

Old Dean Bowling Club REF NO LA CLUB/002/23

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my opposition to the possible revoking of the Bowling club's license. As a member of the Bowling club, I can attest to the positive impact it has had on my life since I moved over from Ireland.

The Bowling club has not only provided me with a sense of community and belonging but has also allowed me to make new friends and connect with people who share my passion for the sport. If the license is suspended, the club will be forced to close, and this would be a terrible loss for me and for the community as a whole.

I urge you to reconsider the decision to revoke the license and to consider all the positive contributions that the Bowling club has made to our community. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

Alan Myron

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Dear P Barnshaw,

We are writing to express our concern regarding in the review of the license of The Old Dean Bowling Club. As long-standing members of the club, with over 40 years of membership between us, we would like you to take into consideration the impact it will have on the club, members and our community.

We attended the EGM that was held to discuss the future of the club and resulting in the chairman resigning. We trust that the remaining committee will make the right decisions moving forward, and with the complete support of all members. We urge you to reconsider the decision to revoke the license in the meantime and give The Committee and our members the chance to prove that we can comply with the laws of our licence.

The Old Dean Bowling Club has been a vital part of our community for many years, providing a safe and welcoming space for people of all ages to come together and enjoy the bowling and many other activities. It would be a great shame to see this valuable resource lost.

We hope that you will take our concerns into consideration and work with the committee to find a solution that does not result in our club closing.

Your Sincerely,

Clive and Annette Dando

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Anne and Christopher Stevens

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Dear P Barnshaw,

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the possible license being taken away from Old Dean Bowling Club. As members of the club, with Chris bowling and myself enjoying the social aspect, we have come to appreciate the sense of community that the club provides.

Not only do we enjoy the events and activities that are offered, but our children and grandchildren also benefit from the family-friendly atmosphere. We appreciate the opportunity to meet and socialize with other members, and we believe that the club plays an important role in bringing people together.

Living opposite the bowling club, we have never had any issues with noise or disturbance and have always found the members to be respectful and considerate. We believe that the club is an asset to the local community and should be allowed to continue operating.

We urge you to consider the impact that revoking the license would have on the members and the wider community. We hope that you will take our concerns into account and make a decision that benefits everyone.

Kind Regards

Anne and Chris Stevens

Dear P Barnshaw,

I am writing to you regarding the possible revocation of the license from the Old Dean Bowling Club.  
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As a member of the club for over 60 years, I am deeply concerned about the impact this would have on both me and the wider community.

I am fortunate enough to live close to the club, and it has been a central part of my social life for many years. The thought of losing this connection with my friends and neighbours fills me with great sadness, and I worry about the impact it will have on my mental wellbeing.

Bowling has been a passion of mine for many years, and the Old Dean Bowling Club has been a second home to me. It is a place where I feel comfortable, surrounded by people who share my love of the sport. Losing this would be a huge blow to my sense of community and belonging.

I would really like you to reconsider the possibility of revoking the license from the Old Dean Bowling Club. It is a vital part of the local area, and its closure would have a devastating impact on the many people, like me, who rely on it for social connections and companionship.

After attending the EGM that the committee held for all members, I trust that members and committee will ensure that our club is ran in accordance with our licence and that we will follow any guidance offered to us.

Sincerely,

Jean Jones

Cllrs Lewis Mears and Shaun Garrett

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19/06/2023

Dear Licensing Team,

Please see below our representation regarding the review of the Old Dean Bowling Club (LACLUB/002/23) club premises license.

The Old Dean Bowling Club, founded in 1964, is a members-only community facility in the Old Dean Ward that offers bowling facilities for all ages. They have a range of teams that meet at their facilities, for both bowling and social events, as part of this they operate a fully functioning bar for their members (and guests) to use. They currently have approx. 60 paid-up members (fluctuates over the year, can be as much as 100), most of which reside on the Old Dean; thus, it is an important community asset.

