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**From:** Bredhurst Parish Council [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 October 2016 12:40  
**To:** Lorraine Neale; licensing@sevenoaks.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Fw: Premises Licence - Bredhurst Village Hall  
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**From:** pamela newman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 18 October 2016 21:21  
**To:** Bex  
**Subject:** Premises Licence - Bredhurst Village Hall

Hi Bex,  
Please could you forward my letter of objection re the above. I don't know where it has to be sent, sorry.  
Many thanks,  
Pamela Newman

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18<sup>th</sup> October 2016

**Application to Vary Premises Licence at Bredhurst Village Hall, Hurstwood Road,  
Bredhurst, Kent. ME7 3ND**

**Ref: 16/02833/LAPRE**

**Variation to current Premises Licence to allow the sale of alcohol 7days a week  
namely:-**

Mondays to Thursdays	19.00hrs - 22.00hrs
Fridays	18.00hrs - 23.30hrs
Saturdays	11.00hrs - 23.30hrs
Sundays	11.00hrs - 23.30hrs
New Year's Eve	Extension of Licence to 00.30am

I have no objections to the provision of an Alcoholic Licence being granted for weekends to cover various events such as weddings and entertainment. Although I do think Sundays should remain a family day for those living in close proximity and may not appreciate their lives being interrupted by the obvious disturbance this would bring.

I appreciate that the Chairman and the Committee are endeavouring to find ways of earning money for the upkeep of the Hall but surely there is a limit to what one should expect those living close by to put up with. Especially those living in the old folks homes opposite the village hall. I have been told of one incident where an elderly lady living alone was quite frightened when two inebriated males were fighting on the green outside these homes. Additional hours can only bring more incidents of this kind and grossly unfair to those who live there.

As most week days and evenings have clubs already using the hall not requiring alcoholic I do not see an overriding need for the provision of such. Therefore I object most strongly to the additional hours of Monday to Thursday.

As you are probably aware, by my address, I do not live in close proximity to the hall but it does play a big part in my life and in the past been closely involved with it as my husband was the Chairman at the time the hall was built and even then had to fend off persons who would have seen the hall become a drinking place instead of a community hall serving the residents of Bredhurst and those nearby. I for one would not like to see our Village Hall change in this way. Although the present Chairman/Committee may well have the best interests of the hall at heart we do have to think that in the future others may have a different agenda.

I must say on closing, that it does not bode well for ones confidence in the Chairman /Committee that they were unable to attend the Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> October to personally face the queries that residents wished to put to them. I also have concerns that there is a conflict of interest with the Chairman running his bar business "That's the Spirit" from the village hall.

Pamela Newman

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**From:** Bredhurst Parish Council [redacted]  
**Sent:** 19 October 2016 12:40  
**To:** Lorraine Neale; licensing@sevenoaks.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Fw: BVH Variation to Licensing Application - 16/02883/LAPRE

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**From:** Martin Jones [redacted]  
**Sent:** 19 October 2016 07:14  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** BVH Variation to Licensing Application - 16/02883/LAPRE

Dear Bex

Please acknowledge receipt of this and forward my comments to MBC.

Dear Sir/Madam

I strongly object to the variation to the Bredhurst Village Hall license. I think the hours and days requested are excessive. It is also sad that BVH trustees did not have the courage to attend the recent BPC meetings in person to answer the questions raised by concerned residents.

I, and many others, walk our dogs in the Village Hall field on many summer evenings in what is now a pleasant and quiet area. I do not wish to see or hear people sitting on the BVH patio possibly drinking to excess and making a noise potentially 7 evenings a week.

BVH have stated that the hall is booked solidly from Monday to Thursday by various clubs who have used the facility for a long time, so why are they applying for a licence to sell alcohol on these days? Do they anticipate any changes? Admittedly, it gives BVH more flexibility but is that worth the resentment the application has caused and the ill feeling the charity is creating for itself?

