.

Yours Sincerely,

Meadowvale Road  
Lickey End  
Bromsgrove  
B60 1JY

Sharon Smith  
Licensing Officer  
Bromsgrove District Council  
Burcot Lane  
Bromsgrove  
B60 1AA

11<sup>th</sup> March 2009

Dear Ms Smith

**Licensing Application: Lickey End Club**

My wife and I wish to notify you of our strong objection to the application submitted by Lickey End Workmen's Club to extend the hours and days of the week they are able to provide entertainment, sell alcohol and provide refreshments.


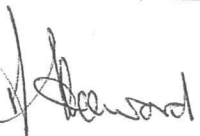

We have experienced great difficulty in driving along Alcester Road when there is a function at the Club. There is then parking on both sides of the road for a distance of approximately 400 yards. This leaves room only for a single line of traffic along the centre of the road. We witnessed a fracas between two drivers whose vehicles were face to face at the centre of the length of parked cars, both trying to drive along the road. For these problems, where there are raised, angry voices, to extend beyond 10pm would cause considerable distress to people living nearby.

The sound of people returning to their homes, locally, in a state of inebriation is very disturbing. Sound carries very well in the quiet of the night and I certainly would be fearful if woken up by these noises at midnight and later.

We both object to this application being granted.



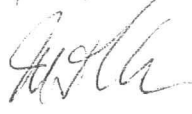


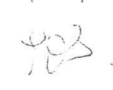
Yours faithfully

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Name, Address & Telephone	Comments	Sign & Date
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<p>ALCESTER ROAD LICKY END B60 1JT</p>	<p>Worsening of existing nuisance</p>	 1.3.09
<p>ALCESTER RD LICKY END BROMSGROVE B60 1JT</p>	<p>Parking &amp; noise concerns.</p>	<p>O'Brien 1.3.09.</p>
<p>ALCESTER ROAD BROMSGROVE B60 1JT</p>	<p>object to <sup>TWO</sup> many late licensing hours plus noise when leaving the club.</p>	<p>1/3/09 </p>
<p>ALCESTER RD LICKY END B60 1JT</p>	<p>ON</p>	<p>C.J. Seddon 1.3.09</p>
<p>ALCESTER RD LICKY END</p>	<p>Parking</p>	<p>FAS 1.3.09 (X)</p>



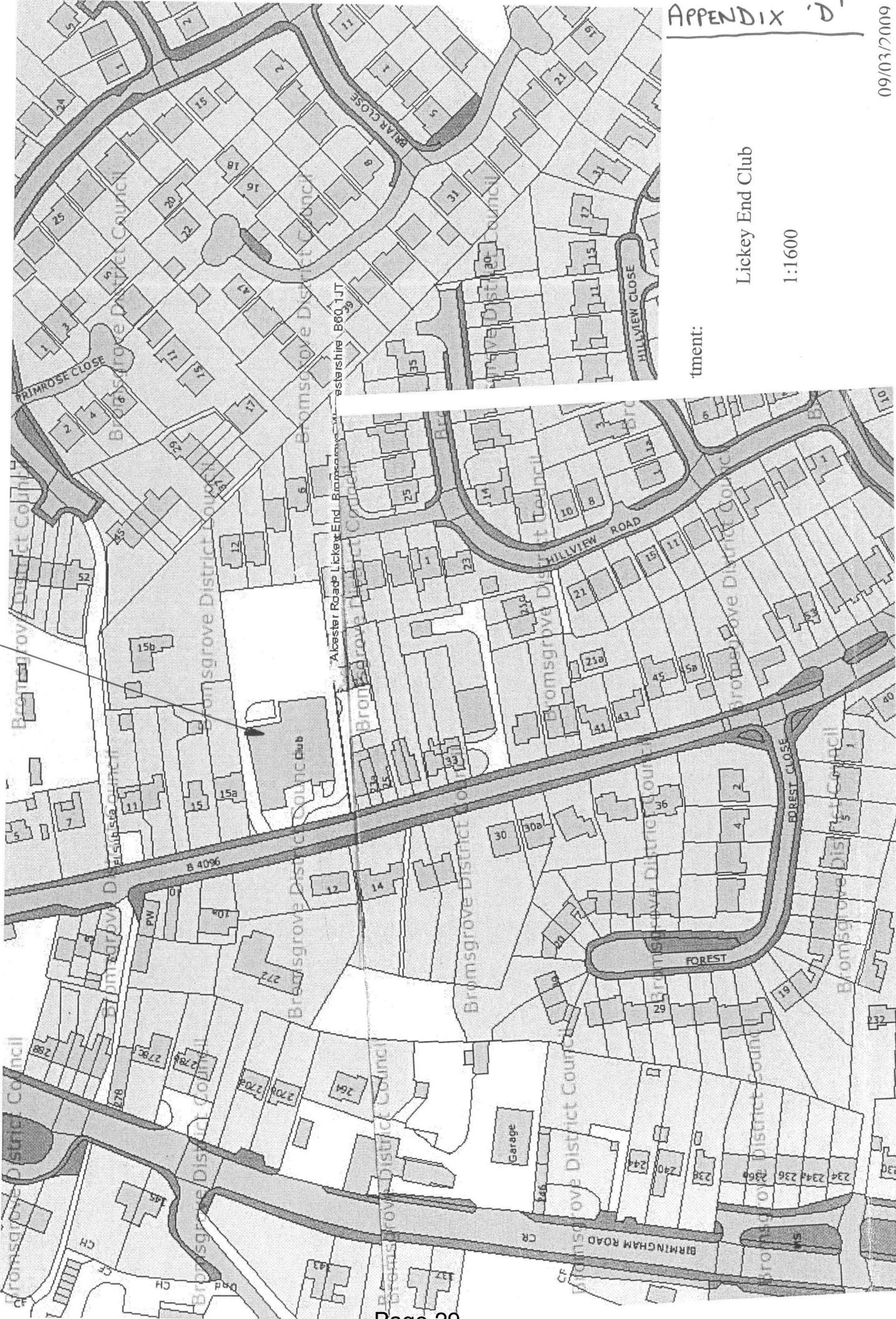
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Alcester Rd Lickey End Bronsgrove	Noise Traffic  Police Called on NUMEROUS// <small>TIMES 06</small>	1/3/09 
Alcester Road Lickey End Bronsgrove	NOISE Swearing obstructing road in residential area.	1/3/09 
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Alcester Rd Lickey End Bronsgrove.	Noise + parking + late night disturbance.	1/3/09 

