

9/8/05

Appendix C

Notice of Application for a Variation of
Premises Licence Certificate.



Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing on behalf of the residents of Ambrose Close, Vincent Close and Glenfield Road with regard to the above licence certificate for Highpoint Events Ltd.

The Highpoint Centre is situated in the centre of a quiet residential area within close proximity to local residents.

We accept that they have a licence for drinks for residential clients and for people attending courses at the Conference Centre.

What worries the residents is the application for live music, performance of dance and late night refreshments.

The residents have had several meetings with the Highpoint Centre regarding noise, pollution and traffic problems (Roger Blackmore and Peter Coley have attended these meetings as our local Councillors).

I enclose copies of two letters regarding this. Please note the 'highlighted' sections where at one time Highpoint ~~ed~~ stated that they wished to apply for a wedding licence and the letter I received back from Mr. B. Pritchard stating that the Council would oppose any such proposal.

We are worried that by applying for the new licence they have added extra bits for their advantage.

I trust you will take these matters into account before granting the licence.

Yours sincerely,

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE CERTIFICATE

Highpoint Events Ltd
165 Glenfield Road
Leicester LE3 6DJ

The proposed variations are as follows:

- To enable the performance of live music as specified in the application
- To enable the performance of recorded music as specified in the application
- To enable the performances of dance as specified in the application
- To enable facilities for dance as specified in the application
- To enable the provision of late night refreshments as specified in the application
- To enable the sale of alcohol between Monday-Saturday 11.00hrs-00.00hrs and Sunday 12.00hrs-15.00hrs and 18.00hrs-23.00hrs

The licensing register can be inspected at any time by visiting www.leicester.gov.uk/licensing during office hour's arrangements may be made for the register to be viewed at the Customer Services Department, Leicester City Council, New Walk Centre, Welford Place, Leicester LE1 6ZG.

Any representation relating to this application must be made in writing to the Licensing Authority by 2nd September 2005. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make false statement in connection with this application. The maximum fine on summary conviction for this offence is £5,000.

165 GLENFIELD ROAD – ST CATHERINE'S NURSING HOME AND HIGHPOINT CENTRE

I have heard that the Leicester Housing Association is going to apply for a licence for 'Weddings' with up to 100 guests, at the Highpoint Centre on Glenfield Road.

The whole community surrounding this Centre is opposed to any such licence being granted.

We are already having problems with traffic, noise, pollution and parking and feel that this would only add to our problems.

The Highpoint Centre already has a licence for its residential clients and we constantly have to call out the Police or the Department of Environment late at night. On one week we had to call the centre every night after 11 p.m. because of the noise from the young residents that were staying over on a course and running wildly around the grounds and keeping local residents awake. I list below these events:

Thursday 25 July 2002

Rang Centre at 11 p.m. – youths jumping up fences and walls and being very noisy

Saturday 27th July 2002

Centre called again after 11 p.m. – noisy youths in grounds

Sunday 28th July 2002

Loud music blaring out until after 11 p.m. (disco)

Resident in Vincent Close woken at 2.45 a.m. by drunken people in grounds of the Centre.

Monday 29th July 2002

Phoned Highpoint at 11.10 p.m. – Foreign students gathered in courtyard talking and shouting loudly
Car doors banging.

We've had some community groups staying over who sit drinking on the steps (outside) to the bar whilst their children were running around the grounds (and this is at 1.10 a.m.). This is just not acceptable. There seems to be no security or concern for the residents in the area. We complain, they apologise and still it goes on. We were assured at the very beginning, during planning arrangements, when we stated that things like this would happen, that they would not. We have been misinformed and lied to all the way along.

The drinking licence that they have is the cause of these late night problems. If you were to grant them a further licence for weddings then the problems would only get worse.

It should be noted that there is also a Nursing Home for elderly residents in the grounds.

The exit from the Highpoint Centre is on Ambrose Close (a quiet residential close of eight houses) We would have all the extra traffic late at night and intoxicated people wandering around. There would also be problems parking on the Glenfield Road and Vincent Close and all the other surrounding areas if the car park was full, which is more often than not and this is causing problems on our Close and surrounding areas.

Another point is the safety aspect. The speed of the cars when they exit the gates on Ambrose Close and tear up the road. One of these days there will be a nasty accident (there have already been a few near misses). It is not safe for children to play outside their own houses. We fought against having this exit on Ambrose Close but we were overruled and hence we have a constant flow of traffic, day and night – seven days a week.

Before the Highpoint Centre opened, ours was a quiet residential area; this has now been totally spoilt, and we never know from one day to the next what will happen.

This centre should never have been allowed in such close proximity to a residential area.

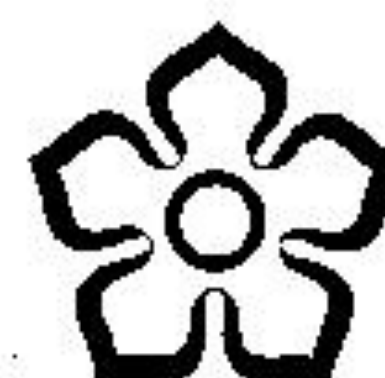
Therefore, the whole community is totally against you granting any further licences to the Highpoint Centre.

Please ask for
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Mr B. Pritchard
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HIGHPOINT CENTRE

I refer to your letter concerning the above and I apologise for the delay in replying.

You raise a number of points which I will deal with in turn:

- You express concern that demand for parking exceeds the on site parking provision – we have worked with the owners to develop a Travel Plan for the site to provide visitors with alternative ways of coming to the site without having to travel by car. We will continue to liaise with them to ensure the successful implementation of the Plan and to amend it as necessary to minimise the likelihood of on-street parking taking place.
- If there are problems with the operation of the site itself e.g. if the control gates are not working these are for the site owners to resolve and should be reported to them.
- The owners have recognised the need for signing in the vicinity of the site to ensure that visitors use the entrance correctly and officers are currently working with them to design signs which will then be installed.
- The parking restrictions on the whole of Glenfield Road have recently been reviewed and apart from a minor amendment in the vicinity of the Centre to protect a dropped kerb it was not felt that any additional restrictions were required and none have been proposed.
- I have asked a colleague to investigate the provision of additional cul-de-sac signing on Ambrose Close but the provision of "residents' only parking" signing would not be permissible.
- I have passed on your concerns about cars leaving the site speeding in Ambrose Close but I anticipate that the short length of the road would preclude any measures being introduced.
- As you are probably aware their planning permission relates to training activities only and any extension would require a further planning application to be submitted.



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As the Highway Authority we would be very concerned about such a proposal because of the additional traffic and in particular parking demand which would be generated and which would be much more difficult to manage through a Travel Plan. We would, therefore, be opposed any such proposal.

I hope this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Pritchard'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping 'P'.

B. Pritchard – Traffic Group
Environment, Regeneration and Development Department