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Subject: Wilmslow Rugby Club, Memorial Ground, Kings Road, Wilmslow, SK9 5PZ APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES

LICENCE: LICENSING ACT 2003

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



26th May 2020

Subject: Wilmslow Rugby Club, Memorial Ground, Kings Road, Wilmslow, SK9 5PZ APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE: LICENSING ACT 2003

Dear Sir / Madam,

With reference to the above license change application, I am writing to object to the proposed changes.

My Wife, daughter and I live

Generally, I am supportive of everything that the Rugby club does in relation to sport and community centric events. This was the premise upon which the memorial ground was given to the club for management.

Looking at the 2 large events (both sporting) that happen each year (1/2 marathon and Rubgy Festival), these events cause a significant disruption in the Pownall Park neighbourhood where the roads become gridlocked and each time they occur there is typically small damage to our property. Examples would be parking and walking on flowerbeds, visiting the toilet, and leaving the "personal" litter in our garden. Given that these are sporting events I do not object to these activities as I feel that these are positive for the community, and I choose not to object or complain.

My concern with the license application is down to the consumption of alcohol, the noise generated and the extreme anti-social behaviour observed by me over the past years from people leaving the Rugby club late at night. It is not unusual for people to leave the rugby club at midnight shouting and singing. In a number of instances where people have chosen to leave via the public footpath into the Carrs Country Park, they have decided to kick and damage our fencing creating in £1000's of damage. Additionally, I have personally witnesses drunk people being arrested whilst attempting to drive and I very regularly see people sleeping off the drink in their cars on the street outside my house where they then need to visit the toilet in the street before driving home.

Given the drink related challenges currently observed by me, I do not want to extend this to serving alcohol to hundreds or thousands of people at multiple bars outside of the clubhouse and across the pitch / carpark. This additional bar capacity will increase alcohol consumption significantly and given the number of people involved, the carnage of damage, litter and antisocial behaviour will be unmanageable. This is NOT something that I want my year old daughter to witness outside of her bedroom window at bedtime.

Separate to the noise, security and anti-social behaviour challenges, I also have significant concerns about the parking and increased traffic from these additional large events. The Rugby Club always struggle to manage events from a parking and traffic perspective. There are never parking restrictions imposed around the Pownall Park road network during events and visitors park on the road to avoid paying for parking at the club. I would assume that it is less obvious also when they drive home drunk or choose to sleep in the car.

I realise that you will have received a number of objections from other residents near Wilmslow Rugby Club, I feel that my first hand experience over years living directly next door to the club should be considered carefully whilst you consider this license application.

Yours faithfully,

Sent Via email to:

licensing@cheshireeast.gov.uk and councillor Iain.macfarlane@cheshireeast.gov.uk