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The Planning, Economic & Regulatory Services Manager,
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Dear Sir/ Madame,

I am a concerned resident of Horsfield Close in Colne and I am writing to you to complain about the premises licence at Colne Cricket club. I am worried about how the licence will affect not only myself but the residents of Horsfield Close and surrounding area.

Noise

The noise is only just tolerable at the moment with current events, never mind with a licence. The noise is so bad, it leads to me having to shut my windows in the evening and refrain from sitting in my garden in the summer months, which is rather frustrating and something I should not have to do. The noise from past events has also kept me up at night time and woken up my grandchild. There is no doubt that this new licence will lead to uncontrollable levels of excessive noise especially if there are events planned such as music concerts and weddings etc.

Parking

I am aware that Colne Cricket Club have their own off road car park, but this does not even accommodate the amount of people who go to watch the cricket at weekends which by far is a small number compared to the amount that will be turning up at 'future events'. Cars are parked on the pavements from the entrance at Horsfield Close leading into it which has restricted residents from parking outside their own house including family etc. Cars are also parked on the main road, restricting the view of the busy main road for residents of Horsfield Close when leaving in their cars. I can only imagine it will be chaos during events such as the music concerts that entice 5000 members of the public.

Anti social behaviour

Approving a licence to sell alcoholic drinks from 9am will only increase the level of anti-social behaviour and will attract the wrong crowd. Currently, residents have to put up with watching members of the public using the urinals that are placed at the side of clubhouse, rubbish being thrown into their gardens and drunken behaviour such as shouting and swearing. This will only get worse, sadly damaging the reputation of a very respectful area and its residents.

Residents

The residents of Horsfield Close have purchased their houses knowing the limitations of Colne Cricket Club, including myself. I am very concerned that once this licence is approved and the events go ahead, it not only opens up ideas for bigger events in the future but most of all affects the value of my property which I pride myself in. There is no doubt that this will depreciate the value of all the houses on Horsfield Close and surrounding areas as respectable people will not want to reside on a close next to a place that brings noise and anti social behaviour.

Some residents of Horsfield Close are also elderly people who are vulnerable to noise and a target for anti social behaviour.

As a resident of Horsfield Close, I knew nothing about the licence or future events happening at Colne Cricket Club until I was told by a neighbour. Apparently posters have been erected on the main road by the club but let's face it, unless I was to walk on there, I wouldn't see it. I find it rather upsetting that there was such lack of respect for the community and sadly feel that we do not matter. I understand that such events will boost the economy but all we wanted was to be communicated with and considered when such events were to go ahead.

Joyce B Saunders

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce B. Saunders". The signature is written in dark ink and is enclosed within a faint, hand-drawn oval border.