

APPENDIX 3

Sent: 12 July 2019 12:53

To: Kate Pearsall

Subject: Application for Alcohol Licence - Putt in the Park, Castle Park

Dear Kate,

I welcome the changes in this Licence Application from the previous submission. However, they do not affect the objections I have. In particular the reduction in hours proposed would not prevent applications for temporary extensions when the Upper Park is open after permitted hours such as the Summer Concerts and the Fireworks Display.

The application puts at risk the peace of our award winning Park, possibly endangering the green flag it has been awarded for a number of years.

It would have a deleterious effect on the lives of the residents of Wakefield Close, most of whom are over 65. There is protection against such development at every other place in the area.

It would the enjoyment of the new facilities by children when people attend solely to consume alcohol and not to use the Crazy Golf.

Colchester's Licensing Policy refers to cultivating our green spaces for health, wellbeing and the enjoyment of all and to premises contributing positively to the area in which they are situated. Clearly they are not fulfilled here.

Key Factor 2 stresses the need for premises to be in the right places. I believe this is not in the right place. Key Factor 3 talks about the location of the premises affecting the locality and about noise sensitive locations. Wakefield Close has green spaces on both sides which are protected from development. This application would cause noisy and unruly behaviour in a quiet, residential area.

Reference is made in the Licensing Policy to the availability of public transport. The nearest public transport is High Street and North Station Road, both at some distance via ill lit paths.

The sale of alcohol is likely to take place during the hours when the park is open for special events. Users would be both those attending the event and those who watch the fireworks from outside the houses and behind the houses in Wakefield Close. These people would have difficulty in the dark. At present no trouble is encountered but consumption of alcohol is likely to have an effect.

In my view the Council's policy objectives of prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the protection of children would be breached by this application.

Regards,

Sent: 25 June 2019 12:01

To: Kate Pearsall

Subject: Application for Alcohol Licence = Putt in the Park

Dear Kate,

Thank you for advising me that the current Application has been withdrawn and a new one submitted. Although not at the heart of my objection the decision not to proceed with off sales is welcome. So too is the reduction in hours sought to a maximum of 9.00 pm. Of course there is nothing to stop the Applicant submitting temporary application when events go on in the Park to a later time.

The Crazy Golf is a good addition to the leisure facilities in the Castle Park. It should be very attractive to children and young people. An alcohol licence here is the wrong place. It will upset what is a quiet green area, may jeopardise the award of a Green Flag and should not be somewhere where people are attracted. It will also produce disturbance to a quiet, residential area where most of the residents are over 65. They are entitled to believe that this area will remain a pleasant place to live. (I include myself in this).

Castle Park has an increasing programme of events and concerts, all of which have the potential to cause nuisance to local residents. I have today, as a resident, that most (not all) have been well organised so as to please those attending without being a disturbance to residents.

It remains my view that this revised and improved Application still breaches the council's Policy Objectives for Licensing of prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the protection of children.

I had a cataract operation on Friday (21 June) and had some difficulty in writing this. I reserve the right to come back and amplify my remarks when my vision is better.

Regards,

From:

Sent: 16 July 2019 16:22

To: Customer Service

Subject: Pitch and Putt alcohol Licence application second application.

Hi

I am writing to object again to the proposed alcohol licence applied for by the new Pitch and putt site lower castle park. This I feel is very unnecessary and I feel would cause anti social behaviour not only in the park (where there are a very large number of children) but also for us the residents of the quiet housing estate situated next door. We already have noise/antisocial behaviour and traffic problems from the night concerts the park now hosts and the Dutch Quarter residents sadly experience antisocial problems due to drinking in close proximity to their housing so it's common sense to think these problems will be the same for the residents around the golf site if alcohol is served at all. A lot of these residents are also elderly and suffer from the night fall out from town already so we do not need to add to this.

So I object and think that no alcohol licence of any sort should be issued to this site as it is totally unnecessary.
Many thanks

From:

Sent: 17 July 2019 11:43

To: Licensing Team; Licensing Team

Subject: Putt in the Park - Alcohol Licence Application

Ref: M095336

16th July 2019

Application for an alcohol licence for Putt in the Park. I wish to object to this application on the following grounds:

I believe that this application is wholly inappropriate for the venue and location for the following reasons.

1. A small family type entertainment that normally attracts young families as well as older participants is much more suited to the cafe facilities already applied for and granted.
2. There are many more local hostelrys already serving alcohol.
3. When young children are involved in activities their safety must first and foremost be considered and, as a sporting person myself, I know full well that the consumption of alcohol does not go well with any physical activity, however 'gentle' it may appear.
4. The granting of an alcohol licence will also make the venue an attraction for Corporate and Group functions which would be totally out of character for the location. Indeed the website for the London Putt in the Park venues promotes "office tournaments, corporate events and parties" all year round.
5. The venue is very close to residential properties, in fact it is just a footpath away from the closest, and will already affect the residents with noise and light pollution.
6. It is inevitable that if this licence is granted the holder will use best endeavours to promote the sale of alcohol since that is where the greatest potential lies for profit; and profit is the aim of any business.
7. The opening hours for the current 'Putt in the Park' venues are all 9.00am to 9.00pm with food and golf finishing at 8.00pm and the bar remaining open until 9.00pm all year round. It would seem eminently logical that the intention of the applicant is for Colchester 'Putt in the Park' to follow suit.
8. I believe that the Council's objectives of the 'prevention of public nuisance; public safety and the protection of children from harm' would be breached by this application.

If, however, you are still mindful to grant this licence I strongly urge you to restrict the serving times to Colchester Castle Park opening times i.e. bar closing at dusk.

From:
Sent: 02 July 2019 10:39
To: Licensing Team
Cc:
Subject: Putt in the park new application

Dear Sir

I object to this revised application because firstly I cannot understand why a family venture as described in the planning application need to serve alcohol. Secondly why such long hours, surely 8am is far to early for people to start serving alcohol in the location it is. Also the application until 9 pm. Part of the planning application approval was the venue to be open during the park times. The application therefore should not be to 9pm but be the same as park closing times. My concern is that when the park is closed the gate leading on to the public pathway could be used by the venue and this would allow them to stay open and serve alcohol even after the park closes especially in the winter months at 16.30. This would lead to noise and disturbance to the nearby residents of Wakefield Close and Roman Road.

Regards

25 June 2019

Dear Sarah

Thank you for the update. I still wish to fully support Putt in the Park's licence application. I am looking forward to seeing a responsibly run tourist attraction that would cater for adults to enjoy a few drinks after a family day out.

Good luck Putt in the Park.

Kind regards