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23 September 2010

The Licensing Officer  
Waverley Borough Council

Dear Sir,

**BRAMLEY SOCIAL CLUB**  
Surrey Advertiser formal notice in edition 20 August 2010

As Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for Hall Road and Brambles Park in Bramley, I am writing to reiterate my concerns expressed in my letter to you dated 27 June 2010 regarding the variation to the license of the above club. The recent changes to the club, with a much enlarged exterior area, will inevitably increase the amount noise and anti-social behaviour which already plagues close neighbours.

There have been a number of unpleasant incidents associated with the club, most of which stem from their abuse of the existing club license which requires the premises to be closed by 11.30pm every evening, and the police seem powerless to intervene due to the current club premises license which enables them to keep the police from entering.

It appears that you, as the Licensing Authority, are unable to curtail their anti-social behaviour, so I think it best that the current license is withdrawn and they are exposed to proper monitoring via a full premises license. I would like to see drinking hours and playing of loud music to stop in the afternoons at weekends, and an authorised and responsible person to be on the premises whenever it is open, in order that someone accountable is there to ensure that the conditions of the license are adhered to.

Yours faithfully,

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FAO: The Licensing Section  
Waverly Borough Council  
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Dear Sirs

Further to my letter dated 16/06/2010 regarding an application for a variation to the premises license for Bramley Social Club and an additional application publicised in the Surrey Advertiser on 20/08/2010.

In the strongest possible terms and I wish reiterate my objection to this and any other application made by the Bramley Social club.

For over 15 years my partner and I have been residents of Bramley, living on Station Road. The rear of our property overlooks the Village Hall car park where, in the early hours of the morning and some weekend afternoons, there is a regular exhibition of loud and aggressive behaviour disturbing all in the neighbourhood.

I cannot count the times I have called Surrey Police to report anti-social behaviour and have myself confronted individuals who after spending their time in the social club have then exited in a loud and aggressive manner often performing acts of vandalism on their way home.

Not only is there pedestrian unpleasantness, there is also frequently revving of car and motorcycle engines and screeching wheel spins up and down Hall Road in addition to loud car music that the patrons of the Social club seem to need to share with the village as they depart.

Given that the existing circumstances are bad enough, to consider that they now have a larger area outside in which they will be able to be noisy till later in the night/early morning, just does not bear thinking about. It will make living in the area intolerable.

In my opinion the opening hours should be kept within normal licensing hours, in line with local public houses.

If the Social Club was managed by an effective management, then such misbehaviour would not be

tolerated and the young drinkers would learn how to use alcohol socially. If this is not remedied then this generation of youngsters (many of whom are not Bramley residents) will continue to behave poorly and become an even greater burden to law enforcement officers and residents.

Living on Station Road is bad enough but I am sure that the residents of Hall Road and Brambles Park must suffer even more than we do.

The Social Club has shown scant regard for their neighbours by commencing their building works without obtaining planning permission or having consultation with residents in this conservation area bounded by a school for young girls.



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27<sup>th</sup> August. 2010.

The Licensing Officer,  
Waverley Borough Council.

Dear Sir,

**BRAMLEY SOCIAL CLUB.**

Formal notice in The Surrey Advertiser 20/10/2010 edition.

As a near neighbour I must express my concerns regarding the current application to vary the Club Premises Certificate under the Licensing Act 2003.

My objections are much the same as my letter of objection to their Minor Variation application, dated 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010 which was refused, you informed me of this on the 9<sup>th</sup> July. 2010.

Since that date I have noted 12 incidents of anti social behaviour, Licence abuse, loud music , bad language etc, I have informed the Enviromental Health of the noise and loud music issues, these are all the direct consequence of the garden area being enlarged, and the increased use of this area, it is also a prime example of their lack of responsibility ,they just do not care or are concerned, they are using the outside area as though they have been given full permission to use this much enlarged garden area, they have even recently installed outside lighting, and have fully furnished it for outside use/entertainment.

I would like to see their current License withdrawn, or at the very least the use of the garden area for the consumption of alcohol be refused, the hours of the club premises to be reduced, especially on Sundays, say 2pm. Their current license states no music live or recorded except on Fridays and Saturdays, between 7pm-11pm. they certainly do not keep to this rule! especially on a Sunday and often during the week as well.

