

Licensing Authority  
SDDC  
Civic Offices  
Civic Way  
Swadlincote  
DE11 0AH

25th April, 2016

Re: MSP Application for License to supply alcohol drinks at the Sports Pavilion

Dear Sir,

With reference to the above application, I make the following objections relating to likely disturbance for residents and the need to carefully consider the raised possibility of drink-driving accidents.

1. Late night disturbance from people and vehicle movements.

The request for an 11pm license would mean that the customers and the bar staff would not be leaving until after this time, more towards midnight. Door slamming, engine starting and general noise from people will be disruptive to any local resident. A more reasonable time would be 10pm as most residents retire around this time or shortly after.

The pavilion has balconies for viewing which also may allow people to drink and be noisy in the evenings without regard for residents peace. This will be annoyance that is not acceptable after 10pm.

2. The sports pavilion is not a pub.

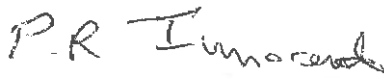
It is intended for members to gain refreshments after sports events and perhaps for spectators during events. (The provision of non-alcoholic drinks is available anytime). Given the context, a weekday 6pm start is very early. If teams are playing from 6pm to approximately 8.30 pm, there is no reason for such an early start. A more reasonable time would be 9 pm after the teams have showered.

Similarly, a noon start at weekends is far too early and there is no justification for this. Matches played by adults in the afternoon would start later, so the time the bar could open would be after the games, around 4pm.

The danger of weekend times, is that the available 6hrs of an open bar may lead to residents being confronted with drunk drivers and abuse after periods of long drinking. This should not be encouraged.

If the MSP finds these restrictions are too great for certain special events, they can always apply for a specific extended licence.

Yours Sincerely,



(P.R. Innocent)

