

Holmes Chapel

Cheshire

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20-11-10

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a resident living on Sandiford Road in Holmes Chapel and am writing with concern regarding the application for a premises licence at the A.P club in Holmes chapel.

I am very concerned about the lateness of the licence on a Friday & Saturday night.

We have had numerous problems over the last few years and I myself have had my car vandalised on a Friday night, we get a lot of noise and people shouting as they pass our house going towards the A.P club and then at the end of the night coming back again towards the village and precinct late on.

We regularly have to brush up broken glass on a Saturday & Sunday morning that has been smashed on the road.

My neighbours have had their cars damaged with one neighbour across the road having her rear car window smashed quite recently, plant pots are being moved and a favourite is the for Sale boards being kicked down and moved / thrown around.

I am aware that the licence is due for review shortly and urge you to take these points into consideration.

Many Thanks,

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**KERR, Carole**

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**From:** n]  
**Sent:** 23 November 2010 14:49  
**To:** Licensing Mail Box (Congleton)  
**Subject:** The AP Club

Hello,

I recently have spoken to Cheryl Smith our PCSO. She tells me various licensing matters are under review in respect of the AP club. As a resident of Sandiford Road I wish to make representations as to the impact this club has on our quality of life. I am sure you are all well aware of the regular public order problems emanating from this club. It's continued mismanagement means that in the early hours of Saturday and Sunday mornings it is not unusual to be woken up by the antics of drunken yobs making their way home. I see no reason why we should stand by and accept the continued disruption to life in the village with the inevitable incidents of criminal damage, noise and litter. To that end I would like to see the place closed down altogether. As this is unlikely to happen, perhaps the answer is to restrict the club's hours of opening and (ideally), change its' management. I hope you can assist the residents of Holmes Chapel and make representations on our behalf.

Kind Regards,

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**CORNES, Jane**

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**From:**

**Sent:** 08 December 2010 10:29

**To:** Licensing Mail Box (Congleton)

**Subject:** Alcohol licence application -- AP Club, Holmes Chapel

Holmes Chapel, Crewe

I have looked on your website but could not find any way of discovering the reference number of this application.

I wish to object to any extension of the licence for this club in view of the public nuisance committed on a regular basis by people coming away from the club in the early hours of Saturday and Sunday morning and making their way along Sandiford Road.

Singing, shouting and mock fighting are common. Estate agents' signs are torn down and deposited in the gardens of houses some distance away. I understand from neighbours that cars have been damaged but I have not personally suffered in this way.

I do not wish this nuisance to be happening on every night of the week, nor for it to be extended to later hours at the weekends. Nor do I wish the club to be opened up to the general public and the pool of potential trouble-makers to be increased.

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**CORNES, Jane**

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**From:** m]**Sent:** 08 December 2010 08:21**To:** Licensing Mail Box (Congleton)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing with reference to the license renewal application by the The Lounge Bar at the AP Health & Fitness Club in Holmes Chapel.

Although currently a resident of Knutsford, my two children live on Sandiford Road in Holmes Chapel with their mother. I have witnessed first hand the vandalism, noise disturbance, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour that results from the late weekend license at the AP Club.

My children are regularly woken in the early hours of Saturday and Sunday morning by youths fighting in the street, shouting obscenities, urinating in gardens and smashing glasses. This is obviously quite distressing for them and not something I want them to have to endure every weekend.

My ex-wife recently had her rear windscreen smashed in the early hours of a Saturday morning. This resulted in small particles of glass covering the rear car seats, the driveway and items in the boot of the car e.g. my youngest daughter found shards of glass in her riding boots

As a result of the behaviour of a number of youths who appear to be incapable of knowing how to behave after drinking all evening the girls are spending more and more weekends at my place of residence to avoid this disturbance.

I would urge you to put the welfare of my children before the unacceptable behaviour of those who have no respect for others.

Yours faithfully

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**CORNES, Jane****From:****Sent:** 07 December 2010 16:52**To:** Licensing Mail Box (Congleton)**Subject:** AP Club licencing application :Objections

Dear Sir / Madame,

We write this letter of objection in regard to the A P Club request for changes to their Licence. We have three main objections to their request.

#### 1. Crime and Disorder.

Over the last 3 1/2 years we have lived on s Chapel at the junction of Sandiford Road. With have endured constant problems with multiple individuals going to and coming from the AP Club predominantly on Friday and Saturday night going on into the early hours of the following day, past 4 o'clock on many occasions. Violence has erupted on many occasions and criminal damage to property both ours and our neighbours hedges, fences. Also damage to highway agency road traffic signs has been caused by being kick over / down Station Road, or alternatively picked up and thrown into the carriageway and gardens. Estate Agency sale signs are routinely ripped from the gardens and throw on occasion through car windscreens. Thrown of glasses and bottles taken from the AP Club for the "members" of the AP Club to smash on the pavements or parked vehicles.

#### 2. Public Nuisance.

These weekly gatherings involve at times 20 to 30 "members" of the AP Club. They use the residents gardens of Station Road and Sandiford Road as urinals over periods of up to 2 1/2 hours whilst partying in the street and jumping over / through Hedges and fences. Some of these individuals have been clearly drunk on route to the AP Club at midnight to half past midnight when leaving the village Public Houses which have just closed. So they are doubly drunk after several more hours of drinking in the AP Club. The hedge demolitions are a summer event that appear to be a tradition the shouting band screaming of offensive abuse is an all year issue. We have endured constant sleep deprivation due to the levels of noise and the inability of the local constabulary to effectively address the issue. We have reported incidents at an all too frequent rate. On occasion we have witnessed drunken AP Members that inebriated that they are falling over and going to sleep where they fall.

