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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Proposed Premise Licence – Wilmslow Rugby Club

We as a resident of [REDACTED], wish to raise our strong objections to the proposed Premise Licence for which we have significant concerns particularly linked to the prevention of public nuisance and prevention of crime and disorder licensing objectives.

The Rugby Club currently operates under a Club Premises Certificate which on sales only and therefore is restricted to be used only by Club Members and their guests and the proposed Premise Licence has the ability to change the operation of this and that it will allow members of the public to attend without limit, which is significantly different to what they currently have.

As the application for a Premises Licence stands a condition has been put in that for the proposed large scale events for over 500 people, with no upper limits on these numbers, there will be no pop up bars or licensable activities on the hatched area of the grounds, ie 2nd Team Pitch which is on the boundary of the residential properties on Woodlands Road, house no's 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18. This condition however does not restrict the consumption of alcohol or live deregulated or recorded music in the hatched area. Obviously, a serious concern given the close proximity of the residential houses. ***(See attached photographs of the gardens bordering the 2nd Team Pitch).***

Also of great concern is that there is no upper limit on the number of events of under 500 people in the hatched area adjacent to the residential properties and therefore we could be subjected to high levels of noise, anti-social behaviour fuelled by the consumption of alcohol throughout the closed rugby season and summer months. We feel this is totally unacceptable for what is a quiet residential area.

Furthermore, the Club clearly wishes to operate several large-scale events throughout their large grounds, which could particularly negatively impact upon the locality in terms of public nuisance and crime and disorder. The measures put forward in the application to promote the licensing objectives are wholly inadequate for the scale of events proposed and will not sufficiently promote the four licensing objectives.

Since the Rugby Club converted the old squash courts into a gym open to the general public (Fitism) adjacent to the 2nd Team Pitch, we have been disturbed by loud music on several occasions coming from the gym when they have their doors open and run sessions outside and have had to complain to Fitism. I fail to understand how any events up to 500 or over 500 for that matter could be carried out on the 1st Team Pitch but particularly the 2nd Team Pitch without significant disruption to the residents regardless of monitoring sound levels as they state they would do.

The boundaries to the grounds are unsecured (*see attached photo*). How would they ensure that people would not gain entry via the unsecured boundaries regardless of what limit they put on numbers of people.

To reiterate, our strongest objection is to the use of the hatched area ie the 2nd Team Pitch being used for unlimited events of up to 500 people, with the consumption of alcohol and live/recorded music bordering residents gardens.

Consequently as it stands and without significant modification of the application, we object to the Premises Licence application in its entirety.

Please acknowledge receipt of our comments/objections by return.

Yours faithfully

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