We both believe that the event that led to Surrey Police issuing review papers for the club is inexcusable, and it incredibly regretful that both police officers and members of public were injured. The Old Dean Bowling Club also appreciates both the seriousness and severity of this issue, already they have had a change in management structure and two of the management responsible for this incident are understood to be removed. We met with some of the new committee and were satisfied they were already taking appropriate actions and measures.

The club is arguably one of the hearts of the Old Dean community, and a suspension (of as little as two weeks) or revocation of the license would result in the closing of the club. This would be detrimental to our ward's residents.

#### **Prevention of crime and disorder**

The club expressed their commitment to us that they would refresh and formalise their club policies and procedures, including setting a hard limit on the number of guests a member may bring and improving record keeping too. They have banned any non-member functions to become compliant with their license. As mentioned before, the club has already had a management change, the new management are committed to abiding by the rules set out in their license to prevent crime and disorder. In our meeting they also expressed a willingness to work together with SHBC to become compliant with their license.

#### **Prevention of public nuisance**

The club's operating hours (Mon-Fri 16:00-23:00, Sat 12:00-23:00 and Sun 12:00-22:30) means they are operating within social hours, we are not aware of any noise complaints and there is not a valid reason this should change.

Cllr Garrett and I believe that the recommendations on pages 13/14 in the Police review papers are fair and we support these recommendations. Because of the seriousness of the incident, we believe

a suspension is what would normally be expected, but we believe a measured response is required to secure the future of this community facility.

Regards,

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Cllr Lewis Mears

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'S Garrett', written in a cursive style.

Cllr Shaun Garrett

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REF: LACLUB/002/003  
15<sup>th</sup> June 2023

To whom it may Concern,

I am writing in reference to the recent submittal from Inspector Sam Turner (of Surrey Police) for the review of the premises certificate licence of Old Dean Bowling Club.

I do not quite know where to begin as there is so much good, I want to say about the ODBC!  
Having been 'born and bred' on the Old Dean, I grew up in the confines of the club. By that, I mean we were avid bowling enthusiasts. My Grandfather Jim Fitzharris was one of the founding members back in 1965 & I believe my father William (Bill) Kavanagh was member no 6.  
My Grandfather was a committed bowler and spent most of his spare time at the club. My Grandmother, and the other 'bowling widows' (as they were called) gave their time freely and made teas and lunches, as well as cater for events. As a child in the 70's, I would often stand at the top of the slide in the park and wait for my grandad to wave at me from the green. I was incredibly proud of him.

I attended the Queens Silver jubilee party there in 1977, as well as numerous children's parties hosted by the club for its members children. It was a place that welcomed members and looked after them. The club has so much history, is an integral part of the community, and its members are an invaluable asset in keeping the club going and the sport alive!

As with most bowling clubs, the 'older' players seemed to be left to bring their children and grandchildren into clubs – This has happened with my family. My uncle and brother still play, my brother representing ODBC on many occasions in the Surreys, my 13yr old niece plays & my parents were made honouree life members in 2015.

Most of today's members (both social and bowling), have been coming to the club for years, many from generations before. I became a member in the early 90's and spent a huge amount of time frequenting the premises both on social occasions & bowling events. My son had his Christening party in there in 1998, my brothers 21<sup>st</sup> in 2000, my father's 60<sup>th</sup> in 2007 and most recently my grandmothers wake in 2017. Not to mention all the other social events attended for other members celebrations. I class the club members as family. We are friends and a community.

As with most clubs, they are not cheap to run and there is a huge financial cost involved in order to maintain them. Without knowing exact figures, I guesstimate the figure to be about £10,000 a year for the green maintenance alone. Not to mention electricity, gas, and upkeep of the clubhouse.

Furthermore, ODBC was disproportionately affected due to Covid, having a detrimental effect on the clubs revenue causing a devastating dwindle in cash reserves.

Once you lose sight of the importance these facilities and indeed see the closure of greens, any chance of replacing them in the future is near impossible. As a small establishment, we have tried to find ways to make the club more viable and sustainable over the years. We have done our utmost to make the facility a focus of the community, provide good clubhouse facilities that will attract other users, thus building up the income generation potential of the club. We have always tried to do this to help ensure the clubs future.