When making your decisions please take on board the concerns of my wife and I, and bear in mind this club is incapable of regulating itself, it's members and committee have no regard for their neighbours and the club premises are in the Bramley Conservation area .

Yours faithfully.

Enclosed copy of  
Some of the inciden  
And times etc.

1. Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> July. Noise, shouting and foul language, music till 1am Saturday.
2. Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup>. Loud thumping music, shouting, started at 6.30pm till 8.45pm (music only allowed on Fridays and Saturdays).
3. Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Shouting, loud voices, swearing, loud music.
4. Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Loud thumping music, started at 3.30pm went on till 11.50pm.
5. Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Loud thumping music again from 1.30pm until 6.30pm.
6. Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Loud thumping music, shouting, started at 6pm till 12.15 am.
7. Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July. Loud music, swearing from 5.30pm till 11.45pm.
8. Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July. Loud music all afternoon.
9. Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August. Loud voices, shouting until 12.40am (Sat)
10. Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Swearing and foul language.
11. Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August. Loud thumping music, shouting, all afternoon.
12. Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August. Loud music, shouting, now got bright outside lights, till 1.45am. (sat)

These are just the ones we have recorded since 9<sup>th</sup> July, there are many more, we have been noting the noise and anti social behaviour for the past year or so, as we were advised to do so by Mr Hathaway the Police Licensing Officer.

ST CATHERINE'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL  
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1<sup>st</sup> September 2010

Mr P Hughes  
Licensing Manager  
Waverley Borough Council  
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Dear Mr Hughes

Re: Bramley Social Club's alcohol licence

I write on behalf of St Catherine's Prep. School in connection with Bramley Social Club's full application to vary their alcohol licence and our concerns are the same as when Bramley Social Club submitted a variation to their alcohol licence in June 2010.

We wish to protect children attending St Catherine's Prep. School from harm of foul language which usually, but not exclusively, results from excess drinking. The building of the new external patio area is very close to St Catherine's Prep. School both in terms of the actual classrooms and playing area for children aged 4 upwards. We would hope that the outside seating area will not lead to excessive lunch time drinking – which of course has not been an issue due to there previously being no external seating. There have been occurrences in the past, in fact last summer, when the occupants of the Social Club were seen and heard on the roof of the Social Club drinking, smoking and using foul language which could be heard well above loud music. This obviously was a public nuisance.

There is also the potential nuisance of cigarette smoking – which we gather is one of the main reasons for the shelter which has recently been built. We feel this would be hazardous to the children's health.

Bramley Social Club has at present an on and off premises alcohol licence covering the hours of 11am to 11pm Monday to Sunday with other non standard timings permitted throughout the year. Although the majority of the 'unsavoury' incidents occur at night when the Prep. School is closed, we feel that on the occasions when events take place at the Prep. School at the weekend the same issues apply with foul language due to excessive drinking, cigarette smoke and loud music. This is not conducive to 4 year olds, nor is it to prospective parents looking round the Prep. School who do not want their children in such an environment.

Our concerns regarding this full application to vary the Social Club's alcohol licence are linked to the health issues regarding smoking in the garden area, and to the licensing hours and potential resulting bad behaviour that would disturb the young girls in the classrooms and out at play and impact negatively on the quality of their educational experience. We would prefer that the licensing hours of the Social Club be reduced to remove term-time, weekday hours when the girls are at School.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

Kathleen Jefferies

cc Mrs A Phillips, Headmistress, St Catherine's School  
Mrs C Silver, Business Manager, St Catherine's School  
Miss C Jones, Assistant Business Manager, Buildings & Resources, St Catherine's School

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The Licensing Officer,

Waverley Borough Council.

Dear Sir,

Re: BRAMLEY SOCIAL CLUB

Surrey Advertiser formal notice in edition 20th August 2010

On the 16th June, we objected to the minor variation of premises licence. Our detailed reasons were contained in that letter and, to avoid repetition, we would ask you please refer to it in support of our renewed objection.

Since our original letter, some patrons of the club have acquired 2 dogs which are allowed to bark loudly out in their garden area at all times up to 2am. The people themselves are still out in the garden until this time shouting and swearing and playing loud music. They are **BLATANTLY FLOUTING** the conditions of the existing licence.

