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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 May 2021 12:44
To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Cc: MACFARLANE, Iain (Councillor)
Subject: Wilmslow Rugby Club, license application

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Dear Sirs

Wilmslow Rigby Club have recently submitted an application to have the existing license changed to allow extended hours, whereabouts alcohol can be served on the site and the holding of up to three large outdoor activities with a capacity of over 500 and up to several thousand

As you can see from my earlier correspondence below with Mr Iain Macfarlane we wish to protest against the granting of this application

As stated below, we have lived at [REDACTED] for almost twenty years, we appreciate the role WRC plays within the community.

Our understanding, based upon discussions with those involved with the application, is that this would completely alter this role as the site is rented out to an external events organise.

Over recent years the council have added increase parking restrictions, traffic calming measures and a speed limit of 20 mph to address residents' concerns as to the amount of traffic using Pownall Park as a thoroughfare, this is much appreciated.

WRC proposal would see large amounts of traffic using Kings Road to access WRC, numerous large transport vehicles would have use what is in effect a cul-de-sac. Thousands of people would have to be transported to and from the location. Kings Road and the surrounding roads are currently in need of repair due to pot holes, etc. This increased level of traffic would inflict further damage on these roads.

We currently have to put up with the loud, beating music from Fitism, despite numerous reassurances by both the owners and members of WRC, including the president, that it will be addressed.

This latest proposal will add a new level of disturbance, noise and traffic in a residential area.

WRC is looking to raise additional funds and the local community will pay the price, WRC committee members will vacate the site returning to their homes and leaving local residents and council tax payers to deal with the consequences of their actions.

Reference is made in the application to noise monitoring measures, we do not believe this to be realistic when several thousand people are attending an event where noise is a prerequisite, concerts with music, cinemas, PA systems, etc.

We trust you will consider the views and concerns of local residents and turn the application down

We believe WRC current licensing status allows adequate scope for generating revenues if used correctly

Yours sincerely

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From: MACFARLANE, Iain (Councillor) <Iain.Macfarlane@cheshireeast.gov.uk>

Sent: 03 May 2021 10:50

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED] GOLDSMITH, Mark (Councillor) <Mark.Goldsmith@cheshireeast.gov.uk>

Subject: [OFFICIAL] RE: Wilmslow Rugby Club, license application

Dear Mr & Mrs [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your email regarding Wilmslow Rugby Club.

I have had several other residents from Kings Road, Carrwood Road & Woodlands Road who have contacted me recently but no application for a change of premises licence had been made to Cheshire East Council licensing department.

However, I have just had confirmation that Wilmslow Rugby Club have now applied for a premises licence "to permit the sale of alcohol & provision of regulated entertainment from 1100hrs to 2300hrs Monday & Wednesday, 1100hrs to 00.00hrs Tuesday & Thursday, 1100hrs to 0100hrs Friday & Saturday and 1200hrs to 2230hrs on Sundays, all plus 30 minutes dispersal".

I know the quiet suburban area where you live and can fully understand your worries concerning late night noise & general disturbance.

The first step is that residents must send their comments directly to the licensing officer outlining their objections to this application.

The address is:-
Licensing Section
Cheshire East Council
Municipal Buildings
Earle Street
Crewe
CW1 2BJ
licensing@cheshireeast.gov.uk

The closing date for comments is 26 May.

Best regards

Iain Macfarlane

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 April 2021 15:09
To: MACFARLANE, Iain (Councillor) <Iain.Macfarlane@cheshireeast.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Wilmslow Rugby Club, license application

Dear Mr. Macfarlane

I am sure you are now aware of Wilmslow Rugby Club's intention to apply to change their current license to allow large events of over 500 people and the serving of alcohol across large parts of the rugby grounds

We have lived at our home at [REDACTED] for almost twenty years, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

We have always understood the role of WRC as a sports club serving the local community, the sound of the teams playing etc. is nice to hear.

When we first moved to [REDACTED] WRC would ensure that any events were marshalled with cones restricting parking, etc. For many years this has not been the case with local roads on Pownall Park being used as carparks and residents drives being blocked by inconsiderate drivers.

