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Dear Councillor

## **SOUTH HAMS LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE - THURSDAY, 22ND JUNE, 2023**

I refer to the agenda for the above meeting and attach papers in connection with the following item(s).

<b>Agenda No</b>	<b>Item</b>
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| 4. | <b><u>Application for a New Premises Licence at Rockbox, Field Adjacent to Golf Club, Thurlestone, Kingsbridge TQ7 3NX (Pages 1 - 8)</u></b> |
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Yours sincerely

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## SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

**These are the key points I rely on to support my representation:**

Application: **New Premises Licence**

By: **Mr Rupert Stockwell**

of: **Rose Farm, Woolston, Kingsbridge, TQ7 3BH**

Name of premises: **Rockbox, Field Adjacent to Golf Club Car Park, Thurlestone, Kingsbridge, TQ7 3NZ**

Key Points		
Which of the four licensing objectives does your <i>application, representation or objection</i> relate	(✓)	<b>Please enter a summary of your key points in the table below. Please use an additional page if necessary</b>
<b>Prevention of crime &amp; disorder</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Public safety</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Prevention of public nuisance</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>The position of the field rented from Thurlestone Golf Club is unfortunate as the sound carries very easily across the valley to most parts of Thurlestone. Noise and announcements up to twelve hours a day is not what either residents or visitors to Thurlestone expect. Last year the noise was a public nuisance, and made sitting outside in one's own garden a trial rather than a pleasure. Often hours were not rigorously kept and the noise of people leaving, car doors banging etc went on well after the official closing time.</p> <p>The lighting used is quite contrary to the general dark skies policy in Thurlestone, not only as in the made Neighbourhood Plan but as endorsed several times in 'Village Voice' the parish community magazine.</p> <p>\public nuisance of this kind will be almost impossible for the EH team to catch up with given the 28 day period and the timings involved. The noise regulations are useless in such a situation as they are designed for indoors with windows closed, not outdoors.</p>

<b>Protection of children from harm</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Last summer when I was a councillor I received several complaints from people whose children could not get to sleep in the evenings because of the noise – if the windows were shut it was too hot, and if they were open it was too noisy.
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<p><b>Prevention of public nuisance</b></p>	<p>X</p>	<p>I am objecting to the granting of a licence to Rock Box for the sale of alcohol for consumption on and off premises between the hours of 11am and 10pm.</p> <p>Last year Rock Box, both at this site and the one at South Milton Beach, created a nuisance as we were not able to sit in our garden because the level of noise and music, both live and recorded, was excessive and created a public nuisance as a result. Live and recorded music sessions often went over the scheduled time and closing of the venue was often after the 22.30 deadline. There was also related noise of shouting often late into the evening when the event was meant to have shut down at the 22.30 deadline which made it difficult to get to sleep.</p> <p>There was a significant level of light pollution, contrary to the policy adopted by the parish council, from the array of at least 3 large containers which housed the bar, food service and stage. This pollution was experienced on several occasions as late as 23.57, 23.16 and 00.30 when the lights were still on and there was significant noise from people shouting around the seated and lighted areas.</p> <p>Should the licence be approved it should be with conditions to limit the anti-social aspects of this operation. The sites Rock Box uses in Thurlestone and South Milton are close to residential housing which means that their activities are having a detrimental impact to the peace and enjoyment that residents should be entitled.</p> <p>If the licence is to be granted it should ideally be conditional on a total restriction or, at least, a level of music live or recorded that does not create a nuisance to the residents.</p> <p>The licence should specify a shorter time period in which the activity can take place as per the licence at South Milton beach which is for July and August only. Any longer could create a precedent and extend the nuisance.</p> <p>If no conditions are applied and if there is a repetition of the nuisance this year, then the Environmental Health and Licensing teams at South Hams need to respond very quickly so that the nuisance can be documented and appropriate action taken before the activity closes.</p>
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## Rockbox, Thurlestone – photographs of the site location

Looking north-west from proposed licensed area



Looking north from proposed licensed area



Looking north from proposed licensed area



Looking south from proposed licensed area