It will be very difficult for BVH to prevent hirers taking their drinks into the village hall field where unsupervised children play. Indeed, despite assurances from BVH that this never occurs, last year their own Facebook page showed adults from a wedding reception drinking and standing on the toddlers play equipment.

I, like other residents in Bredhurst, have concerns about the Chairman of a charity running his company from BVH and profiting. It appears to be to his own financial benefit for this application to succeed. If BVH

think their request is going to generate more functions and presumably greater profit for the charity and the Chairman should there be a competitive tender?

A concern I did have last year when the initial application from BVH was considered by BPC was the comment made by a trustee. When Tim Gough was asked how much the charity received of the bar takings another trustee suggested that Tim should not answer because it was "commercial in confidence". Aren't charity's meant to be open and transparent? Tim Gough eventually, but reluctantly, had the good grace to confirm it was 10%. The remaining 90% was retained by Tim's company, I appreciate that costs have to be deducted from that but the profit to Tim still seems excessive.

I imagine the Licensing Authority is not concerned about profits or conflicts of interest but should there be a need to tender for bar services at BVH are you still able to agree the application given that Tim Gough may not end up being the designated Personal Licence Holder?

I attended the BPC meeting on 17th October to discuss the application. I was surprised to see 19 residents. For Bredhurst that is a very high turnout and evidence of the considerable interest in the application. From what I could judge there appeared to be only 2/3 people who strongly supported the application. One of those was Tim's mother who did her best to answer questions which was appreciated by those present. I think many of the audience would have been happier if the application had been for Friday's and Saturdays only. This would allow a potential 104 occasions for fund raising events to be held at which the bar could be open. This compares very favourably to the current maximum 15 under the TENs procedure. Surely BVH should be content with that?

Please allay the concerns of many Bredhurst residents and reject this application as it stands or at least restrict it to Friday's and Saturdays.

Yours

Martin Jones  
Bredhurst Resident

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**From:** Bredhurst Parish Council [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Fw: Bredhurst Village Hall licence application

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**From:** Jim Chalmers [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 October 2016 09:50  
**To:** Bredhurst Parish Council  
**Subject:** Bredhurst Village Hall licence application

Bex,  
Would you please forward this letter to Maidstone Borough Council to the licence application from Bredhurst Village Hall.

Dear Sirs,  
I would like to object to the application from Bredhurst Village Hall for unreasonable increased hours to sell alcohol. I have lived in Fir Tree Grove, Bredhurst since 1984 and have enjoyed the advantages of a quiet, friendly village with the amenity of a community hall and dread the effect of frightfully extended bar hours. With TENS we had the control of only 12, or lately 15, usually village events where the sale of alcohol affected the immediate area and now the proposed hours would increase this to the probability of 104 with additional traffic associated. Entry to the hall in Hurstwood Road, with The Bell public house opposite, is directly passed my house and, because this is a cul de sac, will mean users of the hall travelling through early evening and late at night every weekend. This is a dramatic and unreasonable change of environment for all of the elderly living in immediate vicinity. The increased income for the hall cannot justify the effect on the village, in my opinion the only advantage will be to the bar owner who does not even live in the village and his 10 per cent of takings is poor recompense for the disturbance likely to be suffered. I hope that you will reject the application from Bredhurst Village Hall Committee.

Regards,  
Jim Chalmers,  
21 Fir Tree Grove,  
Bredhurst,  
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**From:** Bredhurst Parish Council [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 October 2016 12:42  
**To:** Lorraine Neale; licensing@sevenoaks.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Fw: Bredhurst Village Hall Licence Application

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**From:** SPP Kent Residential [REDACTED] on behalf of SPP (Kent Residential)

**Sent:** 19 October 2016 11:14  
**To:** Bex Ratchford - Bredhurst Parish Council  
**Subject:** Bredhurst Village Hall Licence Application

Dear Bex

Please forward my comments below to the relevant department at Maidstone Borough Council:

Dear Sir/Madam

As a resident of Bredhurst, I am writing to express my concern regarding the Village Hall licence application. At the moment, as I understand it, licences are available for up to 15 events during the year under the TENs system. This seems a reasonable arrangement to me as it balances the interests of allowing the Village Hall to procure a reasonable income stream while ensuring that any possible disturbance to neighbours will be limited. My overriding concern is that there is no way of knowing, if the licence were to be granted, the level of disturbance that might be caused to local residents living near to the Village Hall. There is also the danger that the Village Hall then becomes more of a social club than a Village Hall and I would strongly resist this.