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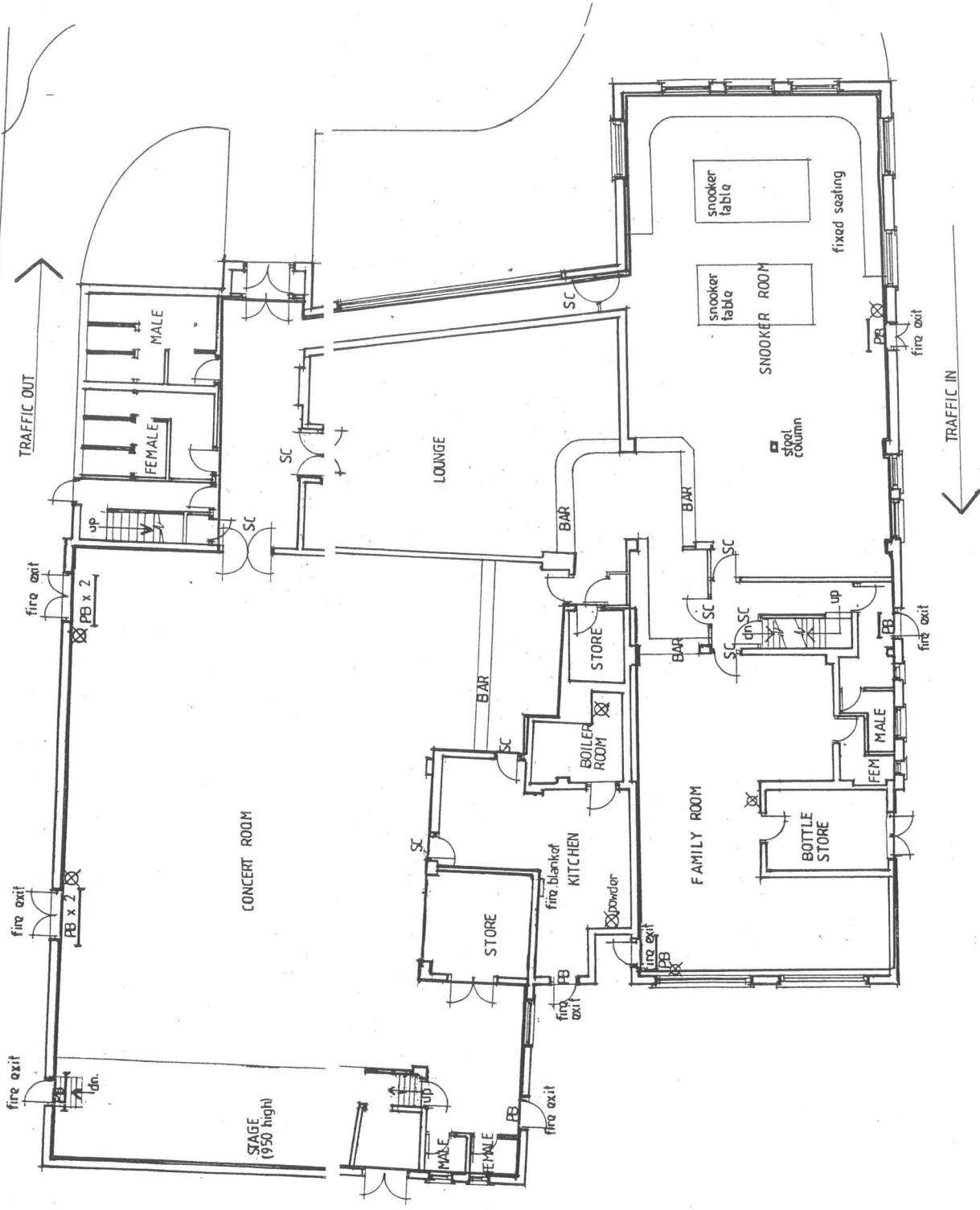
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