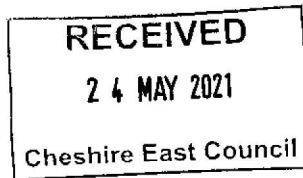


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Dear Sirs,
I was greatly dismayed on receiving and reading the enclosed information sheet on the application by Whimslow Rugby Club for a premises licence.

Under the four main headings there seems to be more than sufficient reasons for rejecting the application.

In particular the anti social and disruptive behavior will be inevitable. Any remonstrations by a resident will likely be met by verbal and possibly physical abuse. With the current level of knife crime who knows how far these situations may go.

When damage to property could occur, would the Rugby Club be liable to compensate the property owner?

Protection of children must be a major concern. As stated, with the influx of people from outside the area, perpetrators of any crime against children will be more than difficult to apprehend.

So far, no information seems available as to why the Rugby Club needs the premises licence. It is a sports facility and should remain as such.

Kings Road and its adjoining areas are quiet residential areas and wish to continue to be so. Noise and air pollution would obviate this position.

In conclusion "AS IT STANDS I OBJECT TO THE PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION IN ITS ENTIRETY".

Yours faithfully,

Licensing Section, Cheshire East Council.
Municipal Building,
Earle Street, Crewe, CW12 3JF.

Wilmslow Rugby Club Licence Application

Wilmslow Rugby Club has now applied for a **premises licence** covering the whole site, allowing it to sell alcohol to the general public (including on the pitches and car park). Consumption can be on-site or to take away.

It would also permit live and recorded music anywhere on the site and specifically includes permission for “the performance of dance” as a form of entertainment, not just customers dancing.

Wilmslow Rugby Club currently holds a **club premises certificate** which only allows it to sell alcohol to club members and their guests in the clubhouse (not outdoors) – **very different to a premises licence**.

We have had confirmation from a licensing solicitor that the premises licence, if granted, would allow:

1. An unlimited number of events for up to 500 people outdoors with music and alcohol
2. 3 large outdoor events a year for up to 5,000 people. Larger events under consideration, according to the club’s recently appointed Commercial Manager, include beer festivals and concerts.

Vehicular access to the club is only possible along Kings Rd, a quiet residential cul-de-sac with a 20mph speed limit and a 7.5T limit, except for access. The outdoor events would need larger lorries to deliver/collect marquees, lighting and sounds systems, stages, scaffolding, food and drink. There would also inevitably be extra traffic from people attending the events. All would have to pass along Kings Road. After the events, typically late at night, there will be hundreds (and on 3 occasions thousands) of people, many under the influence of alcohol, leaving the site mainly via Kings Rd.

If you wish to register an objection to this, you need to do so in writing by **25th May**. Your letter should include an unequivocal statement of objection to the application, such as **“As it stands I object to the premises licence application in its entirety”**

Please note, the licensing committee considers the following 4 licensing objectives when assessing applications, so you may wish to refer to these in your letter of objection:

1. Prevention of Crime and Disorder

- e.g. Risk of damage to houses and gardens adjoining the site, during the outdoor events
Increased risk of litter and damage to cars, houses and gardens in Pownall Park generally.
Anti-social and disruptive behaviour fuelled by alcohol as people leave events late at night

2. Public Safety

- e.g. Risk of accidents involving heavy lorries accessing the club along Kings Rd
Potential damage to the road surface and houses caused by vibrations from heavy lorries
Increased air pollution from the high traffic levels before and after the events

3. Prevention of Public Nuisance

- e.g. Excessive noise for local residents, especially late at night, from the outdoor events
High intensity outdoor lighting causing light pollution and nuisance for local residents.
Significantly increased traffic and parking issues on a quiet residential cul de sac

4. Protection of Children From Harm

- e.g. Risk of accidents from increase in traffic, particularly heavy lorries
Increased “stranger danger” to children from the influx of people from outside the area
Potential for inappropriate entertainment eg performance of dance on a residential road

If you wish to object, you need to Email:

licensing@cheshireeast.gov.uk

or post your letter to:

Licensing Section, Cheshire East Council, Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe CW1 2BJ.

CLOSING DATE FOR OBJECTIONS IS 25th MAY