

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Sent: 22 June 2021 10:37
Subject: RE: Application for Premises Licence under section 17 of the licensing Act 2003 - Christine House, London Road, Rainham, Kent ME8 8PT

From: >
Sent: 21 June 2021 15:34
To: Licensing (SBC)
Cc:
Subject: Application for Premises Licence under section 17 of the licensing Act 2003 - Christine House, London Road, Rainham, Kent ME8 8PT

Dear SirMadam,

It is understood that you will be shortly considering an application for a Licence in respect of the above premises.

Hartlip Parish Council was very concerned about the planning application in respect of these premises and objected on grounds of highways, air quality, security, amenity, the proposed hours of operation and the remoteness of the site.

Swale Borough Council refused the application.

In his wisdom an Inspector granted the application on 28 April 2021.

The concerns from a Licensing point of view which the Parish Council has are as follows:

Crime and Disorder.

The amount of crime and anti-social behaviour in the Spade Lane area has increased exponentially in the last ten years and the committee may wish to compare the figures for 2009 compared with 2019. The site lies on the edge of Medway and of Swale and although technically it is in Rainham it will have far more effect on Hartlip and the residents of Swale. It is distant from any Police Centre and rarely receives routine visits from the police although they have been called to Spade Lane on a number of occasions in relation to anti-social behaviour and other more serious matters. Being somewhat isolated it could well become an area for exchanging drugs and other criminal activities.

The police will no doubt give advice to the applicants on crime prevention but the real concern is about the impact of the venue on local residents and that could be serious and involve many aspects.

Public Nuisance

It is noted that it is proposed to play some music outside until 3am in the morning.

Why?

It is said that it will be quiet and more background in nature. This is not acceptable. Outside music is an inevitable cause for disturbance which will prompt complaints to the police and the anti-social behaviour team. This request certainly should not be accepted and if it is, strict controls on volume and hours should be imposed and enforced.. It is also noted that it is proposed that alcohol will be available for 19 hours a day. The nuisance from this should not be underestimated and again will prompt complaints to the police and the anti-social behaviour team.

Public Transport to the venue is poor. The last train from from Rainham to London on a Saturday night leaves Rainham at 2314 and there appear to be no buses between Sittingbourne and Chatham on a Saturday night meaning that most visitors to the site will be travelling by car or by taxi. Licensing hours should therefore be severely reduced.

Residents will be severely impacted by the noise that will be generated from music, traffic and customers leaving the premises in the middle of the night..

Such premises usually attract anti-social behaviour and rubbish and this will be detrimental to the amenities of residents. There should be an insistence on the employment of door men or bouncers and cctv around the whole building.

The amenity and well-being of established residents is a matter of immense concern to Hartlip Parish Council. This includes physical and mental well-being. Residents have Human Rights which a local authority has a duty to recognise and protect.

The proposal is one which prioritises commercial and personal gain over all much more important matters.

Protection of Public Safety

This application needs to be considered alongside a proposal for 14 Boot fairs a year to be held on land in South Bush Lane about one quarter of a mile from the site in question. On the last occasion these proposals were put forward they were accompanied by an application for an alcohol licence for 16 hours a day. This, quite rightly, was turned down by Medway Council.

There are two other entertainment centres within a quarter of a mile of this site both with alcohol licences. Already the potential for nuisance and accidents is very high and for offences of driving under the influence of alcohol even higher. To grant this application, especially as it stands, will compound these problems.

This is a matter which clearly requires very careful consideration.

Yours faithfully,,

Chairman of Hartlip Parish Council

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From: Licensing (SBC)
Sent: 22 June 2021 14:17
Subject: RE: Licensing application by Christine Adeosun

From:
Sent: 22 June 2021 13:40
To: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: Licensing application by Christine Adeosun

Sirs,

I refer to the above mentioned licensing application and I am writing to express my concerns for the following reasons;- I would add that I am a resident who lives in Newington on the London Road;

Prevention of Crime & Disorder

I consider the request to be open until 3am every day excessive and likely to cause disorder in what is a very quiet semi rural area. I would suggest a closing time of midnight at the weekend and 11pm weekdays and bank holidays to be more appropriate.

The application does not specify how the rubbish bins are stored - I do hope that these are secure which will help prevent any vandalism at this very open site.

Prevention of public nuisance

I note there is not a noise plan in place at present and would ask for these details before any application is considered further.

Whilst the applicant says there are no houses in the area, I would point out that there are some, in the next door lane and across the fields together with other businesses located very near.

Protection of public safety

There is a significant Refrigeration plant within close proximity to the applicants property and it is, of course, on the main Watling Street/London Road which is the alternative route when the M2 is blocked. This road does, as I am sure you are aware, take heavy traffic down to either Rainham or to the Key Street roundabout and the A249. I would therefore express my concern at the possible likelihood of further congestion and the increase in air pollution together with the serving of alcohol late into the early morning to be an unacceptable risk. I would suggest normal licensing hours i.e. 11pm closure to be more appropriate.

There is not mention of any Car Park supervision in this application. I believe this will be necessary to prevent traffic problems on the main road.

Many thanks for the opportunity to voice local concerns.

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