

Appendix 3

25/6/2016

Worcestershire Regulatory Service  
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To whom it may concern

Ref: Belbroughton Festival Ltd - Premises Licence Application  
Your Ref:- 16/03470

It is understood the licence application is for Live, and recorded music and the sale alcohol on the Belbroughton recreation grounds on 8th to 10th Sept: 2016. Should a Licence be approved the Belbroughton Beer Festival Ltd; would be permitted to hold any other events of their choice covering 365 days of the year. We object strongly to this on the grounds that it will prevent the villagers who own the ground from walking their dogs and normal leisure activities, also we object on the grounds of noise and traffic delivering equipment and removal of same after the event, the music noise is very noticeable at properties adjacent to the event.

Further objections are as follows:-

1. PUBLIC NUISANCE:

Once again the festival is planned two weeks prior to the Belbroughton Scarecrow week-end. This again would prevent vilagers from using the recreation ground resulting in a monthis disruption and nuisance to those who own properties adjacent to the Festival site

The 2015 Boer Festival resulted in patrons being sick and urinating on property gardens and various walkways and village centre. The village is not large enough to cope with such large numbers of people so close together.

2. PUBLIC SAFETY:

Access road from Hartle Lane to the recreation Centre is narrow singled tracked, a Public Footpath and access to at least three properties fronting the Lane. The footpath is used by Tennis Club members, football facilities and allotment owners who attend their plots, Beides walkers , dog walkers and children and is an area where an accident is waiting to happen especially at entrance to the Lane via the Glebe Cul-De- Sac.

3. PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

We understand that Belbroughton Beer Festival Ltd; have stated that Security Door Staff will be offered to the public houses in the village. during 2015 Festival trouble occurred at the Talbot Pub and police had to be called to deal with drunken Festival patrons, there was no sign of the surposed Security Door Staff! Problems with drunken behaviour spilled on to the Village Centre.

4. PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM

A very popular Skatebord Park is sited on the Site Grounds . Children using the skateboard area, how are they to be protected from those patrons who have had to much to drink? Or are the children to be denied the use of their Playground Skateboard Park.

Yours faithfully

**From:**  
**Sent:** 29 June 2016 17:25  
**To:** WRS Enquiries  
**Subject:** Ref. 16/03470/PREMLI

Dear Sirs,

Please find attached our objection to the granting of a Premises Licence for the Recreation Ground, Belbroughton.

Many thanks.

We want to bring to your attention our objection to the granting of a Premises Licence by Belbroughton Beer Festival Ltd. with regard to the Recreation Ground based in Belbroughton.

#### **Prevention of Crime and Disorder**

As a result of patrons of the Beer Festival drinking all day and then moving into the village centre once the Festival has closed, there have been incidents of drunken behaviour. The 2015 Festival was an example of just this, whereby Festival goers caused a brawl in the Talbot public house. I witnessed this incident and provided evidence to the Court in Worcester.

The Beer Festival organisers stated that security staff would be provided to the village, but absolutely no security staff from the Festival were present in the village in 2015.

It is, therefore, very clear from recent experience that Belbroughton Beer Festival Ltd. is unable to ensure that no disorder takes place in the village.

How will the Beer Festival organisers ensure that individuals are not allowed to purchase more alcohol when it is obvious that they have clearly had enough to drink?

If the licence application is successful then the possibility of more festivals/events taking place is a foregone conclusion and the propensity for crime and disorder issues arising in the village only increases, especially if no security staff are provided for other events.

#### **Public Safety**

The access road to the Recreation Centre from Hartle Lane is a narrow, single track lane which is also the public footpath. If there was a significant incident the police and ambulance service would struggle with access to the site.

Further there are two "public footpaths" included in the premises. These footpaths are regularly used by many people. How is their safety going to be maintained, especially as one of these footpaths is also the access to the overflow car park.

### **The prevention of public nuisance**

Previous Beer Festivals held at the Recreation Centre has resulted in people attending the event to be sick and urinate in gardens of nearby houses and in the lane leading to/from Hartle Lane. Very often broken glass is also left in the narrow lane leading to the Recreation Ground and Tennis club, which has the potential for causing damaged to car tyres.

