

Sharon Smith
Licensing Section
Bromsgrove District Council
Burcot Lane
BROMSGROVE
B60 1AA

9th 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 5th me Sunday 8th March 2009 *[Signature]*



LICENSING APPLICATION
WICKET END CLUB

Alcester Road
Wicket End
Bromsgrove
Worce
B60 1JX
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

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 too.

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

ALCESTER ROAD
LICHEY END
BROMSGROVE
WORCESTERSHIRE B60 1JT

11th 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, 1st 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

Alcester Road
Lickey End
Bromsgrove
Worcester WR6 6EN

13th March 2009.

Licensing Officer
Sharon Smith.

Council Offices
Burcot Lane
Bromsgrove
B60 1AA.

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 couple 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

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

Alcester Road

Lickey End

Bromsgrove

Worcestershire

B60 1JX

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

11th 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.


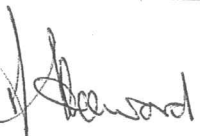

We have experienced great difficulty in driving along Alcester Road when there is a function at the Club. There is then parking on both sides of the road for a distance of approximately 400 yards. This leaves room only for a single line of traffic along the centre of the road. We witnessed a fracas between 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.



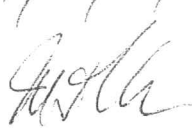
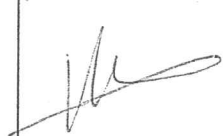

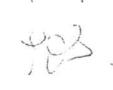
We both object to this application being granted.

Yours faithfully

Comments from Lickey End Residents regarding the 'Notice of Intention to Apply For A Premises Licence' as outlined in The Standard dated 27th February 2009

Name, Address & Telephone	Comments	Sign & Date
<p>ALCESTER ROAD LICKY END B60 1JT</p>	<p>Re A6 B6 i EX</p>	<p>26 +6 253. 04 88!!</p>  01/03/09
<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 & noise concerns.</p>	<p>O'Brien 1.3.09.</p>
<p>ALCESTER ROAD BROMSGROVE B60 1JT</p>	<p>object to ^{TWO} 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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Name Address	Comments	Sign & Date
Alcester Rd Lickey End Bromsgrove Worce	TRAFFIC WORRIES	1/3/09 
Alcester Rd Lickey End	Noise, Traffic	1/3/09 
Alcester Rd Lickey End Bromsgrove	Noise Traffic Police Called on NUMEROUS// TIMES 06	1/3/09 
Alcester Road Lickey End Bromsgrove	NOISE Swearing obstructing road in residential area.	1/3/09 
Wassell Alcester Rd. Lickey End.	Noise + Traffic Letters	1/3/09 
Alcester Rd Lickey End Bromsgrove.	Noise + parking + late night disturbance.	1/3/09 

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Name	Comments	Sign & Date
ALCESTER ROAD	PARKING & NOISE	A Hooprest 1-3-09.