Because of the likely increase in disturbance to local residents, if the licence application were accepted in its current form, I object to the application.

Yours faithfully

Stephen P Page LL.B

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**From:** Bredhurst Parish Council [redacted]  
**Sent:** 19 October 2016 12:42  
**To:** Lorraine Neale; [licensing@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@sevenoaks.gov.uk)  
**Subject:** Fw: Bredhurst Village Hall Licence Application 16/028336/LAPRE

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**From:** David Olver [redacted]  
**Sent:** 19 October 2016 11:52  
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**Subject:** Bredhurst Village Hall Licence Application 16/028336/LAPRE

Dear Bex

**RE: Bredhurst Village Hall Committee, Licence Application, 16/02833/LAPRE**

Please forward my objection to Maidstone Borough Council's licencing department:

I attended last night's parish council meeting and was appalled to learn that not one representative from the board of trustees from the Bredhurst Village Hall committee was in attendance. Residents had specifically asked for a public meeting and I understand that one of the reasons given for their failure to attend was that they felt a similar meeting they attended last year on the same topic was 'hostile'. If they find a few parish councillors and a handful of residents 'hostile' how on earth will Tim Gough, the chairman of the Bredhurst Village Hall charity and owner of 'That's the Spirit', the company providing the bar service to the hall, cope with people who are drunk and possibly argumentative! How ridiculous that they can't face a few residents!

I would also like to know why their application has been kept so quiet with little consultation with residents. They have a website and Facebook page but not one word of their application is mentioned. I thought charities were supposed to be run in an open and transparent manner?

The hours of the licence being requested is unreasonable and will impact on the lives of those living in close proximity to the hall, many of whom are elderly. The playing field to the rear of the hall is heavily used by families at all times but especially at weekends. They should not be subjected to drinkers in the field while trying to enjoy time with their children. Again, if the Bredhurst Village Hall committee cannot face the parish council, how will they cope with telling guests that they may not use or take their alcohol into the playing field on hot summers days.

I do not understand how a chairman of a charity can run his business from the Village Hall and make personal financial gain. This must be a clear conflict of interest and the provision of a bar seems only to serve the chairman's personal interests rather than the charity. A question was also raised last night as to whether the contract for the bar was put out to tender or did the chairman and trustees just decide to award the contract in house?

I strongly object to this application and hope for the sake of residents that it is turned down. It was suggested at the parish council meeting last night that they seek legal advice; a course of action that I hope they pursue.

Yours Sincerely





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**From:** Licensing [REDACTED]  
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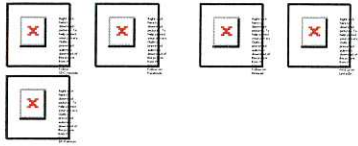
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**From:** Bredhurst Parish Council [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 October 2016 12:39  
**To:** [Lorraineaneale@maidstone.gov.uk](mailto:Lorraineaneale@maidstone.gov.uk); Licensing  
**Subject:** Bredhurst Village Hall

Dear Lorraine,  
Bredhurst Parish Council would like to submit the attached letter regarding the licence application from Bredhurst Village Hall.  
I also have submissions from a number of residents which I will forward separately.  
I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt.  
Regards,

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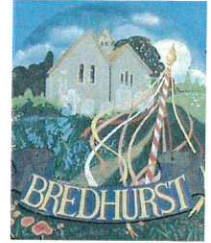


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18<sup>th</sup> October 2016

