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10th November 2010.

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Licence for Capesthorne Pavilion – Mrs N J Dodds & Ms V L Thompson.

I am writing to express my possible concern at the above Application recently advertised in the local newspaper.

Hoping to learn more about the intentions of the applicants I visited the Town Hall but was told that I couldn't see the Application as parts of it were confidential. I was able to telephone the Licensing Section but the lady I spoke to was not able to add anything more than the details shown in the advertisement.

It was whilst I was ... that the original Planning Application for the Pavilion was made ... for use for 'Weddings and Corporate Events'. No Parish Councillors had any objections and the Council as a whole said 'No objection' to the Application.

Though it may not be, technically, a 'change of use' as far as planning is concerned, the present Licensing Application does surely constitute that ?

Although the prevailing wind does not normally blow in our direction, we do hear loud music or sounds from other events in the grounds of Capesthorne Hall, particularly at night. Speaking for my wife and I, we have no problem on these occasions as they are infrequent and we certainly support any community events of this nature.

My concern relates to the application for 7 days up to 0100 hours. Many people in this farming community have to get up early and loud music – coming from a 'temporary' building, which obviously doesn't have the same soundproofing as a permanent structure, as well as car doors slamming and other noise in the early hours – is unfair.

Many of those living in the areas that are most likely to be affected are tenants , or have connections with the Estate. (e.g. those living in Mill Lane). Thus there are bound to be many who are inhibited from raising objections to the present Application.

Exiting onto the A34, a fast and dangerous road, in the early hours - with a few drivers who no doubt have drunk more than they should have - is of course a matter for police consideration and is not my primary concern.

In conclusion I would ask that consideration is given to my concerns – particularly with regard to the 7 day – up to 0100 hrs – aspect of the Application.

Yours truly,

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Your ref. 014829.

Dear Mrs Cadman,

**APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE
CAPESTHORNE PAVILION.**

Thank you for your very prompt reply to my letter of 10th inst.

In the second paragraph of your reply dated 11th you say `... ..you are correct that the application is described as being specifically for corporate events and functions, such as weddings `.

When I used this description of purpose I was referring to the original Planning Application for the erection of the pavilion. You now seem to be saying that the current Premises Licence application are for exactly the same purposes .

Is this the case ?. I don't see boxing or wrestling being part of either corporate events or weddings.

The request to be licensed for " late night refreshment " for seven days of the week from 2300 – 0100 suggests a night club rather than either of the other two types of function.

If the applicant is not required to give the Licensing Authority any information about his or her intentions how can a fair judgement about the possible outcomes be made?. If the applicant does have to state their intentions why cannot the public be given the same details ?

How can the public make a judgement without such information ?.
Indeed how can the Police or the Highways Authority ?.

You ask whether my " concern" about the application constitutes an " objection".

If the events turn out to be infrequent and of the type for which planning permission was granted then I have no objections at all. If we end up with a raucous nightclub open seven days a week then I have considerable objections.

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I understand that one of the objectives of the Licensing Act 2003 was **` to allow local communities to have a say in licensing decisions `**.

How can they in these circumstances ?. Our Parish Clerk tells me that she has not received any notice of this application and few in this area read all the very small print in the Congleton paper in which the application was advertised.

Whilst I appreciate that it would not be fair for objectors to be able to hide behind the cloak of anonymity, I am sure that you will understand that , as I said in my previous letter, those tenants near to the Hall may feel inhibited in making their views known – however unfounded their concerns in this regard might be, (and I am confident that they would be unfounded).

I am sorry if you do feel frustrated at my inability to say whether my concerns amount to objections. Perhaps the Licensing Committee, with their experience , will be able to decide.

Thank you again for your thoughtful response to my first letter.

Yours truly,