

## Naomi Wopling

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**From:** Jacqi Hodgson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 26 February 2016 16:29  
**To:** SH-Licensing  
**Cc:** Cllr J. Hodgson  
**Subject:** Re: New premises licence application - Ashburton Football Club

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Dear Naomi,

I wish to raise concerns regarding the application for a new premises licence for Ashburton Football Club, Chuley Hill, Ashburton, Newton Abbot, TQ13 7RW.

The main concern that has been raised with regard to the four criteria for comment is safety. In view of narrow lanes, the condition of the road and dangerous unbarriered drop at top of hill the granting of a licence in this location is considered potentially hazardous. Similarly the issue of safety due to the narrow lane where cars would park to access this premises would be hazardous.

The premises are in very close proximity to a dwelling that has very recently been granted planning permission, therefore public nuisance could ensue from late night revelry that would be detrimental to the quality of life of nearby residents.

These concerns are echoed by Members of Staverton Parish Council which adjoins Ashburton and the parish boundary is in very close proximity to the location of these premises. Councillors also raise the issue of limiting the licence to a members only facility with opening hours that would clearly relate to usage of the club premises for associated sport activities rather than more general opening hours, the former arrangement would be far more acceptable to them. I would support this view in preferring such restrictions to be included if a licence is granted.

For your reference I have included the views of the Parish Councillors below.

Yours sincerely

Jacqi  
Cllr Jacqi Hodgson  
SHDC Ward Member for Dartington & Staverton

**FROM Cllr Ray Hill**  
**Date:** Monday, 8 February 2016 14:38

Hi All,

Sorry for late response, just returned from a couple of nights away.

I feel this application should be opposed or at least be requested that the licence be severely restricted for the following reasons :-

The premises are on the edge of our Parish boundary but very close to Ashburton's. There are many licenced premises in Ashburton the nearest being probably only about a quarter of a mile from the proposal premises.

No proven need especially with so many Public Houses in nearby Ashburton, some of which are struggling for survival.

The premises are extremely close to a barn where the applicants have recently been granted permission for conversion to a residential dwelling.

**FROM Cllr Bruce Thorogood:**

From: Bruce <[REDACTED]>

**Subject: Re: Notification of new premises licence application - Ashburton Football Club, Chuley Hill, Ashburton**

**Date:** 6 February 2016 at 15:46:12 GMT

I believe what they should be applying for is a 'club premises licence' which restricts sale of alcohol to members and guests.

If they are applying as a club, then presumably their application will be treated accordingly - but worth checking.

The club premises licence application info is at: <http://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/3463/Club-Premises-Certificate>.

There is also a general licence application form at <http://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/3515/Premises-Licence> which looks much the same and has provision for a club to apply on this form, in which case I'd assume they'd only be granted a club premises licence.

I don't know enough about current licencing law and its application or the club concerned to make an informed comment, but Sacha's concerns do seem valid. Maybe the licence should be restricted to weekends and other match days - I believe that is possible.

**FROM Cllr Sacha Hubbard:**

On 6 Feb 2016, at 13:52, Sacha <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I have very strong reservations about this as a daily use licence. It's virtually a pub. If they restrict it to week ends only, or after matches until midnight, that would be more acceptable. Daily from noon onwards is far too much and totally unnecessary for a football club when matches are not being played. In any case, a barrier is needed urgently at the top of Chuley Hill, where it joins Cabbage Hill. Driving that way the other day, the earth bank (which is very steep) was scarred and rutted, showing that yet another vehicle had got into trouble there. I would think the people who are converting the barn at the bottom of Chuley Hill might have very strong reservations about this application, as the football clubhouse is virtually on their doorstep.

I should have said, also, that parking there is absolutely appalling, especially when a match is on. At times it's a close shave to get through and if something is coming towards you, one of you has to back up almost to the top or bottom of the hill, as the lay-bys are full of parked cars, too. If the club opens daily as a social venue, Chuley Hill might as well be closed to through traffic.

I may be wrong but I think that, as they've applied for a Premises Licence and not a Club Licence, they can sell alcohol to anyone, whether member of that Club, or not. A Club licence requires membership of the club for at least two days before being able to buy alcohol on those premises.

They've applied for a licence for 7 days a week, match or not. It's a football club, not a social club, so I don't understand the need for a permanent licence, allowing them to sell alcohol for 12 hours a day, 7 days a week. Surely this becomes a commercial venture then, not a sports club amenity on days the sport is played.

**FROM Cllr Michael Loverock:**

On 6 Feb 2016, at 09:18, Michael Loverock <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I am not as well acquainted of the problems in that area as Sacha - I think her concerns are very valid, but it seems an odd venue to go for a licence in this way - is it that they want a bar open on match days only? and that needs flexibility.

Does anyone know someone on the committee there?

**From Cllr John Forte:**

<[REDACTED]>

Date : 05/02/2016 - 14:21 (GMT)

**Subject : Re: Notification of new premises licence application - Ashburton Football Club, Chuley Hill, Ashburton**  
**From what Sacha says there are clearly several serious issues that must be addressed before any licence is granted.**