Whilst the Beer Festival lasts for three days, the disruption and noise occurs in the vicinity for several days whilst the setting up and then the breaking down of equipment for the festival takes place, especially as large commercial vehicles have to use the narrow access lane alongside private houses.

Again, this problem would increase with other festivals/events that could take place if this licence application is granted.

The public footpath which runs between the Recreation Centre and the Primary School on Bradford Lane was closed in the evenings by officials of the Beer Festival in 2015. A footpath which is used regularly by villagers. This action was taken without the necessary permission being sought from the County Council for such a closure. It is an offence to close a public footpath without the necessary permission as these footpaths have the status of a public highway.

The organisers appear to feel justified in taking actions without consultation or appropriate authority, what other laws will be ignored or suspended?

Further if other festivals/events are able to take place and attract large numbers of people, if the overflow car park is not available, as it is a field and not a permanent car park then this could result in cars being parked in the surrounding streets which are already congested.

The potential for loud music at not only the Beer Festival but also potentially other festivals/events is unreasonable, especially as within the village two of the public houses hold events in their gardens which can be noisy. This would result in a significant excess of loud music.

The 2016 Beer Festival is planned two weeks before the Scarecrow Weekend, so households in the vicinity of the Recreation Ground will have to put up with the

disruption and nuisance for approximately a month. Further this problem could arise on a more regular basis if more festivals/events take place.

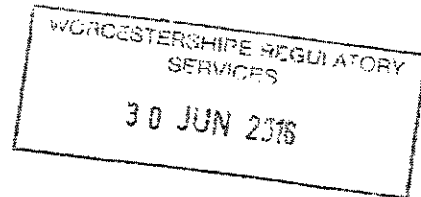
#### **The protection of children from harm**

There is a children's playground and a very popular skateboard park included in the designated premises for which the licence is being sought. How are children using those facilities going to be protected from the actions of those patrons who have drunk too much? Or, will the playground and skateboard park be shut down by the organisers of any other licensed event?

In closing as a result of the problems in the village last year due to the Beer Festival, it is our intention this year to be away from the village rather than have to endure the problems we experienced last year when a pleasant evening out in our local pub was spoiled by drunken individuals from the Beer Festival. We should not have to feel like this.

28 June 2016

Worcestershire Regulatory Services  
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Dear Sir,

**License application 16/03470/PREMLI**

We wish to strongly object to the proposed Premises licence for the Belbroughton Recreation Ground proposed by Belbroughton Beer Festival Ltd. Before outlining our objections in line with the aims of the Licensing authority we would point out that Belbroughton is a small village and that an event of the size proposed by the applicant will overwhelm the village and it is to be followed only two weeks later by the Scarecrow festival. Two such large gatherings of people will put a strain on the village and seriously affect the residents of the village.

**The prevention of crime and disorder**

1. In the last few years, since the venue was moved from the school to the Recreation Ground, problems with drunken behaviour have spilled over into the village centre with serious consequences in terms of crime and disorder and we do not see any new proposals to control this in the license application.
2. Belbroughton Beer Festival Ltd state that security door staff will be offered to the public houses in the village. This is similar to last year but last year it did not stop fighting in the village. There were no security staff in evidence and the police had to be called to the Talbot to deal with the problem. The trouble was caused by two lots of drunken patrons who had been at the beer festival.
3. The proposed method of buying the alcohol is the same as for previous years i.e. the purchase of tokens. This makes it difficult for the mostly volunteer staff to refuse to supply alcohol to someone who has over indulged but has a prepaid token. There needs to be a much more robust procedure to deal with those that have over indulged.

