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Subject: 7 new licence applications for Fulham FC

Lorna

Thank you for providing me with details of the concerns of the residents in relation to the licence applications which we have submitted.

It might be helpful if I reiterate some of the points which we took into account when submitting the applications.

1. This is a complex redevelopment of the Riverside Stand which has been in the pipeline for some considerable time and has already been scrutinised by both residents and council officers through the planning process. We have been careful in drafting the licence applications to ensure that everything applied for is in line with the planning permission that has already been granted.
2. The Riverside Stand already has a premises licence which authorises the sale of alcohol every day starting at 8.00 am, although it is rarely, if ever, used at that time of day.
3. We applied for an 8.00 am start for licensable activities simply to replicate what we already have under the current premises licence
4. I have taken instructions from the club and they are agreeable, in the light of the concerns expressed by the residents to amend all of the applications with the exception of the hotel licence application, so that the start time for alcohol supply is 10.00 am and not 8.00 am
5. As you are aware it is absolutely normal practice for hotels to have the benefit of a 24 hour licence for those resident in the hotel. Non residents will not be admitted to the hotel unless they are bona fide guests of someone who has booked a room there.

As you know, the Police have also asked for additional conditions to which we have agreed and it might be helpful if you were to forward those conditions to the residents so that they can see how we have agreed to contain elements of external activity to the riverside path immediately adjacent to the Stand.

Please feel free to forward this to the residents and if they wish to engage with me directly I am more than happy to talk to them.

We held an open day at the club a few months ago specifically for residents to attend and engage with us. I am pleased to say that many did and most were supportive of the scheme.

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