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Hungerford
West Berkshire
RG17 0[REDACTED]
5th August 2026

Dear Rachel,
Very much hope this finds you well,

1. **Reference**> I am writing in **Reference to Application for a Premises Licence Ref No 37590 app30014, applicant** Croft Hall, **Premise** the Croft Hall for **application** for a variation to a premises Licence for A) performance of plays, films, live and recorded music, dance 0900-2300hrs (outdoor until 2130hrs) and b) supply of alcohol 1100-2330hrs
2. **Response**>
 - a. My family and I are residents of the Croft for over fifteen years and live at [REDACTED] The Croft area is a residential area, where elderly and families live. In very recent years there has been increasing noise and traffic in the Croft.
 - b. Keeping the balance and protection of those who live in the Croft is first and foremost.
 - c. As a result I am formally **lodging an objection** to the application for
 - i. the application to include rear garden for sale of alcohol.
 - ii. the playing of live and recorded music, performances and other events such as weddings and parties from 11am to 0930pm with a curfew at 10pm
 - d. The objection is submitted under the objectives of the prevention of public nuisance and public safety, for the following reasons
 - i. **Sound levels and escape**- our house is very close to this location and I have a young family. My wife and I are a working family and value the protection of noise levels.
 - ii. **Proximity of youth spaces**- neighbouring Hungerford Nursery and Hungerford Group Scout Hut- which are a focus for young children. The proposal for licensing and extended hours day and night time is not a good fit for proximity or appropriate.
 - iii. **Anti-social behaviour/ public nuisance**- the rear garden previously supported a playgroup and this was totally supported. It is absolutely not suitable for the consumption of alcohol or smoking based on the proximity to the nursery, scout hut, elderly and family residents.
 - iv. **Parking nuisance and emergency vehicle access**- parking is already difficult as traffic has increased in recent years due to businesses now being run at the Croft Hall; this is increasing inappropriate parking in conjunction with traffic from the Hungerford club. Adding more traffic compounds an issue that already exists for residents, the nursery, scout hut and doctors surgery. Some of the parking is illegal and causes a block for residents but also access for emergency vehicles- ambulance / fire engine. We have many elderly residents in the Croft and this is often needed.
3. **Alternatives/ Existing facilities already exist**- there are reasonable options that already exist, including
 - a. The town hall in Hungerford High street
 - b. The Croft field- which has a kitchen and indoor facilities, recently refurbished and owned by West Berkshire Council
 - c. For licensing- we already have multiple pubs and restaurants in Hungerford who need support. Hungerford is not in desperate need for another.
4. **Overall**- the Croft is primarily a residential area and conservation areas. It has protected status and the Croft hall falls directly in the historical boundary of the Hungerford Conservation area

Please contact me directly by email/[REDACTED] if you have any questions about my application, yours faithfully Jason
Bellman, J