

APPENDIX D - REPRESENTATIONS

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 March 2021 20:43
To: Licensing <licensing@spelthorne.gov.uk>
Subject: Sunbury golf centre

With reference to the application to a Premises licence I think that if you were to grant this variation it should come with a condition that the management have to provide for and maintain facilities for the collection of the rubbish which will inevitably result.

During the lockdowns and in between when the course was open, I have been litter picking around the perimeter of the course. If the distribution of cans and bottles was shown on a scatter chart you would see quite clearly the areas around the tees are the worst affected.

I am sure the management would argue that the litter is left by walkers. This is true of a number of inconsiderate dog walkers but I think it unlikely that walkers would be consuming the amount of alcohol evidenced by the number of cans and bottles on and around the course.

kind regards
Phil Mackenzie

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 February 2021 13:22
To: Licensing <licensing@spelthorne.gov.uk>
Subject: Sunbury Golf Centre

Good Afternoon

I am writing to you about an license extension application for Sunbury Golf centre to have an alcoholic license to equip buggies to serve golfers alcohol from 7am (yes believe it or not this is the correct time on the application) until 9pm both on the greens and the driving range.

Firstly this is not something that other golf clubs do for several reasons including the danger of having heavily inebriated golfers next to others playing on the course. These buggies would serving a constant supply of alcohol as opposed to now just going back to the club house, for one drink after playing. To allow golfers to buy drinks from 7am before most people are up, until 9pm is ludicrous, it is not an all inclusive Spanish Magaluf resort.

Due to the location of this course 98% of golfers cannot get there walking as they would need to carry clubs, so they drive. Serving alcohol in sufficient amounts to make it a viable financial proposition throughout a golfers two/three hour game, equates to a huge risk of drink driving. When Scotland had their legal alcohol limit for driving reduced, alcohol consumption in golf clubs dropped by 40% because one drink can still be too many. Introducing alcohol on this level, all day, to people who unequivocally must drive is irresponsible. There are many primary schools and four huge secondary schools in the area to which children commute on foot and bike, as well as large numbers of cyclists and walkers, horse riders. It is also such a busy road when exiting the golf club. The risk is too great.

This golf course also has a public right of way/bridle path inside it alongside the golfers. This means walkers/riders and golfers are in close proximity and balls already fall very close to walkers on occasion. Serving copious amounts of alcohol to golfers with essentially a dangerous weapon in their hands again is a too bigger a risk. This also weighs into the argument if they are drinking beer throughout their round, next to public rights of way and in some areas pavements alongside one length of the course and also residents. Where are they going to the toilet when the furthest hole is a mile from the club house? Which members of the public/children want to be accosted by that?

This golf course is also in the middle of several residential areas. Some houses gardens and seating areas go all the way up to the golf course. Other houses are also in close proximity on the other side of the golf course. To serve alcohol to potentially large groups of people at 7am or indeed until late at night 9pm will cause rowdiness, noise and disturb the peace and quiet that residents were led to expect would be afforded to them living next to a golf course!

If the club want to have a buggy to sell tea, coffee, snacks, smoothies and cold drinks, by all means. But why alcohol at a course you have to have to drive to? Also why on earth would anyone need beer at 7am?

This is clearly a ploy to market the new driving range towards stag and buck parties and change its traditional use which is for adults and children to practise their golf shots, to a leisure/entertainment facility. We hear music at weddings and parties a lot in the summer at the weekends and have no problem with this noise as it has limitations and is also not in the week. Will loud music start to accompany this new leisure facility all day alongside the alcohol?

It is simply not appropriate for a drive to club to be requesting this type of license, it will be a risk to the public outside the club and in the grounds.

I hope that you will give this proposal much consideration

Yours Catherine R

Sent from my iPad