#### 3. Public Safety

All the smashed glass on the pavements gardens and carriageways cause potential risk of harm to pedestrians especially children (toddlers) the throwing of heavy metal temporary road signs the sand bags which have weighed them down into the public highway cause risk to all road users especially at night time. Drunken individuals staggering down the middle of the carriageway late at night pose an exceptional high risk of being injured and and road user trying to avoid them especially when coming over the railway bridge at Holmes Chapel station. AP members have used Sandiford Road to park their cars why one can only surmise when the Club has such a large car park. However when 6 and 7 people pile into a small size vehicle safety must be compromised. Wheel spinning tyres is also done in the junction of Sandiford and Station Road.

As stated we have contacted the local Police on too enumerable occasions too recall and the Police have trouble responding swiftly enough when their resources are stretched by other activities. And when they have attended they only seem to be able to move people on. We would implore the licensing Authority not to add to these problems by allowing the changes to the current licence. I have used quotation marks with reference to AP Club members as it is commonly known anyone who attends this Club gets in irrespective of being a member or not.

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**CORNES, Jane**

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**From:**

**Sent:** 07 December 2010 12:30

**To:** Licensing Mail Box (Congleton)

**Subject:** AP Club, Holmes Chapel

I understand you are considering an application to extend the licence at the AP Club in Holmes Chapel.

As a resident of Sandiford Road, I wish to object on the grounds of the nuisance and vandalism experienced each weekend.

A near neighbour had the rear window of her car smashed a few weeks ago and I regularly have to sweep up broken beer glasses from the road outside my house.

The noise and vandalism occur after closing time, but we also hear them as they make their way towards the club following closing time at the village pubs. It is clear that many of them are already intoxicated before they even arrive at the club for another two hours drinking.

My next door neighbour, an elderly widow, is regularly awoken at around 2.30 am. She does not have e-mail and has asked to be associated with this objection.

Thank you.

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**CORNES, Jane**

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**From:** iscali.co.uk]  
**Sent:** 07 December 2010 11:39  
**To:** Licensing Mail Box (Congleton)  
**Subject:** AP Club Holmes Chapel licensing application

Dear Sir or Madam: it troubles us greatly that this forth coming application for extended hours, and the change of conditions from a members only, is being proposed.

Over the passed years we have been subjected, not only to the noise and nuisance in the early hours of Saturdays and Sundays but to the results of the wanton damage and vandalism caused by "revellers" during these early hours. Examples are urinating in the gardens, both male and female; damage to property including persistent removing of for sale notices, not I might add from our property as there have not been any, and damage to motor vehicles including ours. The shouting and swearing on some occasions is very loud and long lasting. As is often the case the enjoyment of many is being compromised by the few, but to those of us who have to put up with the unnecessary nuisance time after time, it is not funny. Please therefore register our objection to any extension after 23.00hours.

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**CORNES, Jane**

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**From:**

**Sent:** 07 December 2010 10:15

**To:** Licensing Mail Box (Congleton)

**Subject:** LICENSE APPLICATION BY AP CLUB HOLMES CHAPEL

Dear Sirs

I understand that an application has been made to your department by AP CLUB in Holmes Chapel to extend their opening hours to midnight on Sunday to Thursday, and to 2am Friday and Saturday. I also understand that they are applying for the removal of the membership status to the club to open it up to the general public

On behalf of my family I would like to register my very strong objections to these applications. We live at Station Rd, and are the first property along the road from the AP CLUB. We regularly hear the noise very late in the evening coming from the club, and on many occasions find empty bottles and beer cans on our drive in the morning.

To allow their applications will only increase the levels of disturbance we currently endure, and I request on behalf of my family that you refuse their application.

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**CORNES, Jane**

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**From:** }gmail.com]**Sent:** 05 December 2010 16:17**To:** Licensing Mail Box (Congleton)**Subject:** Objection to A P Lounge Bar Licence

Dear Sir or Madam

I understand that an application to remove conditions at the AP Club in Holmes Chapel, Cheshire has been applied for and that this will involve opening the club to the general public

I feel that I must strongly protest to any licence.

I moved here in July , my husband had died and i wanted to be somewhere safe.If I had known what this area was like I would not have moved here at all and would have stayed in Crewe where I had never had any trouble.

I bought a house in Sandiford Road ,I *thought that it was a safe area; not so !*

*The first night here the 'Sold Sign' was ripped off the side of the house and thrown up on to the flat roof outside my bedroom window, this was around 2.15 in the morning .*

*The following Friday I was woken at the same time by raised voices ,men arguing loudly and it sounded as if they were fighting.*

*A few weeks later A For Sale sign was ripped out of someones garden and once again thrown up onto the roof.*

*I was petrified and later contacted the Police. The Police woman that I spoke to was well aware of the trouble that emanated from this club but had not very much at her disposal legally.*

*I know that I am not the only person effected by this behaviour and dread every Friday and Saturday night, Far from giving these people more freedom I feel that they should have less.*

*Yours faithfully*

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**CORNES, Jane**

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**From:**

**Sent:** 02 December 2010 11:06

**To:** CORNES, Jane

**Subject:** The Lounge Bar, Holmes Chapel

Hi Jane

I understand that you have received an application to remove the membership conditions from the licence of the above premises.