The last Labour Government belatedly realised and admitted that 24hour drinking was a failure and the new coalition government has announced that measures will be introduced to restrict the antisocial behaviour it causes and give greater consideration and protection to the law – abiding "silent majority". We would ask you, as the licensing officer, to give us locals freedom from the totally unacceptable behaviour of these people.

At all hours up to 2am, they get in their cars [and it would be reasonable to assume, over the limit] and roar off down Hall road with tyres screeching and horns blaring. You as the licensing authority have the power to prevent all this and to allow them to continue seems to us to ignore their dangerous activities.

This club is of benefit only to its uncivilised clientele. It has NO value to village life. It despoils the vicinity and greatly alienates neighbouring families.

We would both ask you please if you would consider the **TOTAL REJECTION** of any licence and, at the very least, impose the most stringent restrictions.

Yours Faithfully

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1<sup>st</sup> September 2010

The Licencing Officer  
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Dear Sir,

Bramley Social Club

Surrey Advertiser Formal Notice on 20/08/10

Following the above Formal Notice it is apparently necessary to repeat the comments we made in our letter dated 19/06/10, (copy enclosed). The most recent request is for your approval for an enlarged outside area (already in use) for drinking and "music".

Being outside, the new area will obviously bring increased noise and commotion which will annoy and upset neighbours, even more than if the noise and commotion were kept indoors.

As we said before, we are not satisfied with the granting of a licence to this club, as it is at present. We do not think it would be at all safe for the local people to have the licence extended in any way.

Yours faithfully,



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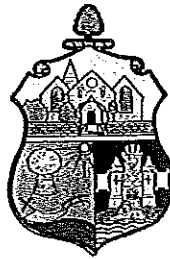
Dear Sir BRAMLEY SOCIAL CLUB

Surrey Advertiser formal Notice in edition 20.8.10  
I have already written to you regarding the above &  
would draw your attention to the matters raised in  
my letter of objection to their minor Variation  
application which was refused.  
It would seem that the premises are used by a few  
peoples, who give the impression that they are  
totally unconcerned by the impact their enjoyment  
of an evening out is having on the residents  
who live nearby and anyone who may be passing.  
The club premises are very near the village  
centre in which I have resided since 1936. I feel  
that the club should show that they are capable  
of meeting within the restrictions imposed on them  
and that a responsible person should be on the  
premises at all times to ensure that this is so.

Yours faithfully

# Bramley Parish Council

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Dear Sir or Madam

## BRAMLEY SOCIAL CLUB – APPLICATION FOR FULL VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE EXTENSION TO OUTSIDE GARDEN AREA AND REDUCTION OF INTERNAL CLUB

With reference to the above variation of licence application. Bramley Parish Council would reiterate the comments in our previous letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010, as attached, but more specifically that we have real concern that the significant material change to the external area of the club will have much greater impact on neighbouring residents in terms of ongoing public nuisance.

We have been informed of several instances where the club may have failed to comply with the existing licence conditions, resulting in public nuisance and unneighbourly behaviour. It would seem reasonable to assume that a greater presence by social club members in the newly extended outdoor area will result in increased noise nuisance to neighbours.

We should like to reiterate our request that, should, having considered the objections, the Licensing Committee nevertheless propose to grant the licence, it should only be granted for a provisional period of one year. This will allow Bramley Social Club Trustees to resolve the ongoing unneighbourly behaviour, and to ensure that Waverley Borough Council Licensing Enforcement can work with the club to ensure all licence conditions are fully met.

Yours faithfully

Rachael Hill

Clerk to Bramley Parish Council

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24th. August 2010

The Licencing Section  
Waverley Borough Council  
The Burys  
Godalming.

Dear Sirs

Having read the formal notice published on the 20th. August concerning the Bramley Social Club I write on behalf of the residents of Brambles Park to confirm that the contents of my letter of 19th. June are relevant to this current application.

With reference to the final paragraph of your letter of 9th. July I believe that the behaviour of some members of the club, and the apparant lack of management, continue to cause concern to local residents. This will be aggravated by the proposed outdoor extension.

