

Civic Licensing

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached my objection letter regarding the short term let application for 5 Gartwhzinean Loan, Powmill (PK12308P)

My apologies if the objection is late. No public notice has been displayed at the property and I only learned of the application from a neighbour last week.

Kind Regards,

Jessica Leslie

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Jessica Leslie
6 Gartwhinzean Loan
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FK14 7LU

Tuesday 17th October 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the application for a short-term letting licence for the address 'Tigh Na Beannaich' at 5 Gartwhinzean Loan, Powmill, FK14 7LU, license number PK12308P.

The information and guidance around licence applications clearly states that neighbours must be notified when applying for, or renewing, a licence. Furthermore, a site notice is required to be clearly displayed at the property. No such contact has been made and no site notice has been visible. I am disheartened at the lack of transparency from the owners and that I had to learn of their application from a neighbouring resident.

This objection is made on the grounds of:

1. The nature and extent of the proposed activity;
2. The kind of persons likely to be in the premises;
3. The possibility of undue public nuisance;
4. The location, character, or condition of the premises; and
5. Public order/ safety

In particular:

- 1. The nature and extent of the proposed activity;**
- 2. The kind of persons likely to be in the premises;**
- 3. The possibility of undue public nuisance;**

I was not aware until recently of the restrictions previously imposed on the property limiting its use. (Case reference 22/00011/STL, specifies that the property is to be "occupied as a whole to one family or extended families, and this is not let to stag and hen parties") With this information now brought to my attention, it is disappointing to recognise how often these restrictions have not been adhered to.

On multiple occasions, I have witnessed a large number of guests arrive by minibus with taxis arriving to drop off further visitors into the evening hours. Disco lighting and balloons have been clearly visible through the front windows and at times, music and shouting has carried to our property across the street. Visiting groups tend to gather on the front steps, balcony or in the garden to drink, smoke and chat which are clearly visible from our property. This indicates that the property has been used for parties and non-family groups and it is extremely concerning that prior restrictions have not been followed. Therefore, the nature of use of the property, the kinds of persons likely to be in the premises and the possibility of public nuisance is cause for objection.

- 4. The location, character, or condition of the premises;**
- 5. Public order/safety**

Gartwhinzean Loan is a cul-de-sac in the rural village of Powmill. With residents ranging from 7 to 90 years of age and an otherwise quiet and secure location, it is alarming to think how many strangers come and go to the property each week, often one group will check out in the morning with a new group arriving later that day. Given that the property has clearly been used in the past for non-family, party groups, this poses a security and public health risk to the permanent properties and is not in keeping with the permanent community of retirees and families.

Thank you and kind regards,
Jessica Leslie