### **Public safety**

1. The site proposed for the licence is inadequate for the size of the event and presents a major problem in terms of Public safety. The actual area available for the event is only 70% of the proposed license area due to the presence of the Tennis courts; Children's play ground, Recreation buildings and Car Parking. To try and stop the residents from using these facilities presents a major problem in Public Safety.
2. The only access road to the Recreation Centre is a private, narrow, single track lane. It is also a Public Footpath, used regularly by children and parents and by people walking their dogs. It is an accident waiting to happen when traffic and pedestrians are using this lane in large numbers.
3. There are 2 Public Footpaths included in the "premises" area. These footpaths are used by many people walking their dogs or simply out for a walk and their safety is important. It will be difficult to provide their safety, especially when one of the footpaths is also the access to the overflow car park.
4. The map of the "premises" shows only one "Entry/Exit control point" which is at the gate which leads to the overspill car park. We cannot see how this is intended to work for people arriving via the lane/footpath from Hartle Lane or via the other footpaths through the Recreation Ground?

### **The prevention of public nuisance**

1. The Recreation ground is adjacent to a residential area and with live/recorded music playing until 11.00pm there is bound to be an element of public nuisance.
2. At past beer festivals held at the Recreation Centre, it has been a regular occurrence for people who have attended the beer festival to be sick and urinate in gardens of nearby houses and in the lane leading to/from Hartle Lane. Broken glass has also been also a feature of the morning after on the approaches to the Recreation Ground.
3. The beer festival lasts for 3 days, but disruption and noise occurs in the vicinity for several days during the setting up and breaking down of equipment for the festival, especially commercial vehicles using the narrow access lane alongside private houses.
4. The Public Footpath which runs between the Recreation Centre and the Primary School on Bradford Lane was closed in the evenings by officials of the Beer Festival in 2015 without the necessary permission being sought from the County Council for such a closure. We do not think that Belbroughton Beer Festival Ltd have any notion of what their public responsibilities are when organising the festival. They obviously do not realise that it is an offence to close a Public Footpath without the necessary permission as these footpaths have the status of a public highway.
5. The festival for 2016 is again planned just 2 weeks prior to the annual Scarecrow weekend. This means that residents in the vicinity of the Recreation Ground will have to put up with disruption and nuisance for the best part of a month while both events are prepared and cleared away. People do not want the extra nuisance and disruption of a second event run by a commercial body from outside of the village.

### **The protection of children from harm**

1. There is a children's playground and a very popular skateboard park included in the designated premises for which the licence is being sought. Are the children using those facilities going to be protected from the actions of those patrons who have drunk too much? Or, will children simply be denied use of the playground and skateboard park provided for village children for the 3-day duration of the beer festival or any future licensed event?
2. The purchase of tokens for alcohol will make it very difficult for the organisers ensure that under age accompanied children, are not allowed to consume alcohol, but there has to be a creditable procedure in place to ensure this.

Overall, we do not think that the applicants have considered in any detail how they are going to ensure that the aims of the Licensing authority are upheld. We therefore believe that the application should be rejected.

Yours faithfully

WORTHINGTON SCHOOL  
01 JUL

29th June 2016

Dear Sirs

Re Objection to Licence application reference 16/03470/PREMLI

With regard to the above we strongly object to this application for a licence for a music/beer festival on the 8th-10th of September at the recreation grounds in Belbroughton.

In the onset this was a small charity event without music in the grounds of the school for two nights it has now been taken over by an organisation who have turned it into a large music/beer festival on a very small plot of land known as the recreation ground which is very close to local houses (homes). The size of this event is much to big for the village and the grounds in which it is held.

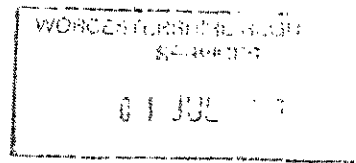
Last year we had a lot of trouble Police were involved. People tend to come by public transport (which finishes at 6pm) or taxis etc so they can have a drink. When the festival closes they drift into the village the worst for alcohol, where they try to get taxis or get into one of the pubs. this is where the problems start and although they had security at the festival and at some of the pubs, this does not protect the village. We had excessive noise and as a regular walker the next day we had broken glass and vomit around which is pretty disgusting not to mention a health hazard. The rec is used by children playing football we have a small skate board area, tennis courts and a children's play area with swings and roundabouts for children under 14 yrs of age.

This festival has been planned to take place two weeks before the traditional scarecrow weekend charity event which is very family friendly and finishes early about six in the evening for two days only, but the music/beer festival goes on till late in the evening and most of the day. This is a small village and the disruption with two festivals in the same month puts a lot of pressure, on ordinary village life.

