

## APPENDIX 'F'



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Dear Sirs

### **North Downs Golf Club, Northdown Road, Woldingham, Caterham New Premises Licence**

We act on behalf of Get Golfing CIO and we have received your representation in relation to our Client's application.

We write to clarify the application and address the points raised in your representation. With the hope to alleviate your concerns.

By way of background, Get Golfing CIO are a well-respected golfing charity, whose aim is to encourage greater participation in the game of golf and to deliver a positive impact on the physical and mental health of participants. The charity's intention is to reverse the recent trend of golf course closures in recent years. Presently, Get Golfing operates and maintains eight sites, with each site being a reinvestment from previous acquired sites. Therefore, to continue with this operation Get Golfing has purchased North Downs Golf Club with the intention of upkeeping and maintaining the golf club.

Get Golfing are aware of your representation and the management team of North Downs Golf Club would welcome the opportunity to meet with the Local Association of Woldingham, or representative of the association, in order to alleviate any concerns and further clarify any queries you may have.

At present, we understand your representation has three main areas of concern, each of which we will address in turn.

1. In relation to your concerns raised to noise emanating from the premises. Whilst Get Golfing acknowledges these concerns, our client has confidence their style of operation mitigates against the concerns raised. The premises has applied for live and recorded music for indoors only, which should result in very minimal noise escaping from the premises. Our client can assure you that they have experience in mitigating noise issues in line with other golf clubs operated by Get Golfing. As a result, our client has offered by way of condition to ensure that any *'noise or vibration from within the clubhouse shall not emanate from the premises so as to cause a nuisance to any noise sensitive premises nearest to the clubhouse.'* This condition is enforceable if the new premises licence application were to be granted.
2. Our client also acknowledges that the local premises of Woldingham Village Club and Village Hall have slightly earlier closing hours, but as can be appreciated North Downs Golf Club is a different style of operation to those examples given. Get Golfing is trying to bring North Downs Golf club in line with

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similar operations within the surrounding area. Woldingham Golf Club is permitted the Sale of alcohol until 00:30 (Sunday to Thursday) and 01:00 (Friday and Saturday) with the premises open for a further 30 minutes after. Similar can also be said of Tandridge Golf Club (alcohol permitted until 00:30 Fridays and Saturdays).

3. Our client would like to further clarify the issue raised to the external serving of drinks. Our client is looking to have a 'drinks buggy' situated on the course, to allow golfers to purchase a light refreshment or alcoholic drink on the course. Golfers will in all likelihood only see this 'drinks buggy' once whilst on their golf round. Get Golfing does not believe this would cause any noise disturbances to the surrounding residences. If such disturbances were to occur, the negative affect on surrounding golfers would ultimately be of a detriment to the golfer's experience at the golf club alongside the detriment to surrounding residents. Get Golfing would strongly like to avoid any disturbances. As such Get Golfing have offered in the application for the outdoor refreshment serving on the course to finish at 20:00hrs.

Get Golfing is continuing in its pledge to the local community not to over develop the site and to keep the main purpose of the premises as a golf club. To do so and as its duty as a charity Get Golfing has a responsibility to update the premises in line with surrounding venues. Get Golfing believes the suggestion the premises is being a 'party venue' is misleading. The premises currently has the ability to hold parties but chooses not to as this is not within the business model, and this will continue. However, with golf courses across the UK, hospitality is a key ingredient in order to keep the club commercially viable, as such the odd occasional event may be required. However, with current restrictions on the club premises certificate this is not currently permissible for the premises, which is of significant detriment to site.

Get Golfing has taken account of your comments relating to possible noise nuisance and disorder. Please note that the Responsible Authorities (Licensing Authority, Police Authority and Environmental Health) have had chance to review the application and have not raised any objections to the application. The responsible authorities are the council's main advisors in crime and disorder and public nuisance.

Notwithstanding the above, our client has taken on board the concerns raised and, subject to the premises licence being granted as applied for (or otherwise to the satisfaction of my client), we are happy to offer the additional conditions:

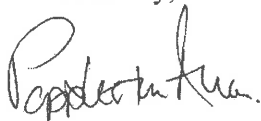
- The email and telephone number of the designated premises supervisor shall be made available to local residents.
- Staff shall be given appropriate instructions and training to encourage customers to leave the premise quietly and not to loiter in the vicinity of the premises so as to minimize disturbances to local residents

Considering the additional operation measures proposed above and information we have provided in relation to our application, we hope this is sufficient to alleviate your concerns. Should you feel this is sufficient for you to withdraw your representation in order for us to avoid a hearing as to this matter, we would be grateful if you could confirm this to the Licensing Authority. Alternatively, as mentioned previously, our client would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and discuss this matter further if you wish to do so.

We enclose a full copy of the application and the existing licence for your reference.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,



**Poppleston Allen**

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