

16th March 2023

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Dear [REDACTED]

I am in receipt of your Objection to the Alcohol Licence and thought I would respond to you regarding this.

I'm told the Licencing application form has certain areas already populated by the licensing department, and the timings were one of those areas. We have proposed the following.

Summer time 1st April to 30th September

For the serving of alcohol

Sunday to Thursday 12 noon – 9pm

Friday and Saturday 12 noon – 11pm (with some special occasions such as New Year's Eve going on later – subject to application to LCC licencing and agreement in advance with the Estate Board). Those in attendance at the club will be encouraged to come inside from 9 to 9.30pm and doors to the patio closed. There will be an allowance for drinking up time and vacating the premises.

The Clubhouse will be open during daylight hours for the purpose of those normally incidental to the golf course and Clubhouse. This is usually from around 7am in the summer and includes access to the Locker room, Toilets/Showers, the 19th room and Kitchen. The serving of alcohol will not be allowed until the times stated above.

Winter time 1st October to 31st March

Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday 12 noon – 6pm

Monday and Thursday Closed

Friday and Saturday 12 noon – 11pm (with some special occasions such as New year's Eve going on later – subject to application to LCC licencing and agreement in advance with the Estate Board). Those in attendance at the club will be encouraged to come inside from 9 to 9.30pm and doors to the patio closed. There will be an allowance for drinking up time and vacating the premises.

The Clubhouse will be open during daylight hours for the purpose of those normally incidental to the golf course and Clubhouse. This is usually from around 8am in the winter (with footfall severely reduced due to the time of year) and includes access to the Locker room, Toilets/Showers, the 19th



room and Kitchen except for Mondays and Thursdays where access to the Locker Room and Toilets/ Showers will only be allowed. The serving of alcohol will not be allowed until the times stated above.

The Outside music events – Summer only

We would like to hold fully ticketed events (music, Family fun days) where a stage is erected on the land to the front of the Clubhouse for the day and invite local bands to play, this would be a limited number event and discussions with LCC have taken place regarding Licences needed if given the go ahead, we WILL NOT be applying for any licence for an increase in use. This would be on dates agreed in advance and would finish at a reasonable hour as agreed with the Estate Board. Ideally finishing at 9.30pm.

The Bonfire, was a members event for many years but found people were turning up and obviously being open land staying to watch the fireworks, this became even more evident when the Bankhouse closed 3 years ago, So last year we blocked off the land and made the event a fully ticketed event for Members and their families only. This was well received by our Neighbours and praise on our organisation of the bonfire this year was from all the settlement and the farms around us. We discussed the bonfire with the Settlement Committee afterwards and going forward would be looking to include the other businesses from the settlement with areas inside the Clubhouse for No.54 Tea rooms, The Museum, Oh Hello Pottery etc. to sell their produce. The Opening of the Clubhouse for this event usually starts around 5.30pm, Bonfire is Lit around 7pm with a Firework display. This is usually over by 9.30pm. The land is then cleared the next day and reseeded.

The noise complaints and how we address these.

I would like to invite everyone down on a date agreed to firstly apologise and then go through how we have and how we intend to further improve things. I think a lot depends on how we are allowed to operate going forward as we are a little stuck in limbo at the moment. Until we have sight of whether we will be allowed a Premises licence by Leeds City Council will determine what extra measures we will be able to put in place. We agreed with LCC environmental department to a series of measures to address the complaint and the complaint was closed early January. These measures were:

Closing the doors to the Patio area at 9.30pm (we now lock these at that point as they are not a fire door)

Monitoring the levels coming from the Clubhouse with staff/Management going outside the clubhouse at regular intervals and addressing if needed.

Music off/ Very Low from 11pm.

Various notices around the Clubhouse about vacating the premises in a quiet manner.

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Keeping people inside the Clubhouse whilst they wait for picking up.

Although we have met any concerns about noise by the Environment Agency already , If the Licence is accepted by all parties, we would be looking to an Acoustic specialist to steer us further, but on my inspection so far we would be looking to install some sound proofing in the roof void as a minimum. We also note that some of the residents have removed fences adjoining the Golf Club and with the trees/ bushes at the back of the Clubhouse being lopped this hasn't helped the buffering of the noise but we can address that if necessary.

We have had no complaints about noise since before Xmas and am willing to give my personal phone number to those who need to contact me at any time day or night should they need to, I live just outside the settlement and can be on site within minutes to check and deal with things if needed.

I can assure you that our proposal will be adhered to if given the go ahead by Licencing and we will not be "turning into Wetherspoons". We aim to give a service to Members, Visitors and their guests but to allow people using the valley for walking etc. to at least be able to call in for a drink. We have also discussed this proposal with the Settlement committee which includes the School Head and the Church Minister and no concerns were raised with regards the school children and Church goers.