I am aware of numerous complaints from local residents to the Parish Council and to myself as Ward councillor and therefore object to the application unless it is subject to the removal of extended hours.

My objection is based on anti-social behaviour on the part of the clientele of the premises and may be regarded as relevant to the first three licensing objectives.

I should like to address the sub-committee which determines the application and should be grateful if you would let me have details of the meeting in due course.

Regards

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**CORNES, Jane**

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**From:** com]  
**Sent:** 07 December 2010 08:33  
**To:** Licensing Mail Box (Congleton)  
**Subject:** Objection to AP Club Late night License.  
**Attachments:** Crime and Disorder.doc; P1000990.JPG; P1000987.JPG

Dear sir or Madam,

Please find a copy of my letter of objection and two photos attached. I would like to think this will be copied and shown to the relevant people who deal with the license.

yours sincerely, .

Dear Sirs

6<sup>th</sup> December 2010

**Re: A P Club Licence Application by Mr David Wright**

I would like to object to the issue of a late night license of the AP club in Holmes chapel. We have been residents on Sandiford road for 18 years. Our problems started on Friday and Saturday nights after the introduction of the late night licensing law. It has now become a weekly problem as drinkers walk down Sandiford road on their way home. I would like to object on all of the following grounds.

- Crime and Disorder
- Public nuisance
- Public safety
- Protection of children from harm

**Public nuisance**

- We have experienced a huge number of disturbances on both Friday and Saturday nights along our road. These usually occur between 2 and 3 am in the morning as a result of drunken behaviour after the AP club has closed.
- On most evenings we are woken by the loud noise made by groups of people walking back to their homes. This is particularly bad in summer when you sleep with a window open.
- We have watched youths urinate on house walls and received abuse from them when challenged.

**Crime and Disorder / public safety**

But more disturbing is the escalation of criminal damage in the road.

- My car boot was kicked in causing £600 of damage and the loss of my no claims bonus. The person involved was identified by hearsay and whilst there was no proof the police did follow it up with a visit to the house of the young man concerned. One argument we are always given is that we cannot prove it is the members of the AP club who are responsible. The fact this person said he was drinking at the club is important. It is the only place in our village that has this late night license and also we have on occasions as a local group watched as they pass down our street from the club.
- A friend stayed the night and had her car walked over leaving dents in the roof. She also had her aerial stolen on another occasion.
- I have had my hub caps stolen on a Saturday night.
- More recently I awoke to find a for sale sign strewn across the roof of my car. For sale signs are regularly moved around our street. It has reached a stage where we are embarrassed to ask friends to stay for fear of damage to their property. When I reported this to the police I was told it was up to Reed Rains to complain as it was their sign!

