

To The Licensing Team, Mid Devon District Council, Phoenix House, Phoenix Lane, Tiverton,
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From Mrs. Jacqueline Ross, [REDACTED]
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**Application 028673
for Wembworthy Village Hall
applicant Mr Colin Fay**

Application for a new premises licence for the playing of live and recorded music on two days a week and the sale and consumption of alcohol on and off the premises on three day a week.

My basic reason for objecting to the granting of the above licences is that the quiet hamlet at Spekes Cross is not a suitable venue.

The postcode may be different but opposite and very close to the village hall is a row of cottages lived in by working people, school age children a farmer who at the moment is lambing and one retired person who has lived here for 45 years.

Non of the residents of the cottages bought a house opposite to a premises licensed for alcohol (a pub) and Mr Fay's application has the potential for 156 -256 days of noise disruption light pollution and damage to the environment from acute parking problem - never mind drinking and driving. The new users of the hall don't seem to do walking and as a result the verges and road side are now full of ruts and mud damaging this important resource for the natural world and making it difficult for those who do walk.

Incidentally the hall committee have managed up to now with a mixture of bring your own alcohol and for example 10 temporary licences in 2023 (This number of licences speaks of special occasions not habitual drinking.)and [REDACTED] band called their racket a rehearsal!

The village hall entrance is on the junction between a busy road between Cotts Cross and Winkleigh and the road to Wembworthy village. Non of these roads are wide enough to accommodate parking. The village hall committee lets out the halls parking spaces to local residents and the lay-by also has residents cars.

The lights (security and fairy) outshine the street light making it hard to see the view from ones windows for being blinded and blackout curtains are necessary to sleep and ear plugs if you want to sit in the garden and watch the fading summer light. There are already tables and benches on the grass.

I have seen many changes from my early days here and have been involve in organising some of the activities. The hall and the residents have lived in harmony for a long time and Im not against change but turning the hall into a part time pub replacement is a step too far.

If the Lymington Arms is indeed closing perhaps Mr Fay and his committee could put they energy into setting up a community pub as other villages do and leave the hall for the wider community.

Mrs J Ross
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