**RE: 16/02883/LAPRE**

**Application to Vary Premises Licence at Bredhurst Village Hall, Hurstwood Road, Bredhurst, Kent ME7 3JZ**

**Details of variation to current Premises Licence to allow the sale of alcohol 7 days a week, as follows:**

<b>Mondays – Thursdays:</b>	<b>19.00hrs – 22.00hrs</b>
<b>Fridays:</b>	<b>18.00hrs – 23.30hrs</b>
<b>Saturdays:</b>	<b>11.00hrs – 23.30hrs</b>
<b>Sundays:</b>	<b>11.00hrs – 22.30hrs</b>
<b>New Year's Eve:</b>	<b>Extension of licence to 00.30am</b>

**Decision of Bredhurst Parish Council: Unanimously Oppose the Application**

Bredhurst Parish Council initially met on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016 to discuss the application. Apologies were given by Bredhurst Village Hall trustees and the reason given was that the parish council meeting clashed with their committee meeting. Many questions were raised at this meeting by members of the public and cllrs which, in the absence of a representative from Bredhurst Village Hall, could not be answered. A member of the public suggested that a full public meeting be held at a later date allowing questions to be put to the village hall committee.

Bredhurst Parish Council suggested five different times and dates to Bredhurst Village Hall Committee but again they declined to meet with the council and residents, stating that they found previous meetings to be 'hostile'. They refer to a meeting in 2015 regarding their first licence application in which there were 28 members of the public present, the vast majority of whom were against the application. Although they refused to meet with us this year, they asked that questions from the council and residents be submitted to them in writing. As requested, Bredhurst Parish Council submitted questions but expressed concern that this is not an open or transparent way to deal with this, especially as residents had requested they attend a full public meeting.

Bredhurst Parish Council held an extraordinary meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 to discuss the above application in the absence of any representation from Bredhurst Village Hall Committee. The meeting was attended by 19 residents. At the request of Bredhurst Village Hall Committee, their response to the questions raised by the council and residents was read aloud and residents had the opportunity to comment. Unfortunately, the parish council could not provide answers to many of the questions and it was extremely disappointing that Bredhurst Village Hall Committee declined to attend.

The parish council had been told that one of the main advantages of Bredhurst Village Hall being granted a variation would result in more control over the consumption and sale of alcohol. The second benefit they stated would be the additional revenue raised for the upkeep of the hall.

However, in their recent statement to the council, Bredhurst Village Hall Committee stated that future hirers will not be obliged to use the hall's bar and will still be able to make their own bar arrangements and/or provide free drinks to their guests. They explained that under their new system, bars will not be required to obtain a TEN as the hall's licence will cover all sales of alcohol. They also stated that a member of the committee would not be required to be on site for every event. The concern is that this would result in less control rather than more, as currently, TENs are regulated by Maidstone Borough Council but under the proposed changes, this would be devolved to Bredhurst Village Hall Committee.

Regarding the additional income stream for the hall, the only assured benefit will be 10% of bar receipts with the remaining 90% going to 'That's the Spirit', the company which currently provides the bar/catering services to the hall and will continue to do so under the new arrangements. 'That's the Spirit' is owned by Tim Gough, the Chairman of Bredhurst Village Hall Committee, a registered charity.

Bredhurst Parish Council and members of the public raised concerns that the chairman of a charity is making a financial gain from the charity. Questions were raised as to whether the bar service provided by Tim Gough should have been put out to competitive tender and it was suggested that the parish council should seek legal advice.

In the statement to Bredhurst Parish Council, the village hall committee stated 'Tim already spends a lot of his time at or considering the needs of the hall without payment as a trustee. All of the trustees consider it unfair to expect additional work, the purchase of stock and other procedural issues to be undertaken by "That's the Spirit", an independent trading company, without profit and are happy that there is a fair donation to the hall. The trustees give their assurance that all aspects of the catering arrangements with "That's the Spirit" will be transparent and suggest that turnover and donation to the hall is published in the lobby.' Bredhurst Parish Council would suggest that 10% of bar receipts is not a 'fair donation'.