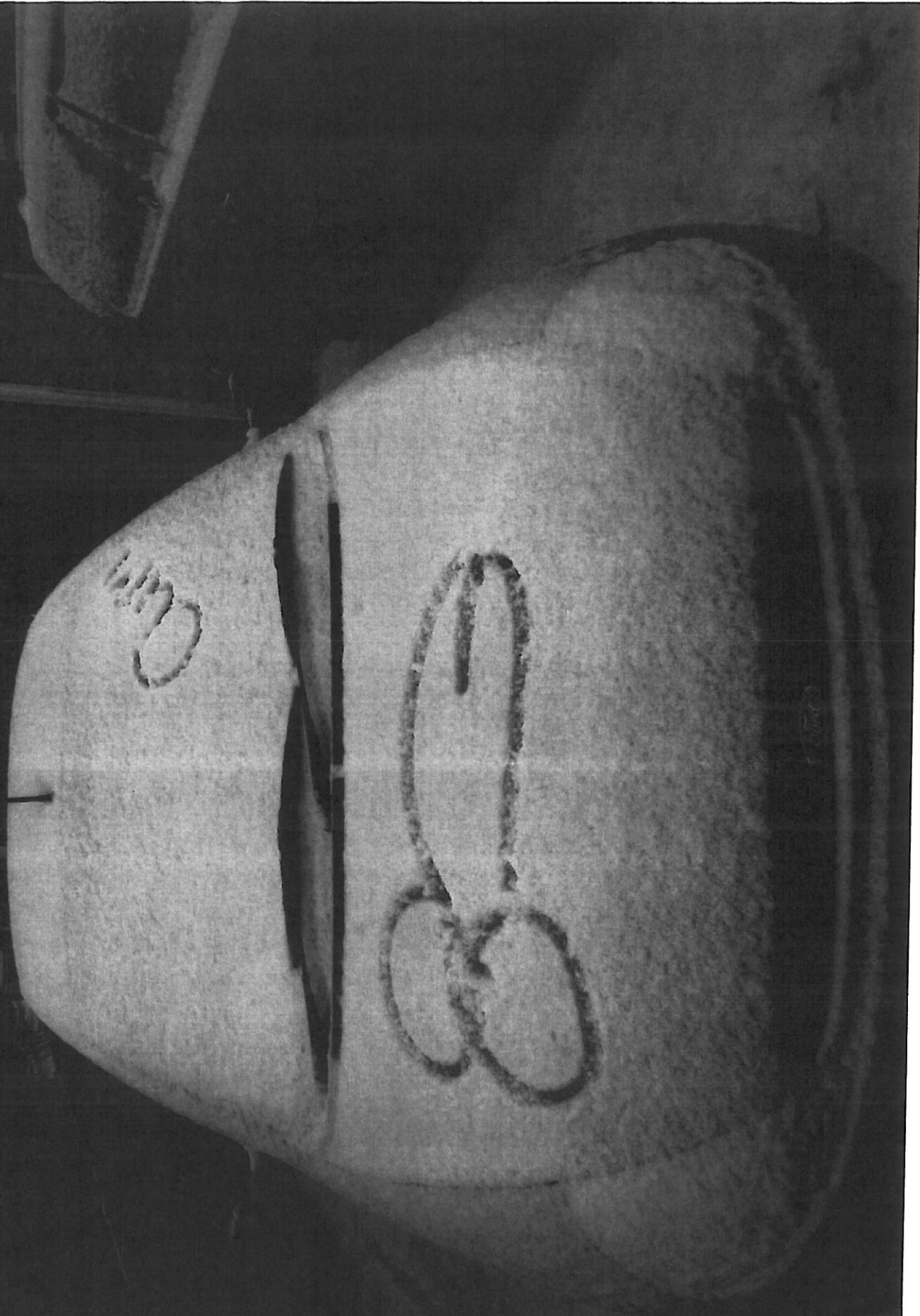
**Protection of children from harm.**

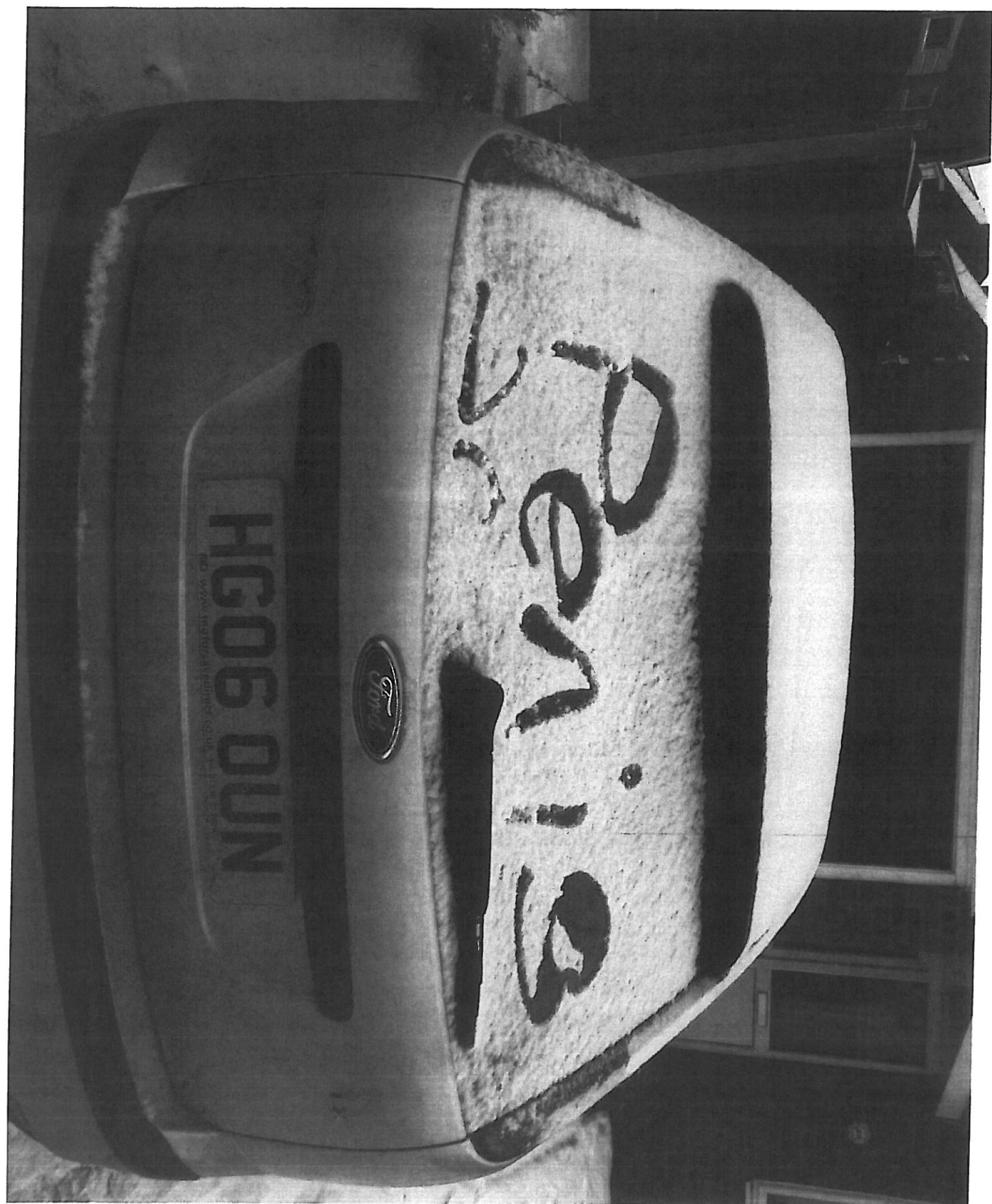
- My son sleeps at the front of the house and is regularly disturbed by people shouting and fighting. Once we had our hedge pushed in as someone was shoved into the hedge. On occasions he has come into our room as he has been frightened as youths fight in the road. Just this weekend he lifted his blind to see obscenities drawn and written in the snow on both of our cars (on our drive) and on the neighbours cars. See attached photos.



