

176 Tonbridge Roan, Hildenborough, KENT TN11 9HP

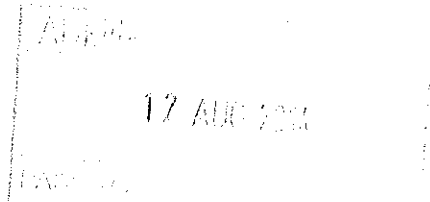
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Licensing Services

Gibson Drive, Kings Hill,

West Malling, Kent

ME19 4LZ



Dear Sir

Application for Alcohol Licence at 152-154 Tonbridge Road, Hildenborough, TN1 9HW

I wish to object most strongly to the application by Dame Kelly Holmes of Doublegold Enterprises Ltd, for an alcohol licence for the Coffee Shop she is creating on the Tonbridge Road in Hildenborough, for the following reasons.

I wonder why this wasn't done at the initial request for Planning Permission for a "Tea Room"

1. Hildenborough is a small village of less than 5000 souls and there is already adequate provision of Public Houses, which also have restaurants/eating facilities, for the consumption of alcohol. From the north to the south of the village there are four on the Tonbridge Road – listed below - it doesn't need a fifth which is only yards from an existing establishment*.
 - a. The Cock Horse
 - b. The Half Moon*
 - c. The Flying Dutchman
 - d. The Hilden Manor
2. In the past we have had quite a lot of vandalism in the village, fuelled by alcohol, a coffee shop selling alcohol would very much increase the probability of that reoccurring.
3. A coffee shop would attract young people. Given the desire, for health reasons, to discourage young people from drinking alcohol it seems to me a very peculiar application. I am most surprised that Dame Kelly Holmes, a former athlete, sees this as a good idea.
4. A coffee shop would, hopefully, attract families with young children and babies, surely the sale of alcohol would be inappropriate and unnecessary.
5. Traffic chaos on the road & pavements, with cars parked, cycles coming & going & runners

I sincerely hope that this application will be considered carefully and impartially and refused.

Yours Faithfully

Ruth L Crouch (Mrs)