Apparant disregard of regulations and the inconsiderate conduct of some members in the vicinity of residential property in this road and Hall Road are sufficient reasons to enforce stricter control by the Authority.

A temporary ban on sale or consumption of alcohol for a limited period may cause the management to exercise more control and to emphasise to the membership their responsibility to the community. Reinstatement should be subject to a favourable report to you from the police.

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Dear Sir

**Bramley Social Club: Variation of Premises Licence  
Formal Notice in Surrey Advertiser dated 20.8.2010**

We are writing once again to register our objection to the above application for the Bramley Social Club to extend its activities to an area outside of its clubhouse.

We wrote to you on 20 June 2010 expressing our concerns to this variation to the Premises Licence highlighting the history of anti-social behaviour from some of the club's members. We strongly feel that if the club's activities were allowed to extend to outside the building this would only encourage further noise and disturbance and subject those living nearby to unacceptable annoyance and stress.

We trust that the concerns of all local residents will be taken into account when considering this application.

Yours faithfully

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6<sup>th</sup> September 2010

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The Licensing Section  
Waverley Borough Council  
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Dear Sir,

Bramley Social Club

Surrey Advertiser - Formal Notice in Edition 20<sup>th</sup> August  
2010

Further to our letter dated the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2010 objecting to the application by the Bramley Social Club for a Minor Variation of Premises License, we would now like to lodge our objection to the formal notice that appeared in the Surrey Advertiser on the 20<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

As expected, the recently completed outdoor area (which was constructed without due process) has compounded the existing problems for the neighbours with loud, thumping music being played on Saturday and Sunday afternoons (outside of the hours of the existing license i.e. before 19h00 and after 23h00) destroying the peaceful village atmosphere. Furthermore we have had incidents of loud shouting, swearing and fighting/arguing in the street as members exit the Social Club (often after the hours defined in the license). Following such an incident, we had to report a loud disturbance and intrusion onto our property on the night 12<sup>th</sup>/ 13<sup>th</sup> June 2010 when 2 youths entered our property and knocked on the door at 01h30. We refer you to Police case reference P10178375.

It is our understanding from the police that they are unable to enter the Social Club premises and therefore that they are helpless to sort out the problems experienced by residents of Hall Road, Brambles Park and Station Road, all of which are largely fuelled by alcohol consumption. It has become obvious that there is no one at the Social Club who is responsible for ensuring that the license requirements are met.

In addition, we have yet to see or hear of any attempts by the Licensing Authority to either monitor our claims and those of our neighbours or to enforce the conditions of the existing license.

In our opinion the current license should be revoked on the grounds of the Social Club not adhering to the existing license conditions and that no further license should be granted.

Yours faithfully

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Waverley Borough Council

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Dear Sir

BRAMLEY SOCIAL CLUB

I am writing to express my views regarding the application to vary the Club Premises Certificate

As I wrote previously I bought the house at the above address in 1979 with full knowledge that it was very close to the Village Hall and the adjacent Social Club.

I wanted to be in the heart of the village with lots of activity and it has been so very

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Pleasant until the last few years which have seen anti-social behaviour from Social Club members particularly at night or on Summer afternoons, including Sunday.

This takes the form of shouting loud music and very bad language

I think any licence should restrict the hours of the club premises to say Sunday at 2pm and all other days 11pm

Then perhaps we can all be good neighbours again

Yours faithfully



- 9.12 The Secretary of State recommends that in borderline cases, the benefit of the doubt should be given to the interested party making the representation. The subsequent hearing would then provide an opportunity for the person or body making the representation to amplify and clarify it. If it then emerged, for example, that the representation should not be supported, the licensing authority could decide not to take any action in respect of the application.
- 9.13 Licensing authorities should consider providing advice on their websites about how any interested party can make representations to them.
- 9.17 For instance, they could advise interested parties to provide the relevant responsible authority with details of how they consider that the licensing objectives are being undermined so that the responsible authority can make representations if appropriate and justified.
- 9.18 The licensing authority may also decide to withhold some or all of the interested party's personal details from the applicant, giving only enough details (such as street name or general location within a street) which would allow an applicant to be satisfied that the interested party is within the vicinity of the premises. However, withholding such detail should only be considered where the circumstances justify such action and the licensing authority is satisfied that the complaints are not frivolous or vexatious.

