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Dear Sirs,

LICENSING ACT 2003

Hextable Care Limited/Emerson Grange Care Home Rowhill Road BR8 7RL

I refer to the Public Notice dated 10 May 2018 regarding an Application by the above Care Home for licensable activities and the proposed hours of opening and I strongly OPPOSE this Application.

We live directly next door to the Care Home and have had to live with the chaos that this building work has caused for me and my family over the past 2 years. The following is just a few of the things we have had to endure:

Noise of the building and various machines and vehicles being used from early morning till evening; Dust/dirt covering everything in our possession, we have not been able to open a window because everything got covered in dirt;

Have not been able to hang washing on the line because it came in dirtier than before it was washed; Our own vehicles and property (windows, blinds etc) have been continuously covered in the dust; Workmen being able to view directly over into our garden and the disturbance caused; Sub-contractors, ie plumbers and glaziers, throwing their rubbish – a toilet (!) and panes of glass in the bushes before they drive off.

But I think the worst of all has been the parking problems we have had to endure over these last 2 years. We have a gate entrance driveway that has been continuously blocked by delivery and highway lorries as well as personnel. I have had to get up earlier than I would normally have done each morning, before the builders arrived, to go outside to move our vehicles so we had room to get out. We have forever had to go onto the building site to ask them to move a vehicle, etc. etc. Several times we have had all our power cut off for the day when a machine went through a power cable, I could go on and on, and we were just beginning to breathe a sigh of relief in the hope that this building is finally coming to an end and things would start to settle down when this LICENSING ACT 2003 Notice was put out!!!

So now, if this Application is passed we will now have – even MORE NOISE – from the music planned, cars arriving – doors slamming, AND EVEN MORE VEHICLES TRYING TO PARK outside, where there is not enough parking spaces so no doubt there will be parking outside our entrance or blocking our manoeuvring out yet again – have you seen Rowhill Road parking facilities? they are non-existent – only one side of the road can be used but only if you park up on the pavement as it is, there are 2 schools in the road, and with the junior school just further up the road on the same side, the opposite side on the pavement is already chock-a-bloc at school times with children being delivered/collected to school.

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I can see the Home wants to make the place welcoming and encourage more people to visit to make more profit from the sale of alcohol and events that they would like to hold, but at whose expense! Have they not considered that we have endured enough!

My family has 2 dogs and a small baby, you can only begin to understand the upset the building of this vast complex has had on our lives and as we thought it was coming to an end we now learn that they now want Licensing Activities.

I feel this is finally rubbing salt into the wound. I was under the impression that this was to be an elderly people's residence but now it seems they want to turn it into a dance club with music and alcohol! How would you feel if someone wanted to set this up next door to you? – it is us that will have to live with this. I have no objection to Christmas and New Year celebrations but not other times – we all go to work here and need our sleep.

Before all this building work started Rowhill Road was a quiet, clean and sought after residential Road. Come and look now – the pavements and road are ruined (dug up/put back/dug up again/put back again, and so on, oil dripping out of vehicles etc, it's a mess.

This Licence Application is the last straw.

We strongly OPPOSE this application and I know I am not speaking out of turn if I say I am sure all the other neighbours agree with me. If necessary I will set up a petition against this.

Yours sincerely,

David Hersey

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