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Dear Committee Members,

Wilmslow Rugby Club (WRUFC) is requesting the granting of a premises licence to hold potentially large (>>500 attendees) outdoor events involving alcohol in a residential area. As it stands we wish to object to the premises licence application in its entirety.

The venue, WRUFC ground, has a single entrance/exit at the end of a cul-de-sac road (Kings Road) in a residential area and the amount of traffic (including large vehicles and lorries) pre, during and post event would significantly further increase the risk of danger to nearby residents (including children), the public and to local residents' property. Kings Road is already busy, daily from users of the FITSM gym (based at WRUFC premises) and providing a permanent entrance (immediately adjacent to the rugby ground entrance) to the west end of the Carrs public park. Traffic levels increase further on match days when supporters attend matches as well as on Sunday mornings when Junior rugby is staged. For the large events proposed (we understand potentially for up to 5000 people) it would likely require that either one or both sides of Kings Road would need to be coned off for a significant part of the day (and possibly closed as per the Wilmslow half-marathon) to prevent traffic congestion and to allow residence and emergency services two-way unhindered access.

Further, the organising and running of such large events requires a level of suitably qualified and experience organisers plus service and security staff to be employed which itself will add to the volume of traffic and parking spaces required. Most likely the car park at the west end of the Carrs near Twinnies Bridge would be used by event staff/attendees, limiting access to the public simply wishing to go in to the Carrs public park.

Based on our experience from smaller events at the WRUFC location, large scale events will increase disturbances levels considerably through increased noise and vandalism at unsocial hours late at night. Such disturbances could themselves lead to increased levels of crime and disorder in the immediate surroundings as well as increased levels of litter in residential properties.

The proposed location for such large events appears to be particularly at odds with the fact that there is an even larger sports area (Jim Evison Playing Fields) immediately adjacent to WRUFC which is used by the Club for matches. Jim Evison playing fields could accommodate mass (potentially even larger) events more easily and is located further away from residential houses with potentially better (with some changes) access for the public from a major road (A538) and not via a residential cul-de-sac road. Use of the Jim Evison location would also not require event attendees to be 'bused in' to a residential area, itself further increasing traffic both in and out on an event night.

WRUFC currently hold a club premises certificate for smaller events (involving alcohol) which are club house based. These activities on occasion already create a level of disturbance both during and post event which we feel local residents are willing to tolerate in order to allow WRUFC to function as a community club. The desire to hold significantly much larger events in the grounds of the Club we object to firmly.

I would be grateful if the committee could acknowledge receipt of our objection.

Yours Sincerely,

