

## **ANNEX C**

### **Objector No 1**

Dear Sir/madam

I refer to the request for a licence by the St.Mary'sChurch committee to sell alcohol at certain times from the Parish Hall in Lion Street Hay-on Wye and as a nearby resident I have objections. I live on near by although a little further away than other residents however we would still hear a noise especially if music is played in the front area of the Hall. We have had sick deposited outside our house several times from the Conservative Club or the Gin Shop or Tomatitos around the corner from us and another regular outlet of alcohol is one too many. There are enough alcohol outlets around a small area now. I would also support those living only about 7 metres from the front of the Parish hall when an alcohol and music event was staged. Our front door is nearby and we have many alcohol fuelled people walking or running past. I am surprised that the Parish Church feel a need to apply for this licence as in the past when a special event has occurred a special licence has been granted but not for a permanent time.

I hope my objections meet with your approval and help to prevent yet another building close to homes which would have loud music and alcohol fuelled people coming and going . WE do have 3 buildings all very close to the Parish hall in which this happens already.

### **Objector No2**

We wish to submit a representation concerning the current Application for a full premises licence made by The Church Council of St Mary's Church, Hay-on-Wye for the premises The Parish Hall, Lion Street, Hay-on-Wye, HR3 5AD.

The Parish Hall is a wonderful local facility and we are supportive of extending its use, including to the sale of alcohol, however we have concerns that if the current application is granted as it stands, the likelihood of causing a public nuisance and harm of children is greatly increased.

It should be noted that the Hall is single glazed and there are currently no controls on music noise. It is in a residential area with houses immediately adjacent and opposite. It is on a single carriageway one-way street, so that the houses opposite are, at mid-point of the hall, approx. 12 m from the edge of the forecourt and 19 m from the front of the building. From observation, loud amplified music from inside the Hall, with windows closed, can be heard inside the buildings opposite.

Permitting the sale of alcohol will make the premises more attractive to hirers but also has the potential to cause public nuisance. Since the introduction of the smoke-free legislation there has been an increase in the numbers of people congregating outside licensed premises. Annoyance is caused from raised voices, particularly during evenings. This has the potential to cause a public nuisance and harm of children through sleep disturbance.

To prevent the likelihood of public nuisance and to protect children from harm we put forward that the following changes and controls should be imposed:

1. To not extend the Licensable area to include the forecourt.
2. To impose a policy of not allowing customers to take drinks outside.
3. To control the music noise from inside the Hall by:
  - Installing double glazing
  - Keeping windows and doors closed
  - Installing a sound system which includes noise limitation
  - Controlling the low frequency content of amplified music to reduce the risk of bass noise penetrating buildings.