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**Subject:** Objection to Wilmslow Rugby Club Premises Licence Application

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20<sup>th</sup> May 2021

To whom it may concern,

**Wilmslow Rugby Club - Premises Licence Application**

Wilmslow Rugby Club has applied for a premises licence.

**I wish to register my objection to this premises licence application in its entirety.**

The club has a Club Premises Certificate already which allows on-site alcohol sales to members and their guests. The existing certificate also permits events for up to 500 people, restricted to the club house and patio area, and although these can be disruptive, most residents are willing to tolerate the noise and occasional anti-social behaviour of attendees. The Rugby Club is well supported by local residents as a sports club for the local community. The Certificate allows a balanced approach to the financial needs of the club and the local residents.

The Premises Licence application now seeks to allow sales of alcohol and the provision of regulated entertainment **outdoors across the whole site, to the general public, and for alcohol consumption on-site and to takeaway.** In addition, the application seeks permission for 3 large outdoor events per year for up to 5,000 people. This would be in addition to an unlimited number of events for up to 500 across the whole site.

The proposed premises licence would therefore clearly allow the club to operate in a way that would have a negative impact on local residents' entitlement to peaceful enjoyment of their property.

Vehicular access to the club is only possible along Kings Rd, a quiet residential road with a 20mph speed limit and a 7.5T limit, except for access. The road is effectively a cul-de-sac as it joins a private unpaved section of Carrwood Road, which is unsuitable for heavy traffic. In recent years, the club has allowed heavy film crew lorries, including pantechnicons to park overnight at the club car park. The noise and vibration caused by these lorries has woken us



up late at night and early morning and has clearly contributed to the poor state of the road surface. Under the proposed premises licence, the outdoor events would need similar large lorries to deliver/collect marquees, lighting and sounds systems, stages, scaffolding, food and drink.

The club has also already leased part of its site to a gym. This has led to an increase in the speed and volume of cars driven by people attending the daily gym sessions. Again most residents have been willing to tolerate the occasional disturbance and inconvenience, because they wish to support the club. However, there would inevitably be significant extra traffic from people attending the events under the premises license which would destroy the peace and safety of this quiet cul de sac for it's residents.

After the events, most attendees would also leave along Kings Road. This means hundreds (and on 3 occasions thousands) of people, many under the influence of alcohol, disturbing resident's peace late at night.

The proposed premises licence would undermine the licensing objectives in many ways, including:

### **Prevention of Crime and Disorder**

Allowing people under the influence of alcohol onto the pitches backing onto local houses significantly increases the risk of damage to the houses and gardens.

Moving from members-only to public admission greatly increases the risk of theft from and damage to cars, houses and gardens in Pownall Park generally.

A significant risk of anti-social and disruptive behaviour fuelled by alcohol as people leave events late at night in a quiet residential area will be very worrying and disruptive for residents

The expected high demand for police intervention will be a drain on already limited police resources

Allowing food and alcohol to be sold for external consumption will result in litter and general waste products on a residential street

### **Public Safety**

The increase in cars and lorries along Kings Road carries an increased risk of accidents  
There will be a significant increase in noise and air pollution from the extra traffic.

Traffic congestion and parked vehicles will increase risk of accidents to pedestrians and cyclists

Confrontation between elderly residents and drunk attendees raises serious public safety concerns

### **Prevention of Public Nuisance**

Regular outdoor licensed events, including 3 large outdoor events, would cause an increase in noise for local families, which would be particularly intolerable late at night. High intensity outdoor lighting would presumably be needed, causing light pollution and nuisance for local residents.

Inconsiderate parking and traffic congestion on this quiet residential cul de sac will be dangerous and a public nuisance.

Loud noise from people leaving will again be a public nuisance for local residents

### **Protection of Children from Harm**

There are many quiet roads on Pownall Park where it has been customary for children to be allowed to play safely outdoors. The influx of people from outside the area and the increase in traffic during the day poses a particular risk to the safety of children living in the area generally.

I am also concerned that “the performance of dance” is specifically sought in the new licence, with no assurances that the type of dance performed would be appropriate for a family residential area and specifically for a sports club attended by children.

Damage to the road surface by increased volume of large lorries will be dangerous to cyclists including younger children

Allowing take-away alcohol sales could also be a concern to parents of teenagers who may be given alcohol by older attendees

In summary, I consider that the Premises Licence application has the ability to change the operation of the Club in such a way that it will have a detrimental effect on the area and will undermine the licensing objectives.

As previously stated, I **object to the premises licence application in its entirety.**

Please will you kindly acknowledge receipt of this email.

Yours faithfully,

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