

**Steve Ashby**

---

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 12 June 2016 19:29  
**To:** Steve Ashby  
**Subject:** licence application. Brampton Rovers new application 14 June 2016

For the attention of Steve Ashby

Re licence application. Brampton Rovers new application 14 June 2016

Dear Sir

I consider the current licence application for the sale of alcohol and entertainment to be totally disproportionate to the usage for which the clubhouse was granted planning approval. I believe the current licencing proposals will constitute an unprecedented public nuisance to the surrounding residential properties (of which I am one, situated less than 100 metres from the proposed licence site)

My primary concern relates to the noise disturbance to neighbouring properties from activities intended to continue late into the night and possibly right through it. These activities include the provision of:

Plays 7 days a week from 08:00 to 02:00, provision indoors and outdoors

Films 7 days a week from 08:00 to 02:00, provision indoors and outdoors

Indoor sporting events 7 days a week from 08:00 to 02:00, provision indoors

Live music 7 days a week from 08:00 to 02:00, provision indoors and outdoors

Recorded music 7 days a week from 08:00 to 02:00, provision indoors and outdoors

Performance of dance 7 days a week from 08:00 to 02:00, provision indoors and outdoors

Late night refreshment 7 days a week from 23:00 to 03:00, provision indoors and outdoors, Seasonal variations of non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the supply of late night refreshments at different times from those listed are to include the broadcasting of live televised sporting events and/or on recognised UK Bank Holidays and/or after floodlit evening matches the hours will be from 2300 to 0500

Selling and supply alcohol 7 days a week from 10:00 to 02:00, provision indoors and outdoors, Seasonal variations of non-standard timings. Where the premises will be used for the supply of alcohol at different times from those listed are to include televised sporting events and/or recognised UK Public Holidays the hours will be from 1000 to 1000

Hours open to the public 7 days a week from 08:00 to 03:00, provision indoors and outdoors, Seasonal variations of non-standard timings where the premises to be open to the members and guests are to include televised sporting events and/or recognised UK Public Holidays the hours will be from 0800 to 0800

I note from the planning officer's delegated report for the erection of a single storey club house at football pitches, Newbold Back Lane, Chesterfield, Derby for Brampton Rovers AFC, application number CHE/14/00355/FUL, she states that:

"3.3 Whilst it is accepted that by introducing a new clubhouse facility to the site its use as a sports playing pitch may be escalated (by both an increase in activity and spectators etc) however **this site is allocated as a playing pitch in the Local Plan** and therefore it would not be unusual or unacceptable for neighbouring residents to experience the potential localised **noise related with play on spaces of such nature.**" (highlights mine)

I reiterate the site is allocated as a playing pitch in the Local Plan, and, it would not be unusual or unacceptable for neighbouring residents to experience the potential localised noise related to play on spaces of such nature. – This application as currently proposed is for unrestricted entertainment and noise generated in pursuance of the same. To licence such an activity would go against the directive of the Local Plan and possibly require another application for change of use of the site?

Such activities as proposed are both unusual and unacceptable to the local residents in relation to noise, because they are not generated by the legitimate playing of football and associated supporters. The application is for entertainment and consumption of alcohol carried on late into the night, and at the clubs discretion possibly right through the night.

These activities have not been limited to within the clubhouse, but are proposed to be allowed anywhere on the playing field site, at any time, and regularly up to 3 O'clock in the morning.

This would be a source of perpetual annoyance to local residents and it could well affect their health. (many of the immediate residents are pensioners living in sheltered housing accommodation on Cheedale Close)

Unacceptable night time noise can/will deprive people of sleep, and aggravated noise from people shouting (an activity invariably associated with consumption of alcohol) is frightening and debilitating and if regularly experienced can lead to depression

A good night's sleep is essential – my wife regularly has to get up at 5 O'clock in the morning to go to work – if noisy activities continue to 3 am. She would be deprived of the necessary sleep she requires to effectively discharge her duties as a nurse.

Whilst I have no objection to the moderate consumption of alcohol in the clubhouse for members social activities, I do object to the possible unrestricted access to alcohol late into the night and possibly through the night anywhere on the playing pitch.

My concerns also regard the aggravated noise and disturbance of people who have consumed too much alcohol and the possible vandalism this can engender. This can be contained to some extent on site, however when people leave the site and make their way home it's the local residents who will be left to address the problem.

Currently the Newbold – Brockwell footpath that backs onto our property has been quiet at night since Newbold Green School moved its premises. There was a period for 7-8 years previously when it became the place for local teenagers to loiter at the back of our house. Consuming alcohol, their foul language was offensive, and in their boredom, they vandalised the surroundings. Our neighbour's stone wall was dismantled at least three times and the Eyre Chapel post and wire fence so destroyed that it had to be replaced with a palisade fence. As you can imagine I do not want to see a repeat of this behaviour caused by facilities that attract loitering and alcohol consumption.

Can I suggest that the licencing application be limited to the same times as the neighbouring pubs which seem to work quite well at maintaining a peaceful night time activity? That the consumption of alcohol and entertainment is limited to the clubhouse and its immediate environs and does not include the whole playing field. That, any activities that extend beyond 01:00 be limited to the clubhouse only.

My current understanding is that Brampton Rovers AFC has been doing a good work that enriches our local community and has created a minimal disturbance to it. I trust that this may remain the case and through wise administration of the licencing and negotiations with Brampton Rovers an amical settlement between all parties can be achieved.

Yours sincerely

