

## Seacroft Village Hall Social Club

### Statement in support of our application for a variation to our license.

When applying initially for a 'Premises' license you are asked to supply plans of the premises and these should show:-

1 The boundary of **the building**

2 licensable activities **in the building**

3 where alcohol will be consumed **in** the premises

This seems to define premises purely as the building whereas by definition 'premises' is the site as a whole including land.

We would like permission to consume alcohol on and within our premises (whole property including land) during our permitted hours but this facility to drink outside is obviously subject to the weather and would always be limited to Sundays and Bank Holidays. When lockdown was eased in July the Government encouraged licensed premises to have tables outside to facilitate social distancing

Our second variation is to have the facility to extend our permitted hours on Saturdays by one hour. This would only be used for special occasions and would not be taken up each week. The majority of our members are of a mature age and are ready for home at 11pm but occasionally when there is a special birthday, anniversary or national celebration those more able bodied would like the opportunity to celebrate a little longer.

Both of these variations can easily be obtained by selected Temporary Event Notices whereby objections cannot be made, other than by Council officers, but they require additional administration work by our secretary and the licensing staff at Leeds City Council.

Three of our four immediate neighbours have no objections to either of the variations.

The Village Hall is a vital part of the community providing a home for Cubs, Scouts, Evergreens, Weight Watchers, Buffaloes, Adults with learning difficulties and now a Village Tea Room but it needs the Social Club to ensure

financial stability. If the Social Club cannot make a profit then the Village Hall would fail and then fall into disrepair and nobody wants this to happen in Seacroft.

Obviously we are currently bound by the Covid regulations and we are doing our utmost to ensure the safety of our members