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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to submit my representation regarding the application to vary the premises licence for The Croft Hall, Hungerford, RG17 0HY.

I recognise that the hall is a valuable community facility and I support its continued use for local groups and events. However, I object to the proposed extension of the licensed area to include the outdoor garden.

My principal concern is the impact that this change would have on the surrounding residential neighbourhood. The proposal would permit live and recorded music, performances and celebration gatherings in the garden between 11:00 and 21:30. Unlike activities taking place inside the hall, outdoor events would inevitably result in significantly greater noise travelling into neighbouring homes, affecting residents' ability to enjoy their properties in reasonable peace.

I am also concerned that the garden directly borders both a nursery school playground and a Scouts facility. If the variation permits the sale and consumption of alcohol in this outdoor space, children using these neighbouring facilities would be exposed to drinking, together with the smoking and vaping that commonly accompanies outdoor social gatherings. Given the immediate proximity to places used by young children, I do not believe this is an appropriate or desirable environment.

My objection is not to the hall using the outdoor space in some capacity, but to the proposed change in how the space would be used. In my view, the application risks undermining the licensing objectives of preventing public nuisance and protecting children from harm.

I therefore respectfully ask the Licensing Authority to refuse the application or, at the very least, consider whether there could be tighter conditions implemented to mitigate its impact on neighbouring residents and the adjacent children's facilities.

Thank you for considering my representation.

Yours faithfully,

Cathy Waller

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