The club hold charity days, and other social events throughout the year.

In 2017 & 2018 we organised a 24-hour charity bowls match to raise funds so we could install a new disabled access toilet. The other half of the monies raised went to 3 children in the local community; one bowling members nephew living with Cerebral Palsy, and two other children on the estate who had recently recovered from cancer. It was a phenomenal the amount of money raised by the members and the Old Dean Community. This again demonstrates the strength of the club and its members!

Many of the clubs members are at retirement age. For some, popping across/down/up the road for a drink and a catch up with their fellow members is all the interaction or socialisation they have. Without it they are left isolated and lonely. If the licence is revoked, you will also be taking away their only source of companionship or company.

I was on the committee for 3 years. It worth remembering these committee members take on the responsibility for running the club in their spare time, on a voluntary basis, with most having full time jobs. I know how incredibly hard these people work to keep the club operating and often they receive little thanks for their efforts. Without them, the club could, and would not operate. As humans, we make mistakes, but I will fully stand by my statement that all decisions made by the committee on behalf of its members are made with the clubs best interests at heart.

One thing I do know, is that the Old Dean residents have the utmost respect for the Club. In its 58 years of operation, not once has it ever been vandalised or burgled. This in itself speaks volumes! I know there has been two incidents of late, causing Insp Sam Turner to make this complaint. I do not know this policeman or anything about him. I can only assume that he believes he has grounds for a complaint, based on his own perception of the club. Unfortunately, Sam Turner, does not see what happens outside of these two isolated incidents – He does not see how the members, go above and beyond to keep the club going. He does not see the members giving up their time free of charge to undertake maintenance of the building. He does see the members rally together to organise events to try and raise much needed funds. The free cooking and cleaning, and all the other things that are done free of charge - The list is endless! So, in my opinion Insp Sam Turners submittal to take the clubs premises licence, is unwarranted, unjust, and grossly ill judged.

What I also know is that Insp Sam Turner does not know how special this club is to the community and its members. He obviously does not realise that his actions to try and revoke the clubs permit licence will ultimately force it closure once and for all if it succeeds!

This makes me angry and upset, because I know how much time, devotion, dedication, and love has been put into ODBC by its members (both past and present) over its 58 years of existence.

I cannot emphasise enough how devastating it would be for the club to lose it's license. It is a well-known fact that the club cannot operate without the social members. It is the only source of income in the winter months. The revenue generation the social events and the bar produce, keep the club




afloat – Without that income it is almost certain that the ODBC will be forced to close. I for one will be heartbroken.

I kindly ask that you consider the facts presented to you in this letter before deciding the fate of the premises licence.

P.S. Please find below pics. This is post I made on FB in 2019. My uncle and mother cried tears of jubilation that day – In fact so did I!

< Lisa's post ...

 **Lisa Kavanagh is with Andrew Fitzharris and 2 others at Old Dean Bowling Club.**  
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The last time ODBC won the SURREY Fours was back in 1982 with my Grandad Jim Fitzharris (1st left) as one of the team players.  
37 years later it's finally been won again, this time with his grandson in the team ..



Kind Regards



Lisa Kavanagh



**Reference:** The Public Notice served on the Old Dean Bowling Club, Wimbledon Road, Camberley, Surrey. By Sam Turner Inspector of Surrey Police for a review of the club premises certificate.

Good morning

I am writing to you today with a personal plea of leniency in respect of the above public notice which could have a catastrophic impact on the club and its members. The club was formed in 1964 and are due to celebrate its 50-year anniversary next year. I first started going to the Old Dean Bowling Club in the late 60's as a young child with my two sisters and our parents, my father had taken up bowls, so we were dragged along for the day out.

My mum did not start playing until the early 70's and I followed suite at the age of 12 in 1975 after catching the bowling bug. I, along with my parents enjoyed many great years of bowling for this fantastic community club, my father accepted roles on the main committee and spent many years as chairman and President, he was very proud to do so. I spent a few years on the committee as vice-captain and captain.

