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Susan Mair,
Depute Clerk to the Argyll and Bute Licensing Board,
Kilmory,
Lochgilphead.
PA31 8RT.

Dear Ms Mair,

Re Cardross Bowling Club, application for a variation to the premises licence.

We wish to make representation to the Board that the variation proposed in the above application be refused on the grounds of public nuisance.

The requested variation to the premises licence would allow the unrestricted consumption of alcohol in the area surrounding the bowling green. No time limit is specified on the application.

We are frankly appalled by this prospect. Our property adjoins the Bowling Club, and the area proposed for alcohol consumption runs right along our garden hedge, and is within a few feet of our living room and bedrooms. We already experience significant noise nuisance from bowlers and spectators during the bowling season, but recognise that there is little that can be done to alleviate this problem. However, the thought that the noise and disturbance could be exacerbated by players, spectators and others drinking around the bowling green is deeply concerning.

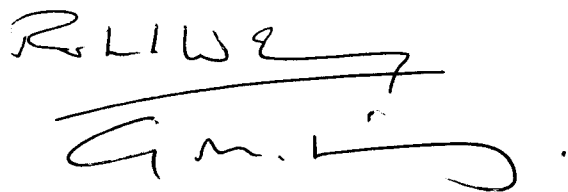
We would also observe that, in the recent past, the Club appears to us to have become more of a private drinking club than a bowling club. There appear to be a considerable number of

'social' members who use the bar facilities of the Club as a source of relatively cheap alcohol, and under the proposed arrangements, such social members would be free to enjoy their drinks outdoors at anytime and anywhere within the Club grounds. It would be tantamount to the establishment of an open-air pub adjacent to our house, which in our view is quite unacceptable for a quiet residential street. Indeed, our concern arises more from the prospect of these social members exploiting the proposed variation to the premises licence than from bowlers per se.

Additionally, we wonder how this proposal sits with the fact that, according to Argyll and Bute's website, Cardross is one of the areas which is subject to a by-law prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in public. All of the Club grounds are clearly visible from nearby houses and to passers-by in Church Avenue.

Finally, we would point out that the Club's application specifies that it is "to allow visiting / Cardross players and spectators to take their drinks out to the side of the green while they are participating in / watching games". Therefore, if, in spite of any representations received, the Board is still minded to grant the licence variation, it would surely be appropriate to limit the extent of this facility to the days and times when actual bowling matches are in progress.

Yours faithfully,

The image shows two handwritten signatures. The first signature is 'R. W. Irving' written in a cursive style. Below it is a second signature, 'G. M. Irving', also in cursive. A horizontal line is drawn across the middle of the two signatures.

Robert W. Irving.

Gwenneth M. Irving.