

Corporate Post

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24th January 2017.

Dear Mr Howson

Reference: Variation of Planning permission Y02/0689/SH (Y16/1263/SH): Basement premises. 2 Castle Hill Avenue. CT20 2QT.

I am writing to object to the above proposal on the following grounds:

[✓] **Highway Issues**

The club is situated on the corner of a roundabout with double yellow lines outside. Currently at closing time taxis arrive and block the road park on the double lines, cause a danger to other road users on an already dangerous roundabout, (see 999 calls to that area for traffic incidents).

In addition patrons of the bar spill out from the terrace onto the road and cause a danger to road users.

When fights have broken out these too have taken place in the road and on the roundabout endangering other road users. Again 999 calls will verify this as will calls to the out of office team.

[✓] **Noise or Disturbance**

Noise and disturbance is already an issue with this premises current operation and an extension to the operating hours will only worsen this situation.

There have already been several noise abatement orders served, but these have not resolved the issues.

Inspecting the police and environmental health records relating to these premises will show that this has been an ongoing issue.

Antisocial behaviour has also been reported with fighting, littering and people urinating and vomiting in the street, which has then not been cleared up and poses a health hazard to young families living in the area.

☒ Incompatible or unacceptable uses

The club is situated in a residential area which is predominantly made up from flats and therefore is densely populated.

It is our opinion that this operation is effectively that of a nightclub and as such is not suited to this area.

This is also a conservation area and the anti social behaviour described above does little to help maintain this.

The benefit from such a nightclub can only be for a very small number of people (due to the size of the property), but the detriment of such an operation will be felt by many more and on a regular basis.

Additional Comments:

For people who are elderly it is quite frightening returning from an event at the Leas Cliff Hall to pass this Bar.

In addition, the measures proposed in the application to minimise disruption are very similar to measures that were conditions of the previous noise abatement orders issued in 2014 and 2015. However further complaints were made by residents following these orders proving that these were not effective.

As such, it seems inappropriate to extend hours of operation where it can be shown that the existing operation is already causing issues that have not been resolved.

☐ I am willing to speak at the public meeting concerning this application to raise my objections in person

Yours Sincerely

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