

## **APPENDIX 4**

From: Paul Plant  
Sent: 07 December 2011 18:55  
To: CADMAN, Nikki  
Subject: RE: BARLEY HOPS - APPENDICES

Hi Nikki, thanks for the attachments, we would like confirm that we wish to attend the hearing.

I have also attached the letters that we delivered to the neighbours on the 2nd November explaining what it was that we were applying for and one from today where we have tried to alleviate any concerns based on their objections.

I hope that this is OK.

Many thanks

Paul and Linda

5 Derwent Close  
Macclesfield  
2<sup>nd</sup> November 2011

You may have seen a blue notice in our front garden which we would like to explain.

We are currently applying for a premise licence to store alcohol in our garage and we are hoping to start a new business that will be selling local bottled beer on the internet.

The intention is to open a shop but in this current climate we are having to be a little more pragmatic, so to get us going we are looking at storing the beer in our garage until it becomes cost-effective to look at opening a shop.

So to hopefully answer some of your questions:

- We won't be selling to the public from the house
- We won't have any additional delivery vehicles on the close
- The garage will be secure from both inside and outside
- We won't be advertising our location on the internet as it's purely a storage facility.
- There will be a limited number of bottles at anyone time.

Please don't hesitate to ask if you have questions.

Many thanks

*Linda & Paul*

Linda and Paul Plant

5 Derwent Close  
Macclesfield  
7<sup>th</sup> December

Dear Neighbour

Just a note to let you know that we have received some opposition to our proposed new business, of which, some of you will be aware. We would like to provide you with more details with regards to some of the points that you have stated.

The main concern was of delivery vehicles that are expected to be arriving on the road, as we previously stated in our first letter, there will be **no** delivery vehicles coming onto the close with regards to BarleyHops, we are making all the collections from the suppliers ourselves which we expect to do no more than twice a month. Each collection will consist of no more than 20 boxes and to put that in real terms approximately 15 carrier bags. If our business gets any bigger we intend to open a shop. Due to the quantity that we are purchasing we don't expect any more noise than a person unloading their own shopping.

Security and hazardous substances was also an objection, we would like to stress that we have been in contact the local police with regards to this and they are happy at what we have proposed. Bottled beer isn't classed as a flammable liquid in as much as alcohol such as brandy and vodka and we know that the fire section has raised no objections, which I'm sure they would if it was necessary.

The total number of bottles being held is minimal and I'm sure that you wouldn't even know they were there; in fact the total expected would probably be slightly more than what you would purchase for a Christmas or New Years Eve party.

Where the address details that have been advertised in the paper and on the front lawn, I can promise you wasn't something we wanted to do, this was something that we had to legally do.

We wrote to the council to request whether we needed planning permission before we applied for the premise licence and it was confirmed that we didn't as we are not changing the use. The garage is used as a storage facility for everyone regardless of what you are storing in it.

The opening hours was another concern to you all, let us confirm that the opening hours was something you have to put on the form to satisfy the premise licence request. We have no intention of using what they class as opening hours, because we are not going to be selling to the public from the house. The house is our personal domain and we would like it to remain so. As far as we're concerned there will be no extra activity on the close from this business.

As with the comments about our distribution company, 90% of our leaflets are collected from the clients with the odd one or two delivering to us throughout the month, this is because we can't collect from Southport and Chelmsford which is where these printers are based. We appreciate that one time earlier this year that a pallet was left on the path, this was because our client swapped their suppliers and they hadn't informed us.

We have for the last 3 years arranged with the suppliers that if they are delivering to us a vehicle no larger than a transit size van should be used and they also load directly into the storage area. This was arranged to alleviate any issues that could arise with public safety.

With a note to the final few points regarding property de-valuation, we can't see this making any difference as there will be no obvious impact to what is happening now, if

we thought that this was the case we wouldn't have started the venture in the first place, as this would also affect us.

Employees' leaving their cars on the close was also an issue, but let us confirm that it isn't our employee's as they can't drive so I can only assume that they are visitor's cars.

We hope that helps to alleviate any of your concerns, but as stated in the previous letter, please let us know if you have any comments or questions.

Thanks

Paul and Linda