'That's the Spirit' has been offering bar services to the hall for some years and it is quite possible that guests attend village hall events under the assumption that all takings go towards the upkeep of the hall. This is not the case as the chairman of the charity retains 90% of takings for himself. Bredhurst Parish Council feels that posters advertising events and a statement on the hall's website should clearly indicate the nature of the relationship between Bredhurst Village Hall Committee and 'That's the Spirit' and the arrangement should be open and transparent which we believe it currently is not.

Bredhurst Parish Council's concerns also cover the following issues:

#### Prevention of Crime and Disorder

- It is of serious concern that if the main licence holder Tim Gough and the Bredhurst Village Hall Committee find the parish council and a handful of residents 'hostile' how will they cope with possible drunken behaviour from village hall guests at events at the hall.

#### Public Safety

- If this variation is allowed, cars exiting the village hall via Hurstwood Road late at night would coincide with people leaving The Bell, which is located directly opposite the end of Hurstwood

Road only approximately 100m from the village hall. Cars from both venues will attempt to join The Street, which is the main road which runs through Bredhurst.

- There is limited street lighting in The Street and Hurstwood Road and extra traffic could be a hazard for pedestrians leaving both venues at the same time.

#### Prevention of Public Nuisance

- This is a quiet rural area and noise generated by hall hirers leaving the premises will be alien to the area.
- Bredhurst Village Hall is situated in Hurstwood Road and is immediately opposite six retirement bungalows, managed by Golding Homes. Some residents in these bungalows already suffer late night disturbance at weekends when the hall is hired out for wedding receptions and parties. This disturbance could increase to every day of the week if alcohol is more readily available.
- It is not acceptable to subject residents, many are of whom are elderly, to traffic movements, banging car doors and noise from guests, potentially, **7 nights a week**.
- The hall's application form at Section M) d states: 'the garden cannot be used after 11pm', however, the hall's Terms & Conditions state 'after 9:30pm all doors must be closed and any noise outside the hall must be reduced to an absolute minimum'. There is obviously a discrepancy as to whether hall hirers are allowed to use the outside areas until 9.30 pm or 11pm.
- There are no sound limiters on the rear doors of the hall, which could cause problems for residents in Fir Tree Grove whose houses back onto the rear of the hall.
- The application is for the sale of alcohol both indoors and outdoors. In summer months especially, it will be difficult to confine hall users inside the hall. The availability of alcohol outdoors could see an increase in noisy behaviour **7 nights a week**.
- Bredhurst Parish Council is concerned that Bredhurst Village Hall Committee has done the bare minimum to advertise the application and has not formally consulted with all village residents in regard to their current application. At the meeting of the council on 5<sup>th</sup> October, members of the public called for a full public meeting with the village hall committee to discuss the application. Bredhurst Village Hall Committee has refused to meet with the council and residents, they have not advertised the application on their own website or their Facebook page and, consequently, many people in the village are unaware of the application or, those who do know about it feel that it is being 'sneaked in' without a full consultation. The hall is an amenity for the whole village and the views of all residents should have been taken into consideration prior to the submission of the variation application.
- Bredhurst Village Hall Committee has not considered the full implications of their request to vary the Premises Licence on current and future residents living in the immediate vicinity of the hall or the wider community. Having an alcohol licence for **7 nights a week** could, in time, change the very nature of the hall. It was built in the 1960s as a community amenity and, until now, its focus has been a meeting place for local clubs and organisations. By granting a full licence, in time it could turn into more of a social club, aimed at more lucrative hall hirers from further afield and may no longer meet the needs of Bredhurst residents. We accept that the current committee stress this will not happen but, over coming years with changes in trustees, new trustees may have different objectives to those of the current committee. We believe a licence may be very difficult to revoke.

