

Appendix 'E'

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**Sent:** 29 October 2009 21:47

**To:** John Davies

**Subject:** Romsley and Hunnington Cricket and Bowls club

Regarding Romsley and Hunnington cricket and bowls club.

Speaking as a lifelong resident of both Hunnington and Romsley for more than 60yrs and a member of the afore mentioned club for many years I can only speak in praise of this club. In the last 4yrs I have witnessed this club rise from the doldrums to become a vibrant and valued centre of the community, providing a very affordable opportunity for local people to enjoy civilised social afternoons and evenings in the company of like minded people. As a regular visitor with my wife and other family members I have never witnessed any trouble of any kind nor have I seen or heard any rowdy clients and the only policemen I have seen have been off duty or retired officers enjoying a drink or a game of bowls.

I have never found parking a problem since the new improved parking facilities I will conclude by congratulating the management on a well run and successful club, long may it continue.

**Sent:** 01 November 2009 19:04  
**To:** John Davies  
**Subject:** Romsley and Hunnington Cricket Club

Dear Mr Davies

As a member of Romsley and Hunnington Cricket Club it has been brought to my attention that the local parish council have delivered letters encouraging objections to the request for the extended licensing hours for the club situated on the Bromsgrove Road. It is my belief that these letters were posted to selective addresses where the parish council believed that they would receive their required response to block the request and not as a blanket delivery of the area surrounding the club. The letter, having read it does paint an overly bad image of the club and its patrons.

In my time as a member I can only recall one occasion where the police were called in to resolve a justified parking issue and never called to any disturbance. While I am in support of the club I can appreciate the concerns of the local residents to the extended hours during the Sunday to Thursday period and feel that the clubs request may be a little excessive. However the club does provide a well needed facility for the local community and feel that the extended hours at the weekend would be warranted and that this arrangement would be a satisfactory compromise to this issue.

In closing I hope that a common sense approach and a satisfactory outcome will prevail in this issue

Regards

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02/11/2009

**Sent:** 26 October 2009 22:17  
**To:** John Davies  
**Subject:** Cricket and Bowls Club, Hunnington

Re The Cricket and Bowls Club, Hunnington.  
and letter from Hunnington Parish Council

I have lived in The Close Hunnington for 14 years and use the Cricket and Bowls club frequently, in my opinion the club is an asset to this village and I have never had any problems at the club, as far as I am concerned the club offers a friendly atmosphere for all age groups and is an ideal venue for families.

The letter posted to residents today is certainly not the views of myself and other members, As far as the parking problems encountered on Bank Holidays the club has done everything possible to avoid this ie extending the car park and advising drivers not to park on the road or in the private driveway.

This notification from the Parish council seems unfounded as after ringing the clerk today was informed that the only time the police had been in contact was due to parking problems, and no other trouble at the club which does not reflect in the letter from Hunnington Parish Council.

**Sent:** 28 October 2009 18:56  
**To:** John Davies  
**Subject:** Romsley & Hunnington Cricket Club

Dear Mr Davies

I refer to the licence application that Romsley & Hunnington Cricket Club have applied for. This is by far not an objection but completely the opposite. I have been a member of the club for the last 3 years. My husband and daughter play both bowls and cricket for the club so during the summer months we are there as a family almost every night. During the winter we use the club 3 - 4 nights each week. I have today seen a letter that the Hunnington Parish Council have sent to you and was dismayed to find the lies that it contained. In the 3 years that I have been using the club I have only seen the police once. CCTV cameras have been fitted so the first sign of any trouble would be on tape.

The noise levels are no different to any other pubs within the village of Romsley. As for cars being parked on the Bromsgrove Road surely the club cannot be held responsible fo the stupidity of motorists illegally parking.

Please take note of my comments and I await your reply.

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29/10/2009

**Sent:** 28 October 2009 09:12  
**To:** John Davies  
**Subject:** Romsley & Hunnington Cricket Club

Dear Mr Davies

I use the above club on a regular basis and read a notice on the board from Hunnington Parish Council stating that they have received a number of complaints from local residents about the club.

May I say that in the time I have been a member of the club, I have never heard of the police being called because of noise or trouble. There is ample parking space and cars very rarely need to park anywhere else and the members of the club do not appear to be rowdy!

The club is quite a distance away from homes and I am sure that they would not be disturbed by any entertainment that takes place at the club.

I support the Cricket Club in its application to vary its licence and hope that it continues to be the friendly, welcoming and entertaining club that it has been for the last few years.