My father gave a lot of his time to developing the club and in 1982/3 was granted planning permission to extend the club to what it is today. Between 1970 and 2000 the club had a very strong membership and thrived, successfully winning Surrey County and national titles, along with Aldershot and District and West Surrey titles and a few external open competitions. He along with some of the other older members spent a lot of time encouraging younger members including myself to play and taught us about respect for others, teamwork and giving us a fair but competitive edge.

I stopped playing in 1997 due to work commitments and only last year found working at the House of Commons gave me a greater work/life balance so was able to start playing again, there are still a few members there from the past and it was like a home coming for me. Although the club went through a lean spell, they have been thriving in recent years with some younger players coming through winning even more Surrey championships and going to national finals representing Surrey and the local area. I was proud to see what they have achieved with a smaller number of bowlers.

The club has continued to support younger bowlers and we have a whole new crop coming through now, it would be sad to see that taken away from them when there is little else on the Old Dean to keep them entertained.

The club has built a fantastic reputation around the bowling community over the years for producing strong competitive teams, we have one of the best greens in Surrey, other teams love coming here to play us we do not want to lose that. Many bowling clubs have disappeared over the last few years, I truly hope the Old Dean Bowling Club does not add to that sad statistic.

We are now around halfway into the bowls season with lots of players still in competitions and seeking to add further honours to the club wall, it would be a great shame and heart

breaking to see that swept from under their feet when none of them had any involvement in the incident that has brought us here.

Although I am not currently part of the committee having only recently returned to bowls, I have offered my services to help where needed and set in place a management team that will be able to take the club forward and set exemplary standards to be met, complying with any requirements laid down to us where feasibly possible.

We have some ladies, Jean, and Pat, both now widowers who have served the club relentlessly for over 35 years, they do our teas on league nights, the clubs that come here year after year know them personally, they come over most night to support the players in competitions, they would have nothing left if the club was forced to close.

The same would apply to quite a few of our elder members, they would have nowhere to go, they are too old to travel down to the town to sit in loud pubs with the younger fraternity, they still enjoy the usual peacefulness the club gives them.

I, along with all the other members I am sure will work hard to ensure we have a club to be proud of and one that, if allowed to survive, will stand up to any scrutiny. It is with deep sadness that I find myself having to write a plea of leniency to yourselves but at the same time I strongly support my club and want to do what I can to help us survive.

If you choose to suspend the licence for the club for any period, I fear there is no coming back. Every one's work over many years will be lost and it will be a sad day for the community and especially for all the Old Dean Bowling Club members past and present.

Please give us a chance to put this right.

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Mr & Mrs P Rimmer

Dear Licensing Officer, P Barnshaw,

We are writing to you regarding the review notice put up on and around The Old Dean Bowling club and the possible review of its license. As residents who have lived opposite the club for over 22 years, we have never had any concerns with the club's operation. We are also members of the club, and our family regularly attends the club.

We understand that there have been a few issues recently, which has affected the club and brought up the review of the club's license. After an EGM was held at the club by The Committee, we would like to say that the Committee are very committed to rectifying any past mistakes made to ensure that the club continues to serve our community, members and victors safely and in accordance with our licence.

The Old Dean Bowling Club serves as an essential social hub for many residents in the area, and it provides an opportunity for people to come together and enjoy leisure activities.

We would like to request that you review the club's license with a view to finding a solution that satisfies all parties involved. We believe that it is possible to address any issues that may have arisen while still allowing the club to continue to serve the community.

We thank you for your time and attention to this matter and hope that you will take our letter into consideration.

Yours Sincerely  
Heidi and Phil Rimmer

Dear P Barnshaw,

I am writing on behalf of Old Dean Bowling Club REF NO LA CLUB/002/23 as a member. I moved to the Old Dean from Liverpool in 1990 and first came into the club when I was 11 years old as my new friend's families were all members and one friend her nan ran the bar. I was made to feel welcome, and it helped me make now my lifelong friends and have a great sense of community. Over the years I have played bowls and darts for the club and feel I very proud of the achievements the whole club has gone to on to accomplish.

