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As it stands, I object to the premises licence application in its entirety.

Wilmslow Rugby Club is situated at the end of a residential cul-de-sac. Kings Road runs from the Altrincham Road to the rugby club through private housing. In the past, the Council has installed traffic calming humps. Now, Kings Road has also a 20mph speed limit.

Wilmslow Rugby Club already causes disruption through its regular season of rugby matches and its (for me) hideous Half Marathon Event. Visitors to the Club rarely respect the traffic calming measures and certainly not the 20mph speed limit. Some weekends, it is more like a race-track.

The Half Marathon, I realise makes considerable sums for charity but, for me personally, it is a menace. The restrictions on parking, the general ignorance of the public and runners in respecting the properties along Kings Road, the noise of the radio station and disruption to my life and that of my friends and family, the messages from the organisers, ringing of the door bell to remove vehicles which are not mine - all conspire to make this an unwelcome weekend.

Now, Wilmslow Rugby Club is seeking a Premises Licence which would/could allow it to have "an unlimited number of events for up to 500 people" plus "3 outdoor events for up to 5,000 people", a solicitor advises. Incredible!

This somewhat differs from the undated 'soothing PR letter' from Carole Weston, representing Wilmslow Rugby Club.. In that letter, she writes that they seek permission for "some outdoor activities during times the pitches are not used", and "there may be a few events during the year" and "carry out a small number of larger events" but limited, she says, to a maximum of 8 days.

NOTE her words! Nothing is definite - the use of "some", "some", a few", "a small number". Each one of them could be prefaced by the word "INITIALLY". And there, is my greatest fear. Upwards inflation once approved!!

Kings Road is a relatively quiet residential road. Thus, increasing the volume of foot and road traffic (including heavy vehicles) will have a detrimental impact on Kings Road, and probably on other roads such as Vale Road and Broadwalk through parking and attendance at the events.

First, Prevention of Crime and Disorder is increased and, so too, is the likelihood of litter, damage to vehicles and properties, and anti-social behaviour late at night especially fuelled by alcohol.

Second, Public Safety risks go up as the volume and size of vehicle traffic wanting access to the Club increases down the road. There will be potential damage to road surfaces and houses caused by excessive vibration. Kings Road is already in poor condition and the failure to observe calming measures is readily apparent in the gouges in the road.

Third, Prevention of Public Nuisance will clearly be at risk by virtue of the noise from the proposed events - before, during and after them.

Fourth, Protection of Children from Harm is critical and I would wish to see evidence as to how Wilmslow Rugby Club will police AND pay for this. This is a recipe for increased crime in the area, including that of 'stranger danger'.

In conclusion, this application is ill-thought through. It appears to me that Wilmslow Rugby Club has only considered, selfishly, the opportunity of new revenue schemes without any thoughts, plans or evidence as to how Wilmslow Rugby Club (NOTE not the Police or Cheshire East) will manage, police and keep these events secure for Wilmslow residents.

Finally, I will reiterate that I am against this Premises Licence Application by Wilmslow Rugby Club in its entirety.

