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Planning, Economic and Regulatory Services Manager
Pendle Borough Council
Town Hall
Market Street
Nelson
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BB9 7LG

22 Horsfield Close
Colne
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BB8 0RE
6th July 2019

Dear Sir,

Re: Colne Cricket Club – Premises Licence

It has very recently come to my attention that an application has been made to change the above licence. As far as I am aware, the information was spotted by chance on a notice tied to a post on Byron Road! Surely, all local residents should have been informed directly?

As a long term resident of Horsfield Close, I am extremely concerned about the outcome this change would have on the neighbourhood. The whole surrounding area is residential and includes two care homes within 120 metres of the centre of the cricket pitch! There are also senior citizens bungalows in the vicinity.

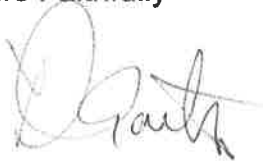
I understand the new licence would allow music to be played **outdoors** until 11pm and even later on proposed events. The noise levels, with modern day amplifiers, will be deafening for quite a large radius. With the existing licence - which only allows music to be played **within** the clubhouse - I can still hear it on occasions and my house is the furthest away. There are also quite a few houses where families live with small children between the ages of 1-8 years and they need to be able to sleep peacefully from early evening. Like myself, many of the residents moved to this small estate because of its peaceful location.

In addition to the anticipated noise levels, I am also concerned about parking. Has this been taken into consideration? The existing car park is extremely small, so even now when there is an event taking place attendees do park their cars on Horsfield Close. The estate is often congested with residents' cars alone, so it would be chaotic and dangerous if additional cars starting parking all around the Close! Also, there is insufficient room to park on Byron Road due to the very heavy through traffic, which regularly includes many large articulated vehicles.

I have been informed that if the new licence is approved, the first event is planned for the 3rd August and that 5000 tickets will be available! To my knowledge, the largest number of tickets sold previously was 2500 and, on those occasions, the area was crowded! With such large numbers of people attending, there is the possibility of anti-social behaviour. It is also bringing our quiet, residential area to the attention of a much wider population.

In view of my above comments I oppose the proposed changes of the existing licence.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Diane Gawthrop', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Diane Gawthrop