Approx. 5 years ago WRC applied for the old squash courts [REDACTED] to be opened as a private member, exclusive fitness centre with limited numbers paying some £6,000 per year for health and fitness training. Despite assurances given by both WRC and the owners of Fitism, as we feared, this proved not to be the case. We can only assume that Fitism failed to attract the number of private clients required to make their proposed business model viable. The facility has now turned into a pay as you go gym running classes with far more numbers and very loud music booming out from the premises. We have complained to both Fitism and WRC but to no effect. We have been in contact with [REDACTED] Environmental Health Office at Cheshire East who planned to carry out further noise assessments prior to COVID. As opposed to using WRC car park, as indicated by both Fitism and WRC. their clients use Kings Road as a car park.

WRC now plans to turn the rugby ground into an events venue with crowds of over 500. The amount of traffic this would create, together with associated noise and pollution is totally at odds with its location and role as a local community facility. Alcohol would be served on the grounds. WRC clearly intends to hire out their facility to an external events organiser. This will necessitate a large number of large vehicles and other traffic accessing the site via Kings Road. Whilst they state that alcohol could only be served until 11pm we all know that it will then take a considerable amount of time for people to leave the premises, buses and taxis would continue to arrive until the small hours. Some would walk home through Pownall Park somewhat worse for wear causing disruption to local residents as they make use of gardens as portals.

The roads are totally unsuited to such use. The council have recently erected 20 MPH signs throughout Pownall Park to try and limit the amount and speed of traffic using the roads as a shortcut around Wilmslow town centre.

In simple terms WRC proposal is totally at odds with its role as a local community facility, based at the end of a cul-de-sac in a residential area and will cause major disruption, pollution and inconvenience to local residents.

Several residents meetings have taken place over recent weeks and to date there is no one in favour of the proposal.

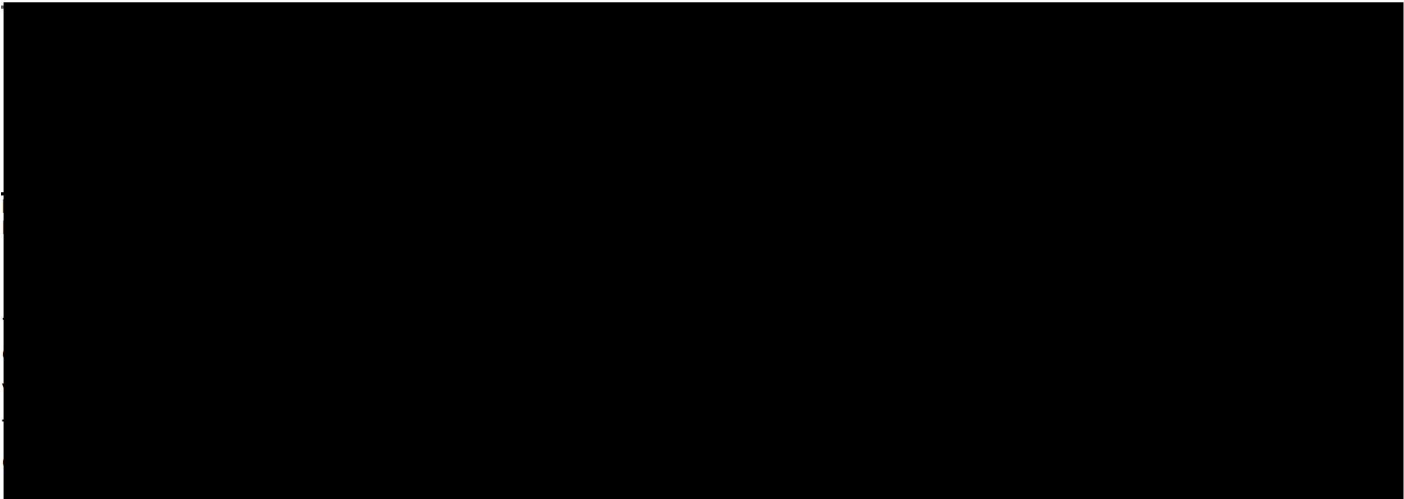
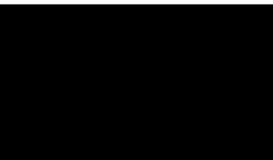
The original document issued by WRC to local residents was only given to a small number of local residents, apparently 100 were printed but WRC do not know where they have gone to. Local residents have copied and circulated the document to other residents.

Following a meeting with three local representatives last Tuesday, 20th April, at which WRC had a specialist licensing solicitor present, the notes issued by the WRC solicitor to the meeting in no way reflected the views expressed by our representatives or those of local residents.

We trust you will represent the views and concerns of your constituents when this application is submitted and turn the application down

WRC current licensing status allows adequate scope for generating revenues if used correctly

Yours sincerely



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