My children as well as lots of other children on our estate have attended the many of functions over the years from Easter Egg hunts, treasure hunts, Halloween parties and Christmas parties to name a few. We also have one of the youngest bowls teams in the country as we encourage our children to participate in friendly games. My Children are now grown up and I now have the pleasure of bringing my granddaughter to our club to enjoy the many good qualities the club has to offer to our community. I can assure you that I would not bring my children and grandchildren into the club if it was not safe.

I understand your concerns following the incident that occurred and with emergency responders being hurt, is just not acceptable no one should go to work to be hurt.

I feel that to judge the whole of our community and Club members on this one incident without looking at the whole facts will be detrimental to our community. A new member did book that party but deceived the committee into believing it was booked for their party and in fact it was booked for a person who does not even live on our estate, and they also do not attend our club socially or for sporting events. Unfortunately, lessons must be learnt, every event we usually host at our club is for members and when members book events such as funerals, birthday parties , bowling events every member usually attends as we are such a small community and generations of families from the estate tend to all know each other, this particular party only a small amount of our regular members were in attendance and were not invited guest, they was just using our club as they always do most weekend for social drinks, meeting up with friends and family. Our members were set upon by unknown people not connected with our club or our community.

I feel to take away the licence from the club only effects our community and club members and the main instigators of this major incident get to go back to their own communities and local clubs with no repercussions for future generations, if you were to also suspend the licence this would only put the club in financial difficulty and it would have to close anyway, we have still not financially recovered from having to close during the pandemic.

My Concerns would also be for our ageing members were would they go? Some of our members are well in to their 80s and rely on the club for social support and exercise and I know they would become socially isolated. Younger members would go into Camberley Town Centre to socialise putting pressure on other licence premises, and let's face it Camberley isn't without its problems already, having witnessed this first hand personally.

Our club house is a symbol of the community, we have a white building it has never been vandalised, you don't and won't see any graffiti, children in the park use it as safe space, many of times our members have helped hurt children, put plasters on cuts and bruises, called parents for children, let them use the toilets, and charge phones.

We have had an EGM at the club recently and committee have acknowledged the mistakes that have been made regarding our licence, resulting in Chairman resigning. I put my trust in the remaining committee members and club members to follow the rules and licence that we hold.

Thank you for your consideration

Kind Regards

Andrea Rimmer

Dear Mrs. P. Barnshaw

I am writing to you today to ask you to please allow the club to keep their licence as a member of the club I would be upset to see it close as I have been going there for many years and enjoy meeting many friends which I have made there over the years. I have never

seen or been there when anybody has caused any trouble. The club is the only place I feel safe to walk into on my own. I would miss the club if you decide to take the licence away.  
Yours sincerely Mary Hughes

To: SHBC Licensing

The recent events that have caused the Police to request a review of the Old Dean Bowling Club's Licence were extremely serious and the result of admitting a group of non-members to the premises together with a failure to exert proper control over the premises. In similar circumstances for a more commercially based establishment I would not be writing to you.

However, I am writing in support of the Bowling Club retaining its license because of the very critical role the club plays in Old Dean as an area of Social Deprivation to support community cohesion. The Bowling Club is the local communities only real meeting place and many of the members are above pensionable age and most unlikely to cause problems. Without the income from operating a bar the Club would almost certainly cease operations altogether. The Bowling Club also provides an important venue for events such as NHS Living Well Education Sessions and has been used by SHBC for Community Consultations. Some significant steps have been taken to ensure there is no recurrence of the unfortunate events, the person previously in charge has resigned and been replaced and those involved in the running of the club are all too aware of the need to exercise proper control now and in the future.

Best Regards

Trefor Hogg

To whom this may concern,

I am writing this email to show my support for the Old Dean Bowling Club and its future. This club is like a hub for the estate, a community centre and one big family. If it were not for this club, myself and many more would have never have started bowls, and made so many wonderful friends and memories. Many people depend upon this club, rely on being able to walk in and see a friendly face, have a conversation, watch a game of bowls or a drink in the sun, whatever it may be.

