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To whom it may concern,

As a resident of Horsfield Close for over eighteen years I write to strongly object to the proposed developments submitted by Colne Cricket and Bowling Club.

Horsfield Close is a cul-de-sac immediately adjacent to the cricket club. It is a highly valued area of individual, private properties maintained by owner occupiers of mature years who have chosen to live there, peacefully.

I have previously endured the noise and nuisance resulting from cricket club activities, viz late night drinking, very loud and intrusive music, indiscriminate parking and late night vehicle noise and being unable to access my own drive, and lately the installation of a bright spotlight which sporadically fully illuminates the front of my building and lounge.

Several years ago it was agreed that licensing hours were limited, noise levels monitored, and this has mostly been upheld. These <sup>present</sup> proposals have not been advertised widely to the public, and only recently have two small notices been posted in the close, a potentially affected area.



A robust wooden fence was erected on the edges of their property some time ago to supposedly prevent uninvited access to the cricket field, but the boundary wall base, which I believe is their responsibility, remains in poor condition & unmaintained. The fence restricts the outlook of several properties in the close; and the attention of the cricket club is required for what they already have!

When recent large scale events have taken place residents were given free tickets to attend. Was this compensation for expected nuisance?

In reading the new proposals I haven't found any reference to providing opportunities for encouraging youth & adult active participation in established or new sporting activities. No answer to the constant cry "There is nothing to do." The proposals are mostly non-participant, social or money making in outlook. There are sufficient premises in lawn catering for the purchase of alcohol & its consumption without extension on to one of the few remaining green areas at this end of the town, able to be enjoyed by many.

Surely the cricket club has members with business and sporting expertise able to introduce an attractive programme of worthwhile activities, not just a sedentary entertainment, in an area of unsprinkled greenery and unpolluted air.

Finally, there is no proposed provision for additional car parking, - which could be needed for increased attendance to these "attractions" Will the overflow again be into nearby residential areas, or lead to added congestion on an already very busy main road?

I wish to make my objections to these proposals known.

Yours faithfully  
Meredith Wightman