- Bredhurst Parish Council is worried about the type of hirers a full alcohol licence at the hall will attract, for example, football club events, which have proved problematic at other venues within the village over many years. It may turn from a village amenity into a social club. If more lucrative hall bookings increase during week nights, our fear is that hall hire charges will increase forcing out the local clubs such as WI, Garden Club and keep fit classes.

#### Protection of Children from Harm

- Immediately to the rear of the hall is Bredhurst playing field which is managed by the parish council. It has an enclosed area with play equipment for toddlers. There is a sign on the railings stating that the play equipment is for use by children of 12 years of age and under. At the far end of the field, there is play equipment for older children. The equipment and field are used daily by unsupervised children. Bredhurst Parish Council is concerned that it will be difficult to restrict guests to the confines of the village hall. Particularly on warm summer nights, it may be difficult to stop guests from straying with alcoholic drinks onto the playing field area, especially now that trustees have confirmed that they will not be present at all events.
- Bredhurst Parish Council does not feel it is appropriate to have alcohol in the vicinity of the toddlers play area and playing field which children use unsupervised on a daily basis.
- Increased traffic to the village hall car park during the day could cause a hazard for unsupervised children walking or cycling to the village playing field. In addition, children attending evening clubs at the school will also be at risk.

Bredhurst Parish Council respects the hard work, improvements made to the village hall, and dedication of all village hall trustees. We offered and would have welcomed the opportunity to discuss an acceptable compromise with Bredhurst Village Hall Committee but they have declined our invitations to meet.

Bredhurst Parish Council considers their request to vary the Premises Licence so radically misguided and it may, over time and with different trustees, change the village hall into a social club predominately focused on profit making. We do not consider this to be in the best interests of Bredhurst residents.

Bredhurst Parish Council, therefore, wishes to see the application to vary Bredhurst Village Hall's Premises Licence not approved. However, should MBC Licensing Committee be minded to approve the application we suggest the following conditions be taken into consideration:

- The sale of alcohol to be limited to Fridays and Saturdays only
- Alcohol only to be served in plastic glasses
- No alcohol to be served in glass bottles
- Smokers not to be allowed to congregate at the main front entrance to the village hall. This path is the main access to the playing field used by children and to St Peter's Charity Shop
- Hall hirers to be restricted to the confines of the hall
- Hall hirers not to be allowed to take alcohol outside the boundary of the village hall
- Sound inhibitors to be installed to the rear doors leading to the patio area
- At least two members of the Village Hall Committee to be on duty at all times when events involving the sale of alcohol are taking place
- All members of the Village Hall Committee to carry out industry recognised training regarding the sale of alcohol, dealing with difficult/drunken customers and first aid training by an approved recognised body
- Guests attending 'fund raising' events for the hall to be made aware of exactly where the takings from the bar are going. It should be clearly stated on all posters/advertising material

that 10% of bar receipts will be donated to village hall funds and the remaining 90% will be retained by Tim Gough, Chairman of Bredhurst Village Hall Committee and owner of 'That's the Spirit', the company which provides bar/catering services to hall hirers

Yours faithfully,

Bex Ratchford

Parish Clerk

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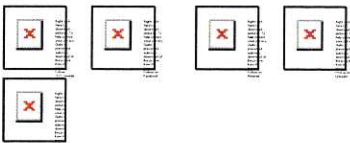
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19<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Dear Bex

Please forward our objections to Maidstone Borough Council to the licence application by Bredhurst Village Hall Committee. We live almost opposite the hall and are deeply concerned by the prospect of an increase in drunken users of the hall, the increase of traffic and noise. We have lived here for 37 years and, until my husband retired (in 2000), I was booking secretary to the hall and had held the position for 18 years, during which time we were, with the approval of the village hall committee, able to monitor the situation of the village hall usage and any negative impacts on residents.

We feel it is wrong that the chairman of the charity can profit from the hall. As we live so close, we would have expected to have been asked our opinion but we have not. Why? Because they know we do not support this application and that we think it is totally wrong for the hall and for the community. We urge Maidstone Borough Council to turn this down.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Evelyn and Mr Graham Elford-Knox