Unfortunately through poor decisions on certain individuals parts, we are now in this position with our license. I plea to you that you allow our club to continue and function as normal, as the right changes are being made internally. If the club loses its licence, it quite simply will not survive and so many people's lives will be affected by this.

Old Dean Bowling Club has a fantastic history and reputation within the bowls community for its strength and friendliness. In recent years our club has re-established itself as a force within Surrey. We want to continue to build on the history in a positive way.

Kind regards

Connor Hayes

To whom it may concern

Hi there I'm contacting with regards to licensing of the old dean bowls club

I joined this club to get bit more exercise and to get myself out of house and socialise a bit more and wish I had done so sooner I'm always made welcome and there really are some good people there

I'm a disabled ex veteran who doesn't get out much but I do enjoy going up there and watching or playing bowls i myself don't drink but believe the loss of license would make it hard for club to be viable financially without this income

And not only do the bowls get people out and get together they also do days for community and in evenings too

I know they didn't follow the guidelines and rules set out but these matters have been addressed so will not be a problem in future

I believe it was people from outside of area and non members that caused the trouble I myself can honestly say I've never seen any trouble up there

In these times of government cutbacks and cost of living and everything else that is making people's lot harder the club offers friendship and a community spirit which would be sorely missed not only by myself the whole community and visiting teams who get spoiled by Wendy and team in the kitchen

So I would be grateful if you would take all this into consideration before making a decision

Kind regards

George Rance

To whom it may concern,

I am writing today over my concern of the old dean bowling club's licence being in jeopardy.

The bowling club has been a big part of mine and my families life, so much so that my deceased grandfather was actually one of the foundering members, his name can be found engraved in the attic area. He and other members made the the bowling club what it is today.

His name, pictures, trophies and pin badges can be found all around the club house. He and my grandmother spend a majority of their time here either playing bowls or maintaining the place. My gran use to cook for the bowlers and help out where she could.

This inevitably went on to their children ie: my mother and uncles frequently using the club and also playing bowls too. My uncle still bowls to this day.

As tradition followed, my mother and father then took me my sister and brothers to the



club as youngsters to watch bowls and a place of socialising with other members alike. So needless to say I have known lots of past and present member.

I have been a member for many many years and feel a piece of my heart belongs to the place. My brother is a well established bowler there at present, so my family still go over to support and watch him.

My father and mother are currently hold a life time membership for the years that they have been going in there and for their support.

I myself have committed a lot of time and effort to the club when I was on the committee years ago, we have always tried to keep the place a good staple establishment.

We have done lots of fundraising over the years for local charities and always tried to give back to others; with success I may add!

The club still do a few yearly events/bowls tournaments for charity. These fun days are popular amongst us as a club ,as they are memorial days for deceased players.

I spend a majority of my socialising time in the bowling club as I have friends and family that use the place daily. I on average go there at least 3 times a week to see everyone.

My father is 76 now and is retired! He go's to the bowling club mostly at the weekends as it's across the road from his house. This is his chance to get out of the house and spend time with his peers. He needs this place to stay going as it's all he has ever really know!

He does not like going to town as it's a much younger crowd and music is not his style lol.

This would also mean he would need transport to and from camberley, which as a pensioner he doesn't want the added expense and nor can afford.

I can't express enough though this email how detrimental this would be to myself, my family and the other members of the bowling club. We have alway held pride in the club, based on its loyalty and integrity!

There has VERY ,VERY rarely been any trouble in this establishment over the years as we are a small community and and hold it dear to our hearts!

I urge you to please take in to account everything I have said above and not let the mistakes made by few, penalise the majority as there really is no justice in that and I would find that very unfair, bias, cruel and unwarranted!

We are not "just a bowling club" ... we are a family.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

I pray for a good outcome.

Yours faithfully,  
Donna Kavanagh.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm writing regarding the written notice served upon the Old Dean Bowling club in respect of its license review.

