

09 JUL 2019

160 Keighley Road
Colne
BB8 0PJ
05/07/19

Pendle Borough Council,
Planning, Economic & Regulatory Services.

The Manager,

I am writing in response to the application from Colne Cricket Club's proposed licensable activities.

These proposals appear to change a cricket club into both a music venue and outdoor arena.

I have been a resident of Keighley Road for 33 years and have no problem with actual cricket matches; both day and evening sessions. We tolerate loud music and the tannoy booming out throughout the cricket season. We have also endured late-night music and associated noise from the club house and grounds. We have tolerated large outdoor events organised with no or scant prior notice, such as the live screening of the England match during last year's Football World Cup.

Let us remember however that Colne Cricket Club is located in a residential area. Many residents work at weekends, many have early starts, many homes have babies, young children or teenagers. The area has a number of elderly residents, particularly at the Favourdale Home for Older People on Byron Road. The Grange Home for the Elderly is located adjacent to the Club. When social events take place at Colne Cricket Club, we on Keighley Road cannot have our windows open nor can we hear our TVs. I have to sit in another room with the TV turned up to a high volume. Noise later in the evening is clearly audible in bedrooms. Sitting outside during the warmer weather is, at times, impossible. We are also sadly aware that with later drinking times comes car vandalism which we have experienced on several occasions, reports to the police having been made.

When the Club received their later opening licence several years ago a stipulation was made that no customers should stand on the balcony with the club house doors open. Needless to say, that has long since been ignored by the Club. I know from firsthand experience having done exactly this myself. We were also assured evening events would be limited to "Sportsmen's' Dinners".

The latest proposals would seem to indicate that large, noisy events are to become much more regular. Open air music festivals are to be held. Colne Cricket Club wish to extend their opening hours until 23:30 on weekdays and 01:30 at the weekends. This means, in practice, at least another 30 minutes before the grounds are vacated and the associated noise of customers leaving dissipates.

Conversations with local people about these new proposals have revealed that current noise levels from the Club can be heard as widely as Skipton Old Road, Bents, Bent Lane and in the Cottontree area. I feel these new proposals can only have a detrimental impact on residents' mental and physical health.

This application has not been advertised widely meaning many local residents are completely unaware of the changes. Open meetings have been held at times when many residents are at work or dealing with other family obligations. Not all local residents will use social media.

I therefore wish to make it clear that I do not agree with the proposed licence changes nor the extension to the types of events that can be held.

Elizabeth Howe (E. HOWE)