It has got to the stage where we are considered annoying individuals by the local community wardens. We are not a priority and it is sometimes clear in their manner that they consider we are making a fuss when we report any incident. I would say that they could come and sleep in my son's room and see how they liked being disturbed. I am aware that in the cold weather and winter nights the problem is sometimes less as people tend to move on more quickly in the cold. The fact that it happens most weekends and this is the only venue that sells alcohol late is why it is time to do something about this. I am fed up with being told we cannot prove it is the people who frequent the club. You take away the license and that will prove it as I am certain that the problems we experience will rapidly stop. They are not coming back from Manchester( no trains) or being dropped off. Most walk to the club (often drunk at 11 pm before they go) and then don't worry about drinking as they can walk home. I really think that this opportunity to oppose the license should be taken. I no longer feel safe in my own home and worry when friends come to stay.

For once listen to local residents and stop looking at the rights of the landlord.  
Please consider this objection seriously,  
Yours sincerely





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**CORNES, Jane**

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**From:** sr@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** 04 December 2010 16:50  
**To:** Licensing Mail Box (Congleton)  
**Subject:** Re: The Lounge Bar, AP Health & Fitness

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you further to my email, dated 22nd November 2010, objecting to the application for renewal of license by The Lounge Bar, AP Health & Fitness in Holmes Chapel. I wish to bring to your attention a further incident caused by inebriated youths returning home after spending the evening at the AP Club.

This morning myself and my neighbours woke to find obscenities written in the snow on the windcreens of our cars. These included the words "penis" and "vagina" along with drawings of male and female anatomy. But for me the most disturbing message was written on the rear of my car windscreen - there was a picture of a male penis alongside a heart with the words "I love kids".

As a mother of two young girls I am utterly mortified and disturbed by this, and for me this is the final straw. I cannot express how enraged I was and very grateful that on this occasion my children were not at home to witness this as looking from both their bedroom windows the word "penis" was clearly visible on my neighbours car.

If you sanction this license renewal you are subjecting us to this level of harassment on a weekly basis.

Please, please ensure this does not happen.

Yours faithfully

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**KERR, Carole**

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**From:** @gmail.com]  
**Sent:** 22 November 2010 19:01  
**To:** Licensing Mail Box (Congleton)  
**Subject:** Re: AP Sports & Social Club, Holmes Chapel  
**Attachments:** Picture 283.jpg

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the recent application for a premises licence by the Lounge Bar AP Health & Fitness Club.

I am a resident of Holmes Chapel living on Sandiford Road.

On the morning of the 30th October 2010 I woke to find the rear windscreen of my car had been smashed and the bodywork dented during the night (see photo attached). This resulted in me having to cancel my plans with my daughter for the day to drive to the other side of Stoke to pay £75.00 to have the screen replaced. I am unable to afford to get the bodywork repaired at present (estimated cost approx £300).

Over the last few years we have experienced countless incidents of vandalism, noise disturbance, criminal damage and public nuisance as a result of the late drinking licence at the AP Sports & Social Club. These disturbances are mainly between the hours of 2:00am and 3:00am on a Saturday and Sunday morning. There are no other licensed premises open in Holmes Chapel at this time and as the trains do not run that late into the night they can only be coming from this venue.

We regularly have to brush up broken bottles and glasses smashed on the road, pavement or our gardens on a Saturday and Sunday morning.

I have already had my rear number plate kicked off my car and stolen, which resulted in the loss of a days work and the cost in replacing it. Newly planted shrubs in the front garden have been pulled out and tossed into gardens further down the estate. My neighbour had her new car kicked in last year and several other cars have been damaged over the course of the last few years. Planters and pots are stolen or damaged and most weekends the Estate Agency boards are broken and thrown into other gardens

These incidents are happening due to the fact that the licence allows for those, who have already been drinking all evening, to make there way up to the AP Club to continue drinking for several more hours. At 2:00am when the AP Club is supposed to close we bear the brunt of their drunken state as they hit the fresh air and try to make their way home.

There must come a point when the quality of life of the residents of our estate, many of whom are elderly and children, out ways the livelihood of the few staff at the AP Club.

The police are unable to be present on the estate from 2:00am - 3:00am each weekend and so we are left to pick up the pieces and cost.

I have two children and they are repeatedly woken up by the brawling and shouting in the early hours as groups of drunken youths make their way through the estate. On many occasions they trespass onto our gardens and drives in a drunken state.

I am aware the AP Club's licence is due for review shortly and I urge you to take the above into

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consideration. At the very least I feel their licence should be revoked until midnight at the weekend.

This behaviour is blighting the lives of the residents, damaging the reputation of the village (which without these problems is a lovely place to live) and costing the police time and money in dealing with the incidents of criminal damage.

Yours faithfully



**CORNES, Jane**

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**From:** :om  
**Sent:** 06 December 2010 19:59  
**To:** Licensing Mail Box (Congleton)  
**Subject:** Objection to A P Lounge Bar Licensing Application

Dear Sir/Madam

I live at [redacted] Road, Holmes Chapel which is in the vicinity of the A P Lounge Club on Station Road.