### Background

A little background on me. My name is Amy Taylor, I'm 31 years old and have been a member of the Old Dean Bowling in my own right since 2005. My family have been members for over 40 years and I have grown up around the club. I have been a bowling member since I was 13 years old and am currently a social member whilst I raise my small children.

My history with the club doesn't just relate to the bowls and social aspects. In 2011-2012 I was volunteer treasurer for the club and in 2017-2018 I assisted with their submission of VAT returns and preparation of their financial accounts, including bookkeeping as I am a qualified accountant.

### Bowls

The Old Dean Bowling club is first and foremost a bowls club. The outdoor bowls season runs from April to September each year. The club has a highly competitive and successful squad, with individuals and teams within the club having won many competitions in the county over the decades. Many members of the club have had the opportunity to play in Leamington where finals are held for the winners of the county competitions, this is a prestigious location for bowlers and the Old Dean have often been represented there.

Several of our members have earned their Surrey badges.

It is a respected and renowned bowls club for its high skilled bowlers. It also offers internal competitions and the club participates in leagues (particularly the Aldershot & District league where games are played weekly throughout the season). The club is invited to competitions within the county such as the 'Top Ten'.

To lose this club on a bowls front would be terrible for the bowling community across the county and even the country.

### Social

Alongside its bowls, the club also offers a social calendar. It is open all year round, and during the winter months, it submits a team into Pool and Darts leagues played against other clubs around the area. There is a weekly quiz night and bingo night. And the club offers a place for people to go to celebrate Christmas/New Years/Halloween etc.

The club is a place that welcomes individuals, couples and families. I have always loved coming to the club as a child, as a young adult and now as a mother. It is because my family being so welcomed at this club, that I then became a bowler at a young age. It encourages young people into a social sport.

I held my 25th Birthday at this club a few years ago. My friends and family were welcomed and we all had a wonderful time.

### Committee and Staff

Having attended committee meetings as my time as a treasurer and attending AGMs over the years as a member and at one time as the accountant. I can honestly say the current committee are made up of people with decades of experience in bowls and who have familiarity and love for the club.

They are dedicated and loyal. I understand the issues that have been faced recently having attended the EGM on Sunday 4th June. I believe the Chairman Chris Dick as understandably resigned and I have full trust in the representatives that remain that the issues will be dealt with appropriately and I know they have the clubs' best interests at heart.

The current bar staff are also loyal long-standing members. And actually over the many years I have been associated with the club, I have seen them provide opportunities to train young people in order for them to learn a new skill (always above 18, I can think of a specific example when a members daughter turned 18, they trained her so she had a new skill and she enjoyed being involved as she is another person who's family are like mine and have grown up with the club).

I have actually witnessed the bar staff turn away some young lads clearly under age. And I have also witnessed the bar staff turn people away if they think they have had too much to drink (this isn't often, as from my experience the people who come to the club know their limits and are there to enjoy the atmosphere and the socialising with their friends and family).

#### Summary

I believe it would be a detriment to the community to revoke the license to this club. It is a hub where not only bowlers go, but families go to socialise. The opportunities for an inclusive family social environment like this are waning. I feel like true family social clubs are getting fewer.

I am a bowler and the Old Dean Bowls club bowlers are the best in the county. To lose this club would be devastating.

I believe the current committee have what it takes to turn it around and fix what's broken and lead the club to a brighter future.

Yours Sincerely,

Amy Taylor

Dear Sir/Madam

Regarding the written notice served upon the Old Dean Bowling Club. Can I as reputable very good character Dissagree with the proposed action on the premises.we love walking round there on nice afternoons on weekends when we can to support the local area and club.

I myself and my family relocated to the old Dean from Yorkshire, it did take me a few months to become a member of the club. Upon that happening I and my family have been made so welcome by all the committee and I would think 90% of the members who I now play bowls and pool for the club I did try darts but not to be.

Regarding the fracas I have been a member for almost 2 years and this is my first Knowledge of any trouble in there. Hopefully the conditions will be met and we keep our fantastic little club open for us and our kids not be spoilt by a minority of wrong uns!

David Foster