#### **DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL DETAILS OF INTERESTED PARTIES**

- 9.14 Where a notice of a hearing is given to an applicant, the licensing authority is required under the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 to provide to the applicant with the notice and copies of the relevant representations that have been made.
- 9.15 In some exceptional and isolated circumstances interested parties may be reluctant to make representations because of fears of intimidation or violence if their personal details, such as name and address, are divulged to the applicant.
- 9.16 Where licensing authorities consider that the interested party has a genuine and well-founded fear of intimidation and may be deterred from making a representation because of this, they may wish to consider alternative approaches.

#### **HEARINGS**

- 9.19 Regulations governing hearings may be viewed on the DCMS website. If the licensing authority decides that representations are relevant, it must hold a hearing to consider them. The need for a hearing can only be dispensed with by the agreement of the licensing authority, the applicant and all of the parties who made relevant representations. In cases where only 'positive' representations are received, without qualifications, the licensing authority should consider whether a hearing is necessary. To this end it may wish to notify the interested parties concerned and give them the opportunity to withdraw their representations. This would need to be done in sufficient time before the hearing to ensure that parties were not put to unnecessary inconvenience.

- 9.20 Responsible authorities should try to conclude any discussions with the applicant in good time before the hearing. If the application is amended at the last moment, the licensing committee should consider giving interested parties time to address the revised application before the hearing commences.
- 9.21 The Regulations require that representations must be withdrawn 24 hours before the first day of any hearing. If they are withdrawn after this time, the hearing must proceed. However, where discussions between an applicant and those making representations are taking place and it is likely that all parties are on the point of reaching agreement, the licensing authority may wish to use the power given within the hearings regulations to extend time limits, if it considers this to be in the public interest.
- 9.22 Applicants should be encouraged to contact responsible authorities before formulating their applications so that the mediation process may begin before the statutory time limits come into effect after submission of an application. The hearing process must meet the requirements of Regulations made by the Secretary of State. Where matters arise which are not covered by the Regulations, licensing authorities may make arrangements as they see fit as long as they are lawful.
- 9.23 There is no requirement in the Act for responsible authorities that have made representations to attend, but it is generally good practice and assists committees to reach more informed decisions. Where several responsible authorities within a local authority have made representations on an application, a single local authority officer may represent them at the hearing if the responsible authorities and the licensing authority agree. However, an officer of the licensing authority may not perform this role which would compromise the licensing authority's independence.
- 9.24 As a matter of practice, licensing authorities should seek to focus the hearing on the steps needed to promote the particular licensing objective which has given rise to the specific representation and avoid straying into undisputed areas. A responsible authority or interested party may choose to rely on their written representation. They may not add further representations to those disclosed to the applicant prior to the hearing, but they may expand on their existing representation.
- 9.25 In determining the application with a view to promoting the licensing objectives in the overall interests of the local community, the licensing authority must give appropriate weight to:
- the steps that are necessary to promote the licensing objectives;
  - the representations (including supporting information) presented by all the parties;
  - this Guidance;
  - its own statement of licensing policy.
- 9.26 The licensing authority should give its decision at once, unless the Act itself states otherwise and provide reasons to support it. This will be important if there is an appeal by any of the parties. Notification of a decision must be accompanied by information on the right of the party to appeal. After considering all the relevant issues, the licensing authority may grant the application subject to such conditions that are consistent with the

operating schedule. Any conditions imposed must be necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives; there is no power for the licensing authority to attach a condition which is merely aspirational. For example, conditions may not be attached which relate solely to the health of customers rather than their direct physical safety.

9.27 Alternatively, the licensing authority may refuse the application on the grounds that this is necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives. It may also refuse to specify a designated premises supervisor and/or only allow certain requested licensable activities. In the interests of transparency, the licensing authority should publish hearings procedures in full on its website to ensure that interested parties and others have the most current information.

9.28 In the context of variations, which may involve structural alteration to or change of use of the building, the decision of the licensing authority will not exempt an applicant from the need to apply for building control or planning consent where appropriate.

