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To whom it may concern

I would like to write in support of the above application. My son has been a junior member since he was 5, when we lived near the club [REDACTED] and I also attend the Gym which shares the site with WRUFC. I believe that the club is seeking a premises licence, and I fully support this application.

The club has provided a fantastic grounding on the technical, social and behavioural aspects of rugby, both for my son and by my observation for all of the boys in his year group. During COVID, the club did the most amazing job in keeping the boys engaged through zoom calls, virtual training and, when permitted, socially distanced training at the club or the Jim Evison fields. At all times during COVID the club was diligent in its risk assessment, taking very seriously the welfare of the boys, their families, the club staff & coaches, and the wider community. All voluntary. The ability to remain connected with the club made a significant contribution to my son's welfare during lockdown.

More broadly we have attended multiple rugby and non-rugby events at the club, all are run professionally, and with consideration for participants, visitors and the local community. For example the juniors are often engaged in leaflet drops to local residents making them aware of events, juniors & parents marshal at club matches and other events where cars are in & out of the club car park. Club communicates well, and frequently, with members asking for their consideration when attending events. My own attendance at the Gym (Fitism) has never been disrupted by events at the club.

Both for my son and my younger daughter I always feel that the club runs its events with attention to safety and wellbeing. Food & alcohol is served responsibly, whether directly by the club or through occasional third party vendors. I have attended small & large events, pre-ticketed & turn up. The juniors rugby festival is attended by clubs from all over the North West & Ireland, and is always well run, with club & visitors having a great time.

The club offers a valuable resource for people with children, whether the younger Rugby Tots having their first introduction to the game at a club (vs. a village hall), or the older children attending their first music festival in a local, safe environment. The club hosts half term clubs, a vital resource for working parents & for children to expand their social engagements & improve their physical wellbeing. I believe over 100 local children were able to attend a rugby camp at Easter, run by the prestigious Sedbergh School.

I am very confident that the day-to-day activities do not cause nuisance nor do they attract crime. Indeed the club offers an exceptional resource to engage the bodies and minds of young people in the area. From my own experience I would certainly trust the club to run a small number of larger events safely and for the benefit of the wider community; I believe that there is an excellent network with other local sports clubs, e.g. Alderley Edge Cricket Club, who have experience of running these larger events, and that the club will reach out for advice and learnings

Yours sincerely

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