I would like to object to the licensing application and I understand that any objection must be based on one or more of the following reasons:

1. Crime and Disorder
2. Public Nuisance
3. Public Safety
4. Protection of children from harm

All four of the licensing objections are applicable to this specific application as detailed below:

#### Crime and Disorder

The residents of Sandiford Road have suffered ongoing vandalism and anti-social behaviour on most Saturday and Sunday mornings between the hours of 2am and 3am.

Examples include:

- Deliberately smashing bottles and glasses brought out of the club, on the manhole covers in the road. I have several of the glasses from the club which have been deposited in my front lawn. I regularly have to sweep up broken glass from the road on a Saturday morning, risking the chance of cutting myself and being run over.
- Breaking off 'for sale' sign boards and fighting with them in the middle of the road and in residents' gardens.
- Vandalising cars; this has included walking over and denting car roofs, smashing car windows, denting car panels by kicking the bodywork, ripping off number plates and on Friday, 3rd December, writing obscenities in the snow on most cars down the road. I am sure you will agree my family should not have to wake up and look out seeing 'cunt', 'vagina', 'penis', 'cum', and 'I love kids' next to pictures of male and female anatomy. Try explaining these words to children!
- Vandalising hedges by deliberately jumping into them.
- Smashing and pulling out the fence panels from the houses near the alleyway to the precinct. I have watched them do it.

These incidents have been reported to the Police and local councillors. The A P Lounge Club is the only place open until 2am and the individuals causing the problems have been seen coming out of the place. Furthermore, on many occasions, individuals are seen coming past at 3am, meaning they have been allowed to stay in the A P Lounge Club premises until after the designated closing time.

#### Public Nuisance

As a result of the above crime and disorder, in my opinion, the A P Lounge Club is deemed to be a public nuisance.

#### Public Safety

Stories are reported in the press each week about individuals who attempt in vain at protecting their property. Unfortunately/fortunately, none of the residents of Sandiford Road have attempted to approach the vandals from the A P Lounge Club because they fear of their own public safety.

Many individuals are seen walking into the club in a drunken state and therefore the licensee is in contravention of the Licensing Act which I believe states intoxicated people should not be served more alcohol. This is clearly not happening on these premises.

Safeguarding children from harm

This subject is discussed in the media each week and it is the council's responsibility to ensure our children are protected from harm. I have mentioned the obscenities written in the snow above, but further examples include people urinating in my front garden and those of my neighbours. My neighbours have commented on individuals who have been seen urinating on children's toys in their gardens and also 'flashing' their genitalia to the children when they have been spotted. I am sure you will agree this is not acceptable and these individuals should be charged with indecent exposure.

We know the individuals causing the problems are from the A P Lounge Club as they have been seen coming out of the club and we have heard them discussing their night out there. In addition the ongoing problems with the club are well known within the village and the Police are fully aware there is a problem which is why the licensee is now re-applying for a license.

In my profession as a School Nurse, I am very much aware of binge drinking amongst the young.

Holmes Chapel does not need such a place. There are plenty of places already in existence in nearby towns and cities. The A P Lounge Club has no benefits to us in Holmes Chapel.

You have the opportunity to decline this application and return our lives to the normality we deserve.

Yours faithfully



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**CORNES, Jane**

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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 03 December 2010 21:17  
**To:** Licensing Mail Box (Congleton)  
**Cc:** [redacted]@gov.uk  
**Subject:** Objection to the AP Club application to change to licence conditions  
**Attachments:** Cheshire East Licensing Authority.doc

Dear Sirs

Please find attached a letter of objection to the AP Club licence application request.

I would be grateful if you could give it due consideration.

Kind regards

06/12/2010

Holmes Chapel  
Cheshire

3 December 2010

Cheshire East Licensing Authority  
Cheshire East Borough Council  
Municipal Buildings  
Earle Street  
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CW1 2BJ

Dear Sirs

**Re: A P Club Licence Application by Mr David Wright**

We are writing to raise an objection to the request to change the licensing application at the AP Club on Station Road to allow non members access.

We understand that the objection must be based on one or more of the four criteria:-

1. Crime and Disorder
2. Public Nuisance
3. Public Safety
4. Protection of children from harm

This objection provides evidence of all four.

We live at \_\_\_\_\_ Road, on the corner of \_\_\_\_\_ I Station Road, and along with our neighbours, are disturbed at approximately 11.45 each Friday and Saturday night as drunken youths pass by on their way to the AP Club. They are frequently singing or shouting obscenities. We are then kept awake between 2am and 3am as they come out of the club even more intoxicated. On the occasions my husband is away on business, this behavior is very intimidating and I am not comfortable to be in my own home alone with the children. Surely this kind of public nuisance is not acceptable?

Prior to moving to Holmes Chapel we lived close to a pub, but never suffered this kind of disturbance and behavior. I believe the fact that many of the attendees of the AP Club are already intoxicated before they arrive at the club (this is evident due to the behavior seen as they pass by at 11.45 on route to the AP club) is increasing the level of disturbance we are subjected as they head home in the early hours. Had we been aware the club had a late licence prior to purchasing the property in 2007 we would have seriously reconsidered moving. We have evidence these people are attending the club, as my husband has returned from trips abroad on a couple of occasions around 2.30 am and seen the youths coming out of the club. There is also not another establishment open in the area at this time of day.

