

LICENSING ACT 2003

Representations form

Details of the representee:

Name Dr Trevor Long

Address [REDACTED] Rectory Road, Streatley

Postcode RG9 9QA
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Please note the Council is required under the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 to provide the applicant with copies of the relevant representations made.

Details of the application to make representation(s) on:

Application Reference Number 16/01035/LQN

Name of Premises Goring and Streatley Golf Club

Premises Address Rectory Road, Streatley

Postcode RG8 9QA

Under the Licensing Act 2003, for a representation to be relevant it must be one that is about the likely effect of the application on the promotion of the four licensing objectives.

Please give details of your representation(s) and include information as to why the application would be unlikely to promote any of the following objective(s):

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder:

The application would inevitably bring more people to the area, and would encourage drinking alcohol, in what is an AONB. If anything this will increase the possibility of crime and disorder, and certainly not promote prevention of crime and disorder.

Public Safety:

This is a key concern. Rectory Road is narrow, with no pavements and no public lighting. The width varies, with the possibility of passing in some places but not in others, creating the conditions for confusion and urgent stopping especially for drivers unfamiliar with the roads variations. There are no road marking to indicate these variations, but even with the limited traffic conditions at present, drivers, often with the belief that they have right of way, will manoeuvre dangerously rather than give way. This will be compounded with the extra traffic expected if permissions are given. Many walkers, cyclists and others including families and hiking clubs, in addition to events regularly held, including those at night, use the road and the added traffic will clearly place these at added risk.

The Prevention of Public Nuisance:

Whilst events at the Golf Club during special days such as New Years Eve are disturbing to neighbours, they are acceptable because they are on few special occasions, to give permission for a 1 a.m. finish of activities that will inevitably be noisy is entirely unacceptable in a rural area such as this. Inside activities become outside noise as windows are opened and noise travels widely in the valley area. The additional noise at closing time would be especially problematic.

There is little that staff in the Golf club can do to prevent unsociable behaviour especially that extending outside the property as escorting people off the property would be entirely impractical. They would be left in a country location to continue to create a nuisance, with no local public transport, few taxi opportunities, and a long walk to the train station, which is the only public transport in the village. Staff at the Golf Club could not under any circumstance undertake to guarantee that they could control anti-social behaviour in or around the premises.

The Protection of Children from Harm:

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West Berkshire Council, Culture and Environmental Protection, Environmental Health & Licensing, Council Offices, Market Street, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 5LD