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Subject: Objection to premises licence by Wilmslow Rugby Club

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This email is an objection to the application for a premises licence by Wilmslow Rugby Club.

I object to the premises licence as applied for in its entirety.

My address is [REDACTED] Our section of Carrwood Road is private, and unadopted by the council. There are two facts regarding our road which are relevant to the licence application:

1. Only residents have right of access to this section of Carrwood Road. As an example, I do not have right of access beyond my house; I only have right of access from Kings Road to my house. Currently, residents are very tolerant and are not restricting access to non-residents.
2. Residents of this section of Carrwood Road have to pay for maintenance of the road. The road is not surfaced, and therefore more likely to suffer damage if there is extra traffic.

If there are more events at the rugby club, which can have hundreds of guests attending, there will obviously be more traffic arriving to set up and take down the event, plus extra traffic for people attending. This extra traffic will be causing erosion to our road surface. Residents would have to either pay for more road maintenance, or pay to put up signage/barriers to restrict access.

If there are more large events at the rugby club, where are the event organisation and attendees going to park their vehicles? There is insufficient parking space within the club premises, especially if their parking area is used to locate portable toilets which is usually the case. From experience I know that cars will be parked on our road, even though they do not have right of access. In the past cars have parked on our front garden, obviously causing damage by the cars and people walking on our garden. I have already paid for a wall to be built at the front of our garden to try to stop people parking there. Again, residents would have to either pay for more road and garden maintenance, or pay to put up signage/barriers to restrict access.

Note that currently parking is already an issue around the rugby club. Visitors to the gym at the club are parking on Kings Road, leaving no spaces on Kings Road for people visiting The Carrs park. I've heard several dog-walkers complaining/apologising that they have having to park on Carrwood Road.

If there are more events at the rugby club, and their licensing hours are increased, then there will be more noise from traffic at earlier and later hours than currently. For example, if there is an event until midnight on a Tuesday, with 30 mins for dispersal of the attendees, and then more time for removal of the event itself, there will be extra traffic noise in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

If there are more events at the rugby club then there will be the extra noise from the event itself, especially if the event is outdoors. For example, there could be event noise until 1am on Saturday and Sunday morning, then the noise of attendees and the organisers leaving.

Pownall Park is a very quiet residential area. There are usually two major events at the rugby club during a year; the rugby festival and the Wilmslow Half Marathon. I support these events and tolerate the extra traffic, parking and noise for two days a year, even though damage has been caused to my property. Also, other indoor events there seem to stop by midnight and I have never been overly disturbed by noise. Any more events than this, events which finish later than currently, and any more outdoor events other than rugby, I would find unacceptable.

In summary, any more traffic and noise compared to the current events at the rugby club would be unacceptable.

Regards,