The Licensing Act 2003 states specifically that it is an offence to serve someone who is drunk or allow such a person to remain on licensed premises. Judging by the intoxicated

condition of the majority of youths heading to the club just before midnight each Friday and Saturday the AP Club are not abiding by this at all.

If the Club is allowed to open to non-members, we are very concerned this will significantly increase the amount of drunken people congregating outside our property on their way home in the early hours of the morning. This is already at an unacceptable level and the thought of an increase in this is most disturbing.

Our understanding is that it is an offence to allow anyone to leave the club premises with bottles and glasses, but we have a cupboard full of glasses from the AP Club collected from the hedge and frequently a pile of glass in the bin that we have swept up from the footpath. We should not have to sweep the public footpath each weekend, just to ensure the safety of our children, pets and other passers by! This demonstrates a failure by the management of the establishment to successfully monitor the door as customers are leaving the club.

During the summer we had a terrible experience on a Sunday morning when our 7 year old daughter went out to play on the trampoline in the garden and came back in crying telling us there was glass all over the trampoline. We were appalled to find that some of the drunken youths on the Saturday night had decided to throw a glass at the trampoline enclosure. Had our children been younger there is a high risk they could have just climbed on the trampoline and started playing, with potentially very dangerous consequences. Our children should not be subjected to this kind of risk on our own property! We are used to having to sweep up the broken glass from the footpath outside the house, but were horrified to find it on one of the children's outdoor toys.

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2010 my 10 year old daughter had friends over for a birthday sleepover. The girls looked out of the window to see 4 youths urinating into the hedge. When they saw the girls they waved and exposed themselves. This is highly unacceptable and should not have to be tolerated! We should not need to protect our children from this in our own home.

Many residents on Sandiford Road and Station Road have been victims of vandalism to their cars, fences and property from the youths on route to and from the AP Club. The police have been called on many occasions due to fighting and aggressive behavior. Our hedge is damaged on an almost weekly basis as the youths push each other into it. The For Sale sign on the bungalow next door is religiously snapped off, and used by the youths to hit each other with, before throwing into someone's garden on route home. We understand the police have even requested that the estate agent removes the sign as the property has now been sold as this is such a problem.

We sincerely hope you will give due to consideration to the residents of Sandiford Road and Station Road and reject this application, which if allowed to go through, will undoubtedly increase the scale of the problem for us all. We should be entitled to sleep safely and peacefully in our homes!

Yours faithfully

Cheshire East Licensing Authority  
Cheshire East Borough Council  
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1 December 2010

Dear Sirs

**Re: A P Club Licence Application by Mr David Wright**

I live at Holmes Chapel which is in the vicinity of the A P Club (hereon referred to as 'the club') on Station road.

I would like to object to Mr Wright's application for a licence at the club and I understand that any objection must be based on one or more of the following reasons:

1. Crime and Disorder
2. Public Nuisance
3. Public Safety
4. Protection of children from harm

All four of the licensing objections are applicable to this specific application as you will see throughout my letter below, but my main grounds for objection are on based on the 'crime and disorder' as a result of the 'drunks' coming out of the club and the general 'public nuisance' which these individuals cause.

The application was brought to my attention by the local PCSO Cheryl Smith, but I am disgusted that none of the local councillors, who are supposed to work for us as residents of the village, and all of whom I recently emailed regarding the traffic chaos caused by united utilities and to whom I also mentioned the A P

Club problems, did not have the decency to inform me that an application had been submitted. I will certainly be watching more carefully who I vote for next time!

Approximately five years ago, the residents of Sandiford road suffered vandalism, drunkenness and general anti-social behaviour from individuals leaving the club. I sought the advice of one of the local councillors, who I believe was the Chairman at the time, however nothing was achieved. As a result, I organised a petition and obtained approximately fifty signatures from residents within the Sandiford road and Station road area requesting the club be closed down.

Unfortunately, this was not done, however one of my neighbours and I were visited by a councillor (unfortunately his name escapes me at the present time) from Congleton borough council (as it was then) on several occasions to see if he could assist in alleviating the problems. The councillor liaised with the licensing officer, Mr David Smethurst and the PCSOs at that time. Despite our best efforts, the licensing officer concluded that there were no reasons for the club to be closed down.

Since then the residents of Sandiford road have suffered ongoing vandalism and anti-social behaviour on most Saturday and Sunday mornings between the hours of 2am and 3am.

This has included individuals deliberately smashing bottles and glasses which they have brought out of the club, on the manhole covers in the road (we know the glasses have been brought out of the club as they are the 'Carling' glasses which the club uses. Each house on Sandiford road appears to have several of these glasses which have been found in hedges and in the road and washed out and retained), snapping off 'for sale' sign boards and fighting with them with one another and either throwing them in people's gardens, on garage roofs (as suffered by my neighbour on her first night in her new property) and through car windows (as suffered by previous neighbour and more recently, the most likely cause of the smashed car window of my neighbour opposite), snapping off my car aerial, pushing each other through hedges (photo attached of the hole they caused in my front hedge and now blocked up with a trailer), and ripping out fence panels from the houses near the alleyway to the precinct.