Best regards

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Dear Mr Davies,

I am writing in support of the licensing application by Romsley and Hunnington Cricket Club.

I am a member of the Club and use it on a regular basis.

The Club is an excellent community facility with two cricket teams, local schoolchildren use the cricket pitch, there is bowling for the older members, and it is a safe and friendly environment which welcomes children, unlike most public houses -

The Club is responsibly run and the literature being circulated by the Parish Council is exaggerated/unfounded, viz :-

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### (a) Police Presence

I have never seen the police at the Club, indeed, older people like myself go there because it is so safe and there is never any trouble.

### (b) Noise

The Club is surrounded by fields with only one or two houses several hundred yards away.

The building is well sound-proofed and when you stand outside you cannot hear the entertainment until you actually enter.

### (c) Car Parking

occasionally, on a summers afternoon when the cricket team and bowling team are both at home, plus visiting teams, the car park can tend to get full, but the Manager has now improved parking arrangements.

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However, on a Friday or Saturday evening when the entertainment is on the car park is never full (no cricket or bowling).

Hence the granting of a licence will not aggravate car parking.

In conclusion, I would ask you to grant the application for a well run and well respected local Club.

Yours sincerely,



MR DAVIES

I am writing in response to the note posted through my door earlier this week in relation to the Licensing application for Romsley and Hunnington Cricket club.

A copy of this response will be given to the licence holder for the cricket club to ensure fairness to all parties concerned.

I wish to express my concern for in my opinion the biased way this letter has been written and also delivered to the local residents of Hunnington.

I myself am a member of the cricket club, using it for an occasional drink primarily during the week and sometimes daytime at weekends, especially during the cricket/bowls season. In addition I reside in close proximity to the club.

The letter indicates a number of complaints from local residents about the noise level and trouble. I am not aware of any of my immediate neighbours making such complaints, however I could quite understand the immediate neighbouring properties having some issues due to some increase in noise. What I would question is whether there have been several complaints from one/two individuals, or whether there have been several complaints from a number of individuals.

It is fair to say that the club has become popular in the last twelve months since newly managed. This bringing new custom, employment and financial benefit to the cricket and bowls club.

Likewise, I understand some issues being raised around the car parking, which I am fully aware that the cricket club themselves, have been made aware of and have made efforts to resolve such issues, themselves having sought advice from the police. In addition, both cricket and bowls

teams have completed improvements to the car parking area.

Furthermore, the cricket club staff has daily placed signs on the driveway and entrance advising users of the facility 'NOT' to park on the roadway, pavement or driveways. They I understand have been legally advised correctly that they are not personally and cannot be held responsible for inconsiderate users of the club who fail to adhere to this – but have continued their efforts to prevent this at all times.

Regarding visits by the local constabulary, I am aware of visits only made by them in relation to damage caused to a vehicle on the car park of the club - which I have to add from knowledge of the incidents appears to have been directed at more specific individuals, rather than general vandalism. I am not aware of any police visits around public disorder, noise level or 'rowdy clients'. In an effort to make the club a more secure and safe environment and elevate any such issues, CCTV has been installed at a financial cost to the club. (This is not necessarily publicly known!).

The Cricket Club for several local residents has become a community in its own right, with support for both cricket and bowls teams. The entertainment that is intended to be held is not a 'nightclub' or 'disco', but mainly live entertainment, singers and groups, which are/would be supported by members of the club and is designed for the benefit of all ages of the community.

Finally, I am particularly disappointed with the comments that were made by the person/s who delivered the letters – whom I am told were from the neighborhood watch scheme. They strongly advised at least one of my near neighbors to write and object, unless they wanted a 'nightclub' on their doorsteps, with people being 'sick' on their driveways and having the wheels stolen from their cars!

The leaflet drop it also appears to have been too selective? as some neighbours who reside in the immediate proximity did not receive them, these residents coincidentally also being a members of the club.

If I wished to raise any issue, then my only request or concern in relation to the club would be that it must stringently adhere to the 'membership policy'. It must/should ensure that only members used the facility, which then would itself enable the ability to more positively 'police' the persons/clientele that attended the club, control and monitor who parks their cars where and have control around their behavior etc. with the ability then to positively act and impact on any such complaints received. Perhaps a condition of the licence and any membership of the club could be for members to provide details of their vehicle registration numbers, this would then further assist any positive action being taken by those who parked inappropriately in the future.