

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

From: Environmental Health

To: Development Services Manager

Our Ref: EH/LTG/ltg

FAO: Miss J Shore

Your Ref: APP/13/00119

Ext. No: 446668

Date: 10 April 2013

**Re: Crown Bingo and Social Club, Somborne Drive, Havant, PO9 5AN
Construction of single storey front extension to create outdoor smoking area.**

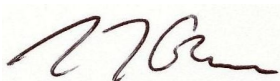
I refer to the above application under the Town & Country Planning Acts passed to this Service for comment.

I have to object to the current application as it stands and would make the following two points:

1. There is no information provided as to how noise from the extension is going to be limited so that a loss of amenity or possibly a nuisance, is not to be caused to the occupiers of neighbouring residential properties. Whilst measures could be taken to ensure that noise is not an issue, there is nothing to suggest that a large loudspeaker wouldn't be stood in the corner of the shelter so that patrons can clearly hear numbers as they are called out inside the building and which could certainly cause a problem for the neighbours.

Whilst this issue could be addressed by a condition which requires that noise from the extension shall not be audible at the boundaries of the site, there is a second issue which I must also point out.

2. The proposal does not meet the legal requirements to allow smoking in this area, as it is deemed to be "substantially" enclosed. To verify this, calculations have been carried out and on the proposed plan this works out to be 77% enclosed. However different dimensions are given for the other set of plans/elevations attached to the case, the length given is different by about 4m and the depth is also different. Approximate calculations have been carried out and this equates to approximately 60% enclosed. Anything over 50% is deemed to be an enclosed space and smoking is not permitted in such areas. As a consequence, to be usable as a smoking area the extension would need to be redesigned.



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