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**To:- Councillors Grant (Chair) Brennan-Whitefield, Ferry, Kilbride,  
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Dear Councillor

## **SOUTH AYRSHIRE LICENSING BOARD**

### **ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Licensing (Scotland) Act (2005) -**

Agenda Item No. 10(b) - Application for Variation of Premises Licence, Crosshill Bowling and Social Club – additional correspondence (copy herewith).

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**Crosshill Bowling Green License Application 22/00515/LAPREV.**

Kirstine,

Some points to raise on the recent license application by Crosshill Bowling Green from a residents perspective...

The current committee are all non-bowlers and clearly intent on using the bowling green for purposes other than intended. As a resident, I feel that it is only right that South Ayrshire Council planning department engage in dialogue with the local residents in this matter.

Having been through the planning process to build a house in this conservation village, I believe there are due processes to follow regarding this matter and to permit a license for outdoor entertainment on top of a bowling green at this stage would be detrimental to the condition of the green and extremely premature.

The Crosshill Bowling Green license application highlights the ground adjacent to the bowling green as being part of their premises. Land registry and planning will confirm that this land does not belong to them. It was previously a tennis court, which fell into disrepair.

On a personal level, my parents and I have a grandstand view of the bowling green from our property. It is simply not fair for residents to look out onto a bowling green, which is being used for entertainment purposes involving food & drink. A petition signed by nearly all the local residents will confirm this sentiment.

Catrina informs me that the current license includes consumption of alcohol around the bowling green perimeter. This was to allow bowlers to sit on the summer seats with a drink and observe a bowling match. I believe that this is no longer appropriate. I have no objection to individuals having a drink inside the clubhouse but currently do not think it appropriate for individuals to be standing outside consuming alcohol.

I personally have raised a number of complaints with the current bowling green committee over the last couple of years due to their conduct. This included sectioning off land they do not own and filling it with plant equipment, cars, sofas etc. This ultimately led to additional fly tipping in the area. The committee previously held a BBQ on top of the green without the appropriate license. They refused to reply to a complaint letter written by myself on behalf of the local residents, my requests for a response was met with verbal abuse. I have also had to complain to a committee member about the inappropriate use of floodlights late at night. I can provide evidence of these matters if required.

We live in a peaceful residential area, the new operating times proposed would have a serious impact on this due to increased traffic, footfall and noise disturbance. There is also the matter of light pollution to the residents from the use of floodlights, there intended purpose was for bowling tournaments. We also feel the proposed opening times unwarranted for a village bowling green.

I would be grateful if you could consider these matters in your review.

Regards,

Alasdair McBlain.