



The Rotary Club of Stevenage Grange

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Application for Premises Licence – The Barclay School

Dear Sirs,

I write on behalf of the Club in support of the school's application.

For many years the school has allowed us to use their premises as a venue for a large number of our charity fund raising without any charge, other than those associated with caretaking and cleaning. As a direct result of evening events run at the school over the years, we have raised well over £50,000 and, thus, have been able to contribute significant sums to numerous local, national and even international causes.

Additionally, the school bungalow is made available to us annually on a Saturday as a base for our 'Lend a Hand Day' when our members undertake a large range of practical tasks for members of the Stevenage community.

We use Barclay since it is well suited to our needs. There is ample, safe, on-site parking; it is sufficiently away from local houses to negate public nuisance; it has sufficient disabled toilet facilities to allow real inclusion; and has a large hall for our activities. I would emphasise that we have always been very careful to use the school responsibly and avoid any nuisance to the local residential community. We always ensure, for instance, that our members and their guests leave promptly and quietly at the end of the activity.

We have enjoyed a good working relationship with both the school professionals and the volunteer parents who undertake the dispensation of alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks. Our events are always strictly through personal invitation through one of our members, and, conscious of the need to protect children from harm, we are always scrupulous in ensuring no-one under the age of eighteen consumes alcohol.

In supporting the school's application, I would ask members of the licensing committee and local residents to reflect upon the direct benefit the school is to our charity work and the considerable benefit derived to the Stevenage community. As a Rotary Club we will continue to take all steps possible to respect the peaceful life of local residents.

Yours faithfully,

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President