

**Mandy Winters**

Subject: Planning Application P19/S2005/FUL for July 1st meeting

Statement from Dr Mandy Winters to be submitted to the planning committee meeting:

Please reject this application for planning consent at the Fairmile Sports and Social Club.

The club has arrived at The Morning Star pub without proper consideration of the effects of its operational procedures on local residents. The situation would be compounded by any approval of further facilities intended to extend the use of this club. The officer's report implies that it is not the duty of the council to consider noise and anti-social behaviour as part of its planning remit. This is not the case - any cursory exploration of planning legislation reveals that the role of local planning is to safeguard all residents. Therefore, it is incredible that the report rests on a number of statements which put the responsibility on local residents and the police to manage any subsequent increase in activity and noise production.

The current (overly-extended) operating licence already states that the general management of the FSSC are required to escort members off the premises late at night to ensure residents are not disturbed - this has never happened. Similarly, there is no permission to allow amplified music outside, yet this has happened, along with doors and windows opening whilst music is being performed. Furthermore, to assert that noise is already happening and it is therefore not an issue is extremely offensive.

I urge you to reject this application once and for all on the following grounds:

- 1.The designation of a 'family room' is open to interpretation at best and is disingenuous at worst.
- 2.The plans do not include 'sound corridors' between the 'family room' and outside doors and windows.
- 3.The noise assessment is not independent and therefore favours the applicant's position and has little validity.
4. Papist Way cannot take any more traffic or parking.
- 5.General management of the FSSC has not engendered the trust and faith of local residents in dealing with noise nuisance, management of the site or the surrounding residential area.

I have lived here for 17 years and there has never been any problem at all whilst the building remained a public house. The objections which you have received have arisen since the change of use to a social club under somewhat opaque procedures. The club has ambitions to expand in ways which are not appropriate for its location. Promises from the management of the FSSC, whilst well-intentioned, cannot be trusted to be delivered.

I urge you most strongly to stand back and consider the wisdom of allowing expansion of a social club located in the middle of a residential area, adjoining an area of outstanding natural beauty.

Yours faithfully

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