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Re: Colne Cricket Club Premises Licence
Application

To Whom it may Concern.

We are writing as residents of Horsfield Close, Colne with regard to the recent proposed changes to the licence conditions for Colne Cricket Club. It is our understanding that the proposed changes will affect both the conditions relating to the sale of alcohol on the site as well as the venue's capacity to host live music and other large capacity outdoor events. We are aware that these changes have been proposed to allow the venue to facilitate up to six outdoor events per year with crowds of up to 5,000 people. As the cricket club lies in a residential area, we have many concerns over the proposed licence changes and the effect that they could bring about in the surrounding area relating to crime + disorder, public safety, prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

The club's current premises licence contains conditions which are designed to protect the neighbouring houses from unacceptable levels of nuisance caused by noise. The sale of alcohol and provision of entertainment is restricted to the clubhouse only and controlled by a noise inhibitor. Currently, whenever live or recorded music is played within the clubhouse all windows and doors must be kept closed - unless being used for access. If the new proposals are passed, then these conditions will be lifted, allowing the club to sell alcohol anywhere within the ground including the tea rooms as well as facilitating the performance of live and recorded music on any day

of the week, from 9am until 9.00pm. Furthermore the changes are to enable six large events per year, where licensable activities will be conductible until 11pm. We feel very strongly that these proposed changes will cause a level of public nuisance that is unacceptable, both in the terms of the noise levels, and anti-social behaviour. Being in such a built up residential area there are many young children who live in close proximity to the venue. These children will inevitably be affected by the levels of noise that a live music event would create, and at times when they should be asleep. We will not be able to have our windows open and use our gardens when these events are in operation. In addition to this, there are two care homes for the elderly within the immediate vicinity - one being just across the road from the club's principle carpark and the other bordering the western boundary of the ground. These planned events will undoubtedly cause a disturbance and possible distress to the residents of the homes.

In regard to public safety, the provision for car parking currently in place at the club is in no way adequate to cope with an event ~~is~~ expected to attract crowds of up to 5,000 people. This will then mean that the surrounding streets will become overflow, causing great inconvenience and nuisance to residents. Our concern here is two-fold. Firstly, as referenced above there are many young children currently living in the area. We know as residents of Horsfield close that a lot of these children enjoy playing outside in their gardens and on the close. We are greatly worried that the increase in traffic will pose a significant threat to the safety of these children. Secondly, the venue's location means that busy main roads as well as small, residential streets surround it. The amount of vehicular and foot traffic generated by any event of the size proposed will pose a genuine risk to public safety with people walking home/back to their cars at the same time as vehicular traffic attempting to navigate out of the area. Furthermore, access to the venue at present consists of only four small gated entrances three located on Keighley Road (of which, only one is generally used) and one on Byron Road. The situation has already proven inadequate at previous events that have been held at the venue - on Bonfire Night 4th Nov 2018 and the World Cup Fan park event - when much smaller crowds were queuing for nearly half an hour to exit the venue. Even when people had managed to exit they found themselves in a crowd either on the side of a main road, or in a car park. Should the proposed future events reach their predicted capacity of 5,000 attendees the issue would be further compounded and will pose even more significant risk to public safety.

Current licensing conditions restrict the sale of alcohol on the premises to the Clubhouse. We understand that the change

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Licensing conditions seek to extend this to allow the sale of alcohol anywhere within the boundary of the venue, in addition to extending licensing hours relating to the sale of alcohol anywhere on the grounds - from 9 am until 9 pm everyday of the week, which may very well lead to an increase in anti-social behaviour or even crime and disorder. As our property shares a 50 metre border with the cricket club we are very concerned for the security arrangements for this music festival on the 3rd August 2019 Saturday from 2pm until 11pm featuring three stages and 20 live bands which may very well lead to an increase in anti-social behaviour or even crime and disorder. This is something that must be addressed in depth before an event of such magnitude can be considered to proceed safely.

We vehemently believe that the points discussed above could lead to an increase in crime and disorder in the local area, prove to be an unacceptable public nuisance, could potentially put the wellbeing and safety of children at risk and pose a genuine threat to wider public safety. It is because of this that we would like to object to the proposed relaxation of licensing conditions relating to Colne Cricket Club. We trust that these points will be responsibly considered before any decision on the subject is reached.

Yours faithfully Mrs J + Mrs C. M. Crow