In conclusion we would suggest that this is not a suitable place to hold this size of music/beer festival it should be held away from such a populated area.

Yours faithfully





Ref:- 16/03470/PREMLI

29-6-16.

Dear Sir/Madam,

It has come to our attention that the Belbroughton Beer Festival Ltd, have applied for a "Premises Licence" which means they are able to hold Events as often as they wish, which we strongly object to for the reasons listed below:-

The prevention of public nuisance:-

- 1) The access to the Recreation Centre is a narrow single lane alongside private properties. There will be disruption and noise during and setting up of these Events.
- 2) During the "Beer Festival" held at the "Recreation Centre" it has been a regular occurrence for people who have had too much alcohol to be sick & urinate in nearby gardens & the lane leading to & from Hattle Lane.
- 3) Noise from music as we live

## Recreation Centre.

### The prevention of crime & disorder:-

1, Why should we have to have security at the doors of our pubs in this peaceful village just because drunken patrons have had too much to drink at the Beer Festival and the following Events will be the same if this licence permission is granted.

Could the committee who are handling this "Premises licence" please give it some thought for the residence of the village.

Yours sincerely



Worcestershire Regulatory Services,  
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1<sup>st</sup> July 2016

**Application ref. 16/03470/PREMLI**

Dear Sirs,

We understand Belbroughton Beer Festival Ltd, via The Recreation Centre, have applied for a licence for live/recorded music and the sale of alcohol, consumed on or off the Recreation Ground, and I strongly object to this.

We live very close to the Recreation Ground and am concerned granting of this licence will encourage more such events. This 3 day beer festival is followed by the Scarecrow Weekend two weeks later, and with the setting up and clearing up afterwards, means extended disruption to village life.

We appreciate the above is not grounds for refusal but the Recreation Ground has tennis courts, football training, children's play area and skate park, and is used by dog trainers. Why they need a licence at all we do not know, but are concerned about the control of entry and sale of alcohol on basically a children's playing field, where there are also 2/3 public footpaths. Even though they have security on the playing field and also in the village pubs (which in itself suggests they expect trouble), this did not prevent an incident in the Talbot last year when police had to be called.

There are a number of homes near the venue, and neighbours have experienced problems with beer attendees vomiting and urinating on their properties.

I believe there is serious risk of public nuisance, and possible harm to children should not be discounted. We are a small rural village, not Glastonbury, and I feel the granting of this licence would be most inappropriate.

Yours faithfully,



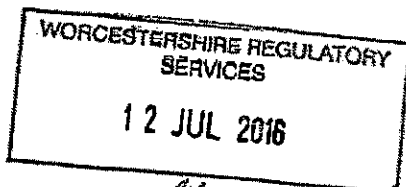
11 July 2016

Worcester Regulatory Services  
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Dear Sirs, ref 16/03470/PREMLI.

Please find enclosed a 6 page  
letter about the above licence  
application. Their names do not  
appear on ~~the~~ the application  
but there is no doubt that the  
money comes from ~~a~~ a brewery  
in the bye.

Yours faithfully



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The Bulbroughton Beer Festival  
2016

This festival is run by the Bulbroughton Beer Festival Ltd. It is a private company who have held beer sales on this private / ~~in~~ public area over the last few years. Before they held the beer festival in the local primary school.

As of now they have applied for a licence which will then for many full years. They have also been given written permission for this by the tennis club. The tennis club by the way is a subcontractor from the main owner of the full area & has no legal right to give such permission.

Prevention of Crime & Disorder.

The beer festival of last year was run by the same people ~~who~~ who are applying now. There were only two supposed security staff around last year when we had to apply to the Police for assistance during a drunken brawl. In actual

fact the so called security staff were nowhere to be found. It is my opinion that any promise either said or written will be so much hot air. In fact no person will have said anything and of course nobody on the Board will have put such a promise in writing. If they do it will be set out by a lawyer & be worth nothing at all.

During the years I have been in Belbroughton (14 years) there has been little ~~trouble~~ trouble in the village. Most of the trouble has been caused since the beer festival to the recreation ground.

