

Attachment A: Applicant Rationale

The Thurs/Fri/Sat hours are primarily to allow us to host our annual Phantom of the Villa (within the enclosed courtyard of our home) for three nights in August as we have done for five years. The requested change from 8 pm to 9 pm is to allow us to extend our intermission by 30 mins so that we close the production in the dark to maximize the theatrical impact.

The Monday and Sunday changes are for us to continue to host our “Vibes on the Lawn” afternoon entertainment on the South Lawn next to Pooley Rd as we have done for seven years using our picnic license. Last year, the regulations changed in that picnic licenses are now subject to a maximum of 30 people and no amplification is allowed. Last year we tried to comply by asking our performers to use only acoustic instruments but almost every guest complained that they could not hear the performers because their sound was drowned out by cars driving by on Pooley Rd and Tractors operating sprayers in the neighborhood etc. Everyone thought the whole restriction was ridiculous and it made us look foolish for even trying to comply with the regulation.

The solution is for us to simply operate under our SEA every Sunday afternoon (we offer music from 1pm-4pm) and on the Mondays that are Bank Holidays.

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