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Subject: Wilmslow Rugby Club premises licence application (WIL876/1)

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Dear All Concerned,

Wilmslow Rugby Club have submitted an application to have their club premises certificate changed to a Premises License, to serve alcohol across the whole site plus enabling the club to have 'unlimited' outdoor events up to 500 people plus hold 3 events for thousands of people to attend each year, in the closed season.

Firstly, I must point out [REDACTED] We therefore support and help out at the club with various activities in generating funds for what I 'believed' is a charity, community and not for profit rugby club? However, as a local resident living on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I completely object to this premises license application in its entirety.

If this application was granted it would completely alter the spirit and values of what is a members and guests local rugby club. Instead becoming an open public house with external 3rd party event companies utilising the whole site (including both pitches) for large alcohol fuelled events such as live music, beer festivals etc and any other potential drinking events they should decide. The idea of which being directly [REDACTED] is of major concern to my family, property and the wider residential local Wilmslow community for the following reasons;

- I have [REDACTED] who play out on the relatively quiet residential streets, especially in the summer when it's light. With the inevitable increased amount of people attending significant sized events it would cause traffic and parking issues which is already a problem at the end of Kings Road, next to the rugby club. I would therefore have a major concerns for my kids safety, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with very little road awareness or any fear of strangers.
- The potential for regular outdoor events/festivals means an excessive amount of people drinking alcohol directly behind my house on an unspecified amount of days for <500 people, which inevitably leads to anti-social behaviour, damage to properties, damage to vehicles and increased risk of burglary/theft.
- The rugby club is positioned at the end of Kings Road. It's a quiet residential area with 20 mph speed limit in place and vehicle limit of 7.5T, so not designed to cope with large vehicles and HGV's driving up and down. They would surely be required to deliver/collect stage equipment, lighting etc over a number of days prior to and following any such events.
- The roads are already not suitable, yet there would additionally be a significant amount of coaches and taxis required to take hundreds or even thousands of party goers to and from the area on the day of these events. That would add to the traffic and cause further significant increased road safety concerns, again in a quiet residential cul de sac location with limited access to even turn large vehicles around.
- There would be hundreds or thousands of potentially drunken people leaving the site at anti-social times via 1 actual entrance/exit on Kings Road, with every likelihood of continued noise and disturbance once they've left the club site, no doubt with people then urinating in gardens, dis-guarding of drinks containers, litter etc. When the club hold the annual Wilmslow ½ marathon we have no road access to properties on that morning, which we fully accept for a 1 off annual sporting event, however runners do congregate on the field and a few choose to urinate at the back of my house, despite portaloo's being provided. I can only imagine what that would be like with numerous drunken music or festival goers converging on the club fields for any such events.

- There would be loud music, disturbance and noise pollution at unsociable hours in a quiet residential and surrounding area, including Woodland on 3 sides near to National Park. Again that further impacts my [REDACTED] not being able to tolerate continued loud noises.
- We already put up with far too much loud music from Fitism (3rd party gym in the old rugby club squash courts again directly behind my house). That's despite initial assurances from the rugby club it was only to be a private limited members gym, health & nutrition centre. It is in fact just a gym, running group classes open to all with music blaring out at various times of the day. The club are fully aware, yet seem unable to manage their relatively small tenant despite us sharing the issues it causes us on Woodlands Road in particular. The Environmental Health have previously been made aware.
- High level and flashing lights causing a nuisance to all local families and affecting young children especially my own's ability to sleep during any such times.
- There's already a major parking problem on Kings Road next to the club (made worse with the use of Fitism gym). Further congestion on the day of events and possibly vehicles left overnight and due to the volume of people attending would cause obstructions for residents on all adjacent roads including Woodlands Road. It happens already when people attend rugby events but that's far less people, plus it's accepted due to their role of a community rugby club.
- There's likely to be a considerable amount of rubbish/pollution left behind after major gatherings still to be cleared up in days after such events.

Furthermore there's already Carnival fields, The Carrs or possibly Jim Evieson playing fields in the Wilmslow area, I don't believe we need another location for these types of events the rugby club are now proposing.

We trust you will consider our views and the very serious concerns of the local residents and therefore reject the application as we strongly believe their current licensing status enables the rugby club to continue their important role within the local community and generating sufficient funds. We would again fully support them in better marketing, with increased use of their function room and bar facility to generate increased revenues under the current agreement.

Kind Regards

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