An important question needs to be answered. How will the Beer Festival staff keep the customers sober? Last year there were many drunken customers

### Public Safety.

The access road to the Recreation Centre from Hattle Lane is a narrow, single track lane. It is also a Public Footpath, used

regularly by children & parents going to & from school, & by people walking their dogs, this is an accident waiting to happen when traffic is using this lane in large numbers.

There are two (2) ~~Public~~ Public Footpaths included in the "area". These footpaths are used by many people either walking their dogs or simply walking for pleasure. How is their safety to be maintained? One of these footpaths is actually the access to the overflow car park.

The map of the "area" shows only one "Entry/exit control point" at the gate which leads to the overflow car park. How do they intend to check/sell tickets to people arriving on foot ~~either~~ <sup>via</sup> either the lane/footpath from Hartle Lane or the other footpaths through the Recreation Ground.

### The Prevention of Public Nuisance.

During past beer festivals at

The Recreation Centre, it has been a regular occurrence for people who have attended the beer festival to be sick and to urinate in the gardens of nearby houses & in the lane leading to/from Hartle Lane. Broken glass is also a feature of the morning after on the approaches to the Recreation Ground. The beer festival lasts for three (3) days, but the disruption & noise occurs in the vicinity for several days during the setting up and breaking down of equipment & accommodation for the festival. This is especially caused by the running of commercial vehicles using the narrow access lane past the private houses in the Lane.

The Public Footpath which runs between the Recreation Ground & the Primary School in Bradford Lane was closed in the evenings by officials of the Beer Festival in 2015. Official permission was never sought from the County Council for such a closure. It is



a legal offense to close a Public Footpath without the necessary permission. These footpaths have the status of a public highway.

Loud music is played by the beer festival until late at night. This will be for three consecutive nights & is not acceptable in an area where many elderly people live. The beer festival is planned just two (2) weeks before the annual Scarecrow weekend. This ~~is~~ means that residents in the vicinity of the Recreation Ground will have to put up with disruption & nuisance for up to a month while both events are prepared & cleared away. People do not want the extra nuisance & disruption of a second event run by a commercial body from outside the village, <sup>and</sup> run only for profit.

The Protector of Children from Harm.

There is a children's playground

or a very popular skateboard park included in the designated area for which the licence is being sought. How are the young people using these facilities going to be protected from the actions of those patrons who have drunk too much? Will the children simply be denied use of the playground & skateboard park during the duration of the beer festival & for the preparation & clean up afterwards. What will their future be during the length of time that this licence will apply? How will the organisers ensure that unaccompanied children under the age of 18 are not allowed to purchase & consume alcohol?

**From:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sent:** 12 July 2016 14:19  
**To:** WRS Enquiries  
**Subject:** Ref: 16/03470/PREMLI

We write regarding the application for a premises license for live and recorded music and sale of alcohol at the Recreation Ground in Belbroughton.

We believe that the license will give allowance for a number of events and cover all year round and not just for the Belbroughton Beer Festival event held 8-10th September which we don't attend or wish to.

The event is not for the good of the local villagers and attracts many people from outside the region and does not benefit the villagers and only causes problems and disruption. The other festival Scarecrow Weekend also happens a couple of weekends after this event.

We would both like to object on the grounds of prevention of **public nuisance** and prevention of **crime and disorder**

We have been over the recreation ground whilst the beer festival has been taking place as we regularly walk over the fields this route. We have seen broken glass on the public footpath that leads up to the recreation ground from Hartle Lane.

We do not wish to have "security door staff" on our local public houses in the village which we frequent regularly.

We are a quiet peaceful village and having "door men" on our local public houses gives the wrong impression of the village. We promote passers by to stop and frequent the public houses giving them trade.

We are also aware that there have been previous incidents that have occurred during the Beer festival weekend with drunken persons.

On the note of public nuisance we do not wish to have noise of music being played over the beer festival evening or any other evenings throughout the year. There have already been issues with noise nuisance in the village from some local public houses so by adding these outside events only adds to the existing problem.

For these reasons we wish to object.