Many of these incidents have been reported to the Police, whether at the time of the incident or the following day once the damage (in the case of the smashed car windows) has been noticed.

It is only going to be a matter of time before one of the revellers is seriously injured or killed when falling back on one of the very sharp stakes left when they snap off the 'for sale' sign boards and start fighting with one another.

Furthermore, regarding objection number 4; the protection of children from harm, many of the residents have witnessed individuals, male and female, but mainly male, urinating in hedges, on cars and in gardens.

On occasions, when our children have been having friends to stay over, they have witnessed males urinating in their gardens. Surely it is the council responsibility to protect our children from the indecent exposure of such acts.

It is also a public health issue in that I am sure none of you would like your children or grandchildren to have to play on toys kept out in the garden covered in urine.

In addition, Mr Wright is not adhering to any of his current licensing conditions and therefore should not be given the opportunity to apply for another licence as he is not a suitable landlord and it is clear that he does not have any interest in the welfare of the residents of the village and is simply out to make as much profit as he can.

Examples of these breaches include:

1. He allows drunken individuals into the club. Each Friday and Saturday, rowdy groups walk past my house from the pubs of Holmes Chapel towards the club. I have on several occasions been verbally abused by individuals passing by when I have looked out of my window to check what the noise is. They are obviously drunk and they should not be allowed into the club to drink even more.
2. He has also been letting in 'non-member', which appears to be the reason he is applying for new licence.
3. He has also been letting in underage drinkers into the club. I have proof and passed this information to the Police that individuals who look the right age have been let into the club and then open the fire exit to allow the others in.

Mr Wright has clearly not been adhering to his current licence conditions and as such should not be allowed the opportunity to re-apply for a less restrictive licence. He is clearly not interested in abiding by his present conditions and is looking for an easy solution to the problem.

You may and probably will say how I know that the individuals causing the problems are coming from the club. Well, as you may be gathering the whole situation is getting to me to say the least, and consequently I have walked up to the club at the hours mentioned earlier, and witnessed the individuals coming out of the club, walking down Sandiford road and ripping 'for sale' sign boards off their posts. Furthermore, as they pass my house, I have heard them all talking about their evening at the club.

In addition, this is the only venue which is open up until 2am within the vicinity of Sandiford road and the anti-social behaviour is consistent every Saturday and Sunday between 2am and 3am.

Furthermore, due to the crimes reported, the Police are fully aware there is a problem with drunkenness and disorder by those individuals leaving the club.

Most Friday and Saturday nights I do not fall asleep until after at least 3am when the 'revellers' have caused their damage, passed and gone home.

If you check the Police records, you will see that whenever I witness an incident, I report the matter there and then to the non emergency Police number 0845 458 0000. Unfortunately, being a rural village, the Police cannot always respond in a timely fashion and the individuals are long gone by the time the Police actually turn up.

On one such occasion, I reported approximately thirty (30) individuals outside my house being very noisy, singing obscenities, drinking, fighting with each other and generally being a nuisance. Despite several telephone calls to the Police; the second and third to inform the Police that the group were heading back to Station road (trying to be helpful and not spoken to abruptly by an annoyed call handler) by the time they arrived, there were only a few individuals hanging around. The Police officer took the bottles off the individuals and they were sent on their way. The following morning, there in the road where the Police car had pulled up, were several broken bottles. I can only surmise that the Police left the bottles on the pavement, only for the next group of individuals to come along and smash them!

Each Saturday or Sunday morning there is always a resident seen sweeping glass up from the road. I am sure the council would have something to worry about if a claim was to be made for children or pets walking and injuring themselves on the glass.

As you see, the evidence is there, however, if any of you do not believe me or any of the other residents, then, as I understand you do for some major planning applications, why not make site visit. You are all more than welcome to sit on my drive and watch the vandalism unfold.

The whole problem is affecting my well being and those of the residents of Sandiford road. Many elderly residents live on Sandiford road and they are terrified on a Friday and Saturday evening.

Furthermore, the problems with binge drinking are publicised on a daily basis, whether it is a rise in alcohol related cases being referred to the NHS or the price of 'cheap' alcohol and with the closure of the club, the lives of the people attending there could potentially be improved.



I am informed that the individuals are probably nice people when they are not under the influence of alcohol. Perhaps while the club remains open, the Police should be issuing ASBOs or on the spot fines. The individuals may think twice about what they are doing, albeit I am led to believe that alcohol and thinking do not mix which is the problem.

In addition, with the government's austerity measures, Police forces are having to make officers redundant to meet new budgets and with less 'bobbies' on the beat, the problems are simply going to escalate.

I have pointed out the houses where I have seen the revellers go to, but this has come to nothing. The Police should be able to check the names of the individuals on the electoral register, but if they club was closed completely, then the Police force would save money as they would not have to attend incidents related to the place week in week out.

Without the A P Club, Holmes Chapel would return to the lovely village it once was to live in. Surely there has to come a point where the quality of life of the residents of Sandiford road and Station road outweighs the drunken individuals frequenting the A P Club and profits going to Mr Wright.

You have the opportunity to nip this problem in the bud here and now by rejecting this application. I am sure you all do not want another Gary Newlove incident on your consciences which I believe will occur once myself or one of my neighbour's reaches breaking point.

Never mind human rights of the drinkers and landlord, it is my human right and that of my neighbours to feel safe in our own homes, which we do not at present.

Yours sincerely









