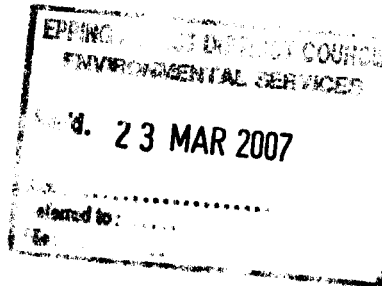


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22<sup>nd</sup> March 2007

Dear Sirs,

**Re: Application for Premises Licence for Sale of Alcohol at Copped Hall**

I am writing to express my concern, and opposition to the above application.

I do not object to the Trust holding an occasional licence for the sale of alcohol as they have in the past, for those events that require a bar, but would not wish to see these occasions increase to more than at present.

I am a supporter of the Copped Hall Trust, and applaud their great efforts to preserve this historic site, and I understand the need to continually raise funds to achieve their targets but I do not see the need for full time licence. I am fearful that in the future the use may extend to weddings and similar celebrations on a regular basis which would completely alter the peace of the area, especially at weekends, and increase traffic, noise, litter etc., which would be very detrimental to us as residents.

My property adjoins the Hall so I am in the front line where parking, noise and intrusion of privacy are concerned. More extensive use of the Hall gardens at the rear with a bar and sales of alcohol would also lead to disturbance to the other residents whose properties are adjacent to that area.

We also have concerns regarding security when there will be alcohol stored on the premises. We are often disturbed at night by undesirables trying to enter the Hall, and foresee more determined attempts when there will be valuables to steal.

I would therefore, on behalf of the Copped Hall Trust Residents, ask you not to grant a permanent licence to the Trust, but continue to issue occasional licences as required.

Yours sincerely,

Roger Darke.  
Chairman Copped Hall Residents