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From:  
Sent: 12 July 2016 22:16  
To: WRS Enquiries  
Subject: Fwd: Application ref 16/03470/PREMLI

Begin forwarded message:

From:  
Date: 12 July 2016 20:08:58 GMT+01:00  
To: "wrswnquiries@worsregservices.gov.uk" <wrswnquiries@worsregservices.gov.uk>  
Subject: Application ref 16/03470/PREMLI

I wish to object to the above licence application for the following reasons:

1. Prevention of crime and disorder - last year there was fighting and trouble in our village and drunk and disorderly behaviour.
2. The festival and any future events of this type compromise children's safety as there is a playground and skate park on the rec ground used often by children.
3. Public nuisance due to drunk and disorderly behaviour of some attending impacting on people's houses with much disruption, damage and noise.

Many thanks

From:  
Sent: 13 July 2016 13:33  
To: WRS Enquiries  
Subject: Reference:16/03470/PREMLI.

Dear Sir/Madam  
Re: Belbroughton Beer Festival Ltd application.

We wish to object to this application in the strongest terms and on a number of points. Chief amongst them are:

The beer festival brings unwanted disruption to the village, attracting unruly elements which have resulted in rowdy drunken behaviour, vandalism and fighting.

Belbroughton has already suffered from the effects of loud music from the village's public houses and numerous complaints have been recorded by the police, environmental services and breweries. The application is open-ended, allowing such and similar activities to take place on any day of the year which is totally unacceptable to residents.

The recreation ground was gifted to the village, for the enjoyment of villagers. This application is submitted by non-residents and for the purpose of attracting large numbers from outside Belbroughton.

Notices have been posted in the vicinity of the recreation ground but there is insufficient awareness generally of how this application, if successful, would seriously infringe villagers' rights to a peaceful existence.

We urgently hope that this application will be resisted in a manner that discourages similar "back door" initiatives that benefit a few financially at the expense of the residents who already have to cope with the Scarecrow Weekend, the existing beer festival and other Village Hall activities.

Yours faithfully

From: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sent: 15 July 2016 12:04  
To: WRS Enquiries  
Subject: Objection to Premises Licence Application

Dear Sirs,

I wish to raise a concern regarding an application which has been made for a Premises Licence for the Recreation Centre in Belbroughton.

Both my wife and I do not feel that another venue within our village requires a permanent licence to serve alcohol.

We currently have four licenced venues within the main village (The Queens, The Working Men's Club, The Old Horseshoes and The Talbot) all are within a short distance of each other along the High Street with the addition of the Church Hall which holds regular events with "pop up" bars.

I understand that the licence application is in relation to the proposed Beer Festival and that a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) would no longer suffice since it would only cover an event for up to 499 people.

From my experiences last year and from speaking with a number of local residents, we are in agreement that the Beer Festival brought a number of individuals into the village that created an intimidating atmosphere along with increased litter and a number of incidents where the Police were called, including an assault on a young bar tender from the village.

Belbroughton already has an annual celebration (Scarecrow Festival) which creates a family fun atmosphere where people come from far around to enjoy the creations of the villagers along with fun packed activities throughout the village.

The proposed date for the Beer festival is 8-10 September 2016 which falls in the same month as the Scarecrow festival. Do we really need to stage two events of this scale in the same month in a small village?

I appreciate you time and hope this email along with other objections are taken into account before granting a licence.

Kind regards

WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY  
SERVICES

18 JUL 2016

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seemingly especially a week or two  
before the summer weekend,  
people about noon the village  
early hours in the morning and  
the part on the edge of my  
lawn was unattended upon.

13-07-16  
I am writing  
to you concerning the plans  
for a full licence to be  
considered for  
a full licence, a beer festival, and the  
likelihood perhaps of more  
pubs and gas fires etc, not  
for the good of the village  
I don't want the identity of  
our lovely village spoilt.  
I may add that to benefit the  
company, it really isn't fair.

Yours sincerely

but the people that live nearby,  
I know it isn't perhaps your  
concern for the three pubs and  
a club that are struggling  
to get customers in but it will  
surely affect them.

One week or a year that  
was initially wanted, that was