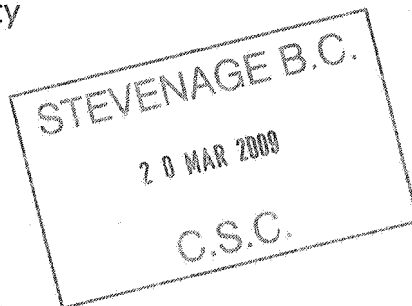


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Dear Sir or Madam

Re Application for Premises Licence from Barclay School

We understand that Barclay School have made an application for a Premises Licence which includes proposals to sell alcohol by retail, to provide regulated entertainment and to provide late night refreshments.

We object to this application for the following reasons

1. There is already a major problem with car parking whenever an event is held at Barclay School. Cars are often parked with no consideration for residents - blocking access to driveways, across pavements etc. Walkern Road is a residential road with many houses not having off street parking facilities. The road is also a bus route. If Barclay School's application were to succeed, there almost certainly would be many more cars travelling along and "parked" in the road, causing further nuisance to the residents. Although the school does have some parking spaces, these have never been sufficient for any event which has taken place during the 16 years we have lived here.
2. There is already a safety problem trying to cross Walkern Road. This problem gets significantly worse when there is an event at the school. Cars also obstruct the pavement forcing people to walk in the road. With an increased number of cars in the road, the danger to the public would be increased.
3. If the application is successful, it follows that there would be an increase of noise escaping from the school and also in the street when people are arriving at or leaving the premises. We already have to suffer the noise from people leaving the various public houses and restaurants in the High Street and the potential of an increase in this noise level is not acceptable.

4. There is already a litter problem. At the moment we have paper, cans and bottles regularly deposited in our garden and, with an increase of people, refreshments and alcohol, this would undoubtedly increase, causing even more of a nuisance than at present.

It is difficult to see at the moment why Barclay School wants to obtain a full Premises Licence [allowing them to sell alcohol for consumption on or off the premises] which is actually a licence granted to a public house or wine bar/restaurant. Under the provisions of the 2003 Licensing Act, section 60, they could apply for a Club Premises Certificate. Before the 2003 Act, most clubs and PTA's operated under a Club Registration Certificate and the current Club Premises Certificate is very similar to this. In addition there is also scope under the 2003 Act for applying for a Temporary Event Notice. It suggests that they are planning to make the school premises available more widely and regularly for "public" events at which alcohol is supplied and entertainment provided.

Yours faithfully

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