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Subject: Wilmslow Rugby Club Licence Application - Objections

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RE: Wilmslow Rugby Club Licence Application

To whom it may concern;

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

The change of licence from a club premises certificate to a premises licence should not be granted to Wilmslow Rugby club. The nature of the application shall encourage a significant increase of vehicle and pedestrian activity in a quiet residential area. I have a number of serious concerns, as set out below.

1. Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Permitting the rugby club to serve alcohol to non-members during the week, at weekends and before, during and after events of up to 5,000 people will increase the risk of crime and disorder.

- a. Risk of damage to cars, houses and gardens adjoining the site and the general area of Kings Road, Pownall Park, River Bollin and the Carrs – what measures shall the club be taking to mitigate risk of unwanted access/damage to neighbouring properties and gardens?
- b. Increase risk of littering; there are no bins on Kings Road – this application if granted shall encourage increased littering, unwanted access to neighbouring properties' drive ways to 'fly tip' in bins, or potentially introduce, unwanted and unsightly bins, which have there own problems and will also be strongly objected to.
- c. Anti-social and disruptive behaviour fuelled by alcohol as people leave the events – what measures shall the club be taking to control anti – social behaviour day and night, before, during and after events? Persons walking along Kings Road, fuelled with alcohol, will undoubtedly cause a disruption to residents, urinating on the street etc.

2. Public Safety

- a. Significant increase in traffic, insufficient parking. Poor access and cul-de-sac roads that are not designed to deal with high volumes of vehicles. The lay out of the roads will cause a bottle neck.
- b. Risk of increase to accidents on these roads and with pedestrians – I request a copy of the required independent Road Safety Audit.
- c. Damage to road surfacing – I request a copy of the completed independent surveyor's report – highlighting the current road condition, along with the completed traffic modelling data, which will show the increase of traffic, including taxi queuing and turning.
- d. Air pollution - reduction in air quality due to increase in fumes from an increase in vehicles – I request a copy of the completed traffic modelling data, which will show the increase of traffic, including taxi queuing and turning. I further request the air quality monitoring data, which should have been baselined at levels – pre Covid. Data collected during Covid cannot be used as baseline or in any way as part of this application.
- e. Persons 'short cutting' through areas of dense woodland and the river Bollin – dangerous embankments/litter/damage to flora/fauna. The risk to persons health and safety shall increase with the potential for 'short cuts' through the adjoining wood land walkways and the river Bollin, which have steep, unprotected embankments. Litter and flora/fauna damage shall also increase in areas used by local residents for quiet, peaceful and clean walking routes – which if granted, this licence shall destroy.

3. Prevention of public nuisance

- a. Noise pollution from an increase in traffic – I request a copy of the baseline noise monitoring data - which should have been baselined at levels – pre Covid. Data collected during Covid cannot be used as baseline or in any way as part of this application.
- b. Parking – I request a copy of the completed traffic modelling data, which will show the increase of traffic, including taxi queuing and turning. This modelling should be completed against all scenarios – daily events of up to 500 persons, including all support and set up vehicles and 3 x 5,000 persons events including all support and set up vehicles. There is insufficient parking in the area, without having to use residents on street parking provisions. Without on street parking availability, the house prices may potentially drop, devaluing properties.
- c. Neighbouring quiet woodland walks – these walkways and paths are used by local residents, young and old! Having events with alcohol and music will completely take away from the peaceful nature of these walking routes.
- d. Excessive noise for local residents, especially late night, from outdoor events
- e. Intrusive flood lighting from the events causing light pollution and nuisance for local residents.

4. Protection of Children from harm

- a. Risk of accidents from increase in traffic, particularly heavy lorries.
- b. Increased risk of strangers into the area which pose a threat to children.
- c. Risk to children of asthma and other breathing related illnesses due to the increased air pollution.

5. Environmental impact

- a. Risk of damage and disturbance to nature and wildlife - the beautiful surrounding areas, including the river Bollin and the Carrs.
- b. Air, noise and light pollution will increase.
- c. Increased refuse waste and littering.
- d. Please forward a copy of the completed independent Environmental Impacted Statement – which will cover the above concerns of, noise, dust, pollution, air quality and traffic.

6. Consultation

- a. I do not believe the correct notification or consultation process has been followed and object to any decisions being made without prior consultation with all concerned residents who have the right to a voice in this application process.

Wilmslow rugby club is exactly that – a rugby club; to be enjoyed by players – young and old and their families for the purposes of sport and those social events that are connected to rugby. The club is located in a quiet residential area on a cul-de-sac road. It is surrounded by houses on one side and a river and nature reserve on the other. It is not in any way designed to be the location for festivals and to introduce this to the area and allow for mass gatherings would be a travesty. I implore the council to reject the application in its entirety and to think about the residents and the wildlife that will be so negatively impacted, should the premises licence be allowed.

Please note I will be raising my objections and grave concerns with Esther McVey, MP for Tatton.



