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27 June 2011.

Executive Head of Community Safety,
Torbay Council,
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Dear Sir,

Licensing Act 2003
Application 026287-Hollicombe Park.

Our house overlooks Hollicombe Park and I wish to object to the above application.

I have no problem with the conditions imposed by the Council but:-

1. I do not believe that the organisers can possibly comply with Condition 4 under the Prevention of Public Nuisance section, and operate the event as published. Given the proximity of houses to the Park and the operation of a public address system, with live and recorded music it is totally unrealistic to imagine that Residents will not be disturbed, whichever way the loudspeakers are facing. This would be particularly so if there is an East wind. Even for an event such as the Rowing Clubs Race Day, the public address system has been intrusive, and that was an event on a much smaller scale and only for one morning.
2. We are faced with the prospect of loud noise nuisance for 4 consecutive days and nights up to 11-30 pm. One night might be acceptable but 4 certainly isn't.
3. There is little parking available in the vicinity and we will have 4 days of traffic problems.

I do not believe that Hollicombe Park is a suitable venue for this kind of event and I do not think the licence should be granted for the period of the application. I do not believe that in supporting the event in the way it has, the Council has properly considered the welfare of the residents. Therefore I request that this application be rejected in its current form.

Yours sincerely,

23 JUN 2011

12th June 2011

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Dear Sir or Madam

Re: Hollicombe Park Application for Alcohol License

I am writing to object in the strongest possible terms to the application to serve alcohol in Hollicombe Park. My objections are as follows:

- There is enough alcohol-related trouble in the town, without spilling the problem into the suburbs. Is this an attempt to deflect the town's problems into the other areas of the Bay? There is plenty of evidence around the negative impact of combining alcohol with loud music and outdoor environments. Why is this risk considered acceptable in such a built up residential area?
- The applicant, known as Beach Bum Events Limited, appears to be a nascent business with no listed credentials or valid endorsements; while the name of the company alone indicates pretty much everything we may need to know, the fact that this is a recently-formed operation run from a local flat does not instil confidence. What is more, the company's website is unfinished and lacking in real detail. Notice the missing content on <http://www.beachbumevents.co.uk/services>. Surely we should not entrust entertainment that impacts such a wide residential area to someone who does not even promote their own business professionally? Does this business demonstrate any valid credentials? What assurance do we have of how such events will be run and managed? Are the Police aware of this proposal? What is their opinion?
- As a local resident, I was not aware of any formal process that had signed off the use of this land for events. At what point were local residents contacted about whether we wanted events in this area? If not, why don't we have any choice in these matters? What kind of events are planned? I am doubtful Beach Bum Events Limited is likely to promote Shakespeare plays and Mozart concerts which might attract the kind of people to the Bay that would help invest in the area. Is the planned programme seasonal? Are we to expect regular noise every weekend throughout the year? What parking arrangements will be made? Who is regulating the timing and calibre of activities?

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If these decisions on any square green inch of free land in Torbay are going to continue to devalue the area and liken our locale to a holiday camp, I for one would like to see a huge reduction in my Council tax. I simply do not understand the strategy of the Council when it comes to promoting interest and investment in the Bay. The last thing we need is more venues that constitute a breeding ground for unemployed drug addicts.

I hope common sense prevails and residents are given an opportunity to influence this proposal; surely the needs of local residents should be considered first and foremost? I believe the Council must raise its game when considering the type of activities that promote the long term health of the area; I would respectfully suggest balloons, casinos and alcohol-fuelled music fests are not taking us in the right direction.

Please keep me informed of what is planned; such a programme is going to affect everyone within at least a two-mile radius.

Yours faithfully

P.S. I am aware that the Midas new build across the road from this proposed activity is still (thankfully) delayed, but I am wondering how pleased Midas would feel about the potential for an open air pub opposite their development, since the site is already apparently too much of a lost leader to be able to provide S.106 monies.

Cc Mayor Gordon Oliver