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Dear Sir or Madam

Bramley Social Club – Minor variation of premises licence

Reference the above licence variation application.

Bramley Parish Council welcomes a responsible social club in Bramley village, which adheres to the conditions of its licence. We are of the view that Bramley Social Club has, over many years, provided a valuable service to its members. Indeed, over the years, current and former parish councillors have been members.

Regrettably, we have been made aware, by neighbours living in close proximity to the Club, that there have been several specific instances where the Club has failed in its duty to abide by the conditions of its existing licence resulting in public nuisance. The Parish Council must represent all its residents and the complaints made have been serious, including unneighbourly conduct such as abusive language and excessively loud music, as well as allegations of multiple, specific breaches of the licence terms including opening and serving alcohol significantly after licensed hours. Clearly, the trustees and the management of the club would wish to address these issues since licence breaches inevitably risk the future of the club.

It is clear that the recent development - the opening up of the club premises to create a garden area - is a material change, which is bound to have greater impact on local residents than its previously enclosed state.

Bramley Parish Council would encourage the continuation of Bramley Social Club, but we would hope the Club's Trustees would view harshly any breaking of the licence conditions by its members, and seek to resolve these matters, so that the surrounding community are not further affected..

We think that a temporary licence granted for one year will allow the anti-social issues to be resolved and will leave potential for review by the licensing officer to ensure all future conditions are met. We also believe that the licensing team at Waverley needs to work with the club and the club's neighbours to understand the issues and shape and enforce licence conditions, which suit both the Club and its neighbours.

Yours faithfully

Rachael Hill

Clerk to Bramley Parish Council