

## APPENDIX E

10<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Please reply to:  
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Tandridge District Council  
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Dear Sir/Madam

### **Application for the grant of a Premises Licence under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 at North Downs Golf Club, Northdown Road, Woldingham, CR3 7AA**

As the local Association for Woldingham, we take a keen interest in all activities that may enhance or detract from our village. We are supportive of Get Golfing's mission to promote golfing as a form of recreation, and of their efforts to make North Downs Golf Club a sustainable venture. We recognize that an alcohol license is a necessary part of this, and that the Club enjoys the benefits of an alcohol license for members and their guests.

However, as the Club is situated near to residential properties and in an Area of Great Landscape Value (currently being reviewed as a potential AONB) and in the Green Belt, we are conscious that any activities of the Club could have a bearing on both the amenity of its neighbours, as well as the tranquility and rural nature of this part of Woldingham. It is also situated on high ground, where noise from the Club from music playing indoors, people standing outside in groups and cars leaving echoing around the roads beneath (notably Southfields Road) and farther afield in the village which has extremely low ambient noise levels would alter the ambience of the whole area.

The existing license, which runs until 11pm except on Sundays, Good Friday and Christmas Day, has been tolerable for residents and these hours are in line with other premises licenses nearby at Woldingham Village Club and Village Hall.

The application seeks to extend these hours to 23.30 Sunday to Thursday and 00.30 on Fridays and Saturday, with opening hours half an hour beyond that, allows for entertainment, and allows for alcohol to be served outdoors anywhere on the Course up to 20.00 every day of the week, all of which we believe would create unacceptable noise disturbance in the surrounding area.

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Given the topography of the site and the proximity of the neighbours this would clearly affect the amenity of several houses in the vicinity, who, in such a rural area should not be expected to endure this past the current license hours. And, without restricting it to members and their guests, coupled with these very long licensing hours, it would also pave the way to the Club becoming a party venue – and thus overreaching what Get Golfing pledged to the community when they were seeking to acquire the site, which is that it would be used solely as a place for golfing rather than a commercial entertainment venue.

For these reasons, whilst we would support the license continuing under the current terms, we would not support an extension of hours or the lack of restriction on the license applying solely to members and their guests.

Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to comment on this application.

Yours sincerely

David Shelley

Chairman, The Woldingham Association

CC: The Lord Christopher, President, The Woldingham Association

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