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APPENDIX - 1

Poynton
Stockport
Cheshire
SK12 1QY
5th October 2010

Licensing Section
Cheshire East Council
Town Hall
Macclesfield
Cheshire
SK10 1DX

Dear Sir,

I write in respect of the application by Poynton Sports Club to extend its licensing period. As a resident of Park Avenue, adjacent to the club, I would wish the following considerations to be made:

1. At present, the club provides entertainment for events which at times lead to excessive noise for local residents. An example of this was at the last live music event that was held there, which went on till 1 am and could easily be heard from Park Avenue. Any extension of this time on a regular basis will increase the inconvenience and lack of sleep, with no foreseeable benefit to residents.
2. Similarly, an extension of weekday hours to midnight in a residential area is against the best interests of local residents should excessive noise occur.
3. The exit of the club on the Park Avenue aspect has long been unsecured. It would be inconsiderate to expect residents to have people leaving the club a few yards from houses, later than 1am after allowing for "drinking up time", especially after potentially consuming large amounts of alcohol. Prior to any review of the license, there must be an adequately secured gate at this site.
4. The area near the Park Avenue exit by the dugouts already attracts youths drinking alcohol and climbing on the dugouts and gates on most nights of the week, especially weekend nights. The club has shown little enthusiasm in ensuring that these youths are discouraged from creating disturbances on their land so long as it does not directly impact on the immediate vicinity of the clubhouse. This does not reflect well on the club's approach to prevention of public nuisance.

5. The nearest residential property to the sports club is a nursing home. I am greatly concerned that the residents of this nursing home may have an "unheard voice" in this consultation, as many of the residents may be too ill or too infirm to be made aware of the proposals. This does not mean, however, that these vulnerable persons should be inconvenienced because they have been unable to raise their concerns personally.

I feel that the application cannot be supported under section 5.4.2 of the Cheshire East Council Statement of Licensing Policy (2003). Furthermore, referring to Section 8.2, I do not believe this adds any significant value to the local economy, but does contravene the local residents right to peace and quiet.

I am proud to be associated with the club through my own use of the facilities and my children's membership. However, I do feel that it should remember its primary function – namely that of a Sports Club for the populace of Poynton, as requested in the covenant when the land was bequeathed by the Lord Vernon, rather than seeking to become a late night entertainment venue.

Yours faithfully

Poynton

Cheshire

SK12 1QY

4 October 2010

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licencing Application 18 September 2010 - Poynton Sports Club,
London Road North, Poynton, Cheshire.

I am writing to register a strong objection to the above application for extended licencing hours and late night music for the following reasons:-

1. The roads surrounding Poynton Sports Club are residential and include an old persons care home. It is not appropriate to turn the sports club into a nightclub with the consequent increase in noise from people and cars leaving the premises up to 2am on Fridays and Saturdays!
2. The land provided to the sports club by Lord Vernon's Trust was supplied for recreational facilities but it was not intended to upset local residents with increased noise levels at night and the likelihood of anti-social behaviour, i.e. it was supposed to be a sports club for day time activities.
3. I already object to the fact that the sports club have built two shelters ~~de~~ along the touchline of the football field almost opposite my house. These attract youths who congregate at night and extended licencing hours will only exacerbate the problems of anti-social behaviour. Since these shelters are brick built

why did they not require planning permission? APPENDIX - 2

4. Poynton was and still should be a quieter village/town without the disturbances of a city centre - to create a late night drinking club and loud music until 1am is extremely selfish when older local residents go to bed much earlier. Is there going to be a police presence in Poynton until 2am like there is in other city centre nightclub areas? What will be the cost impact on my council tax?

As I point out in this letter the sports club do not appear to care about their local neighbours. I have already had to repair tiles on my roof from stray footballs - now they want to keep me awake at night as well!

I object to this particular application as it appears to be completely changing the nature of the sports club's activities and will have an adverse impact on the surrounding area.

It is totally unreasonable and unnecessary to have these extended licencing hours every week of the year.

Yours faithfully,

POYNTON
SK12 1QY.

12th October 2010.

Licensing Section .
Cheshire East Council
Town Hall
MACCLESFIELD
SK10 1DX.

Dear Sirs,

POYNTON SPORTS CLUB: APPLICATION FOR A
PREMISES LICENCE

I wish to register my objection to the above on the following grounds:

Prevention of Crime and Disorder : Prevention of Public Nuisance

The Sports Club Bar is already a notorious underage drinking den and extending its opening hours can only serve to increase its popularity with the local youth and will undoubtedly attract others from outside the area.

This problem is well known to both local residents and local law enforcement officers as there are regular gatherings of young people drinking around the rear of the Library and the Doctors Surgery.

Furthermore a failure in Poynton Sports Clubs duty of care is a substantial hole in the Sports Clubs perimeter fencing directly adjacent to the rear of the Doctors Surgery which has become a "rat run" used by school children in the daytime and all manner of people at night.

I am sure you are aware of the disorder and fist fights that took place at Poynton Sports Club during the recent World Cup.

In conclusion Poynton Sports Club is already a problem and extending its licensing hours can only serve to worsen the situation.

I sincerely hope that this is not the only letter of objection you receive to this proposal.

Regards

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Licensing Section
Cheshire East Council
Town hall
Macclesfield
SK10 1DX

8th October 2010

Dear Sirs

POYNTON SPORTS CLUB: APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE

We write in response to notification of the above Application.

Firstly we recognise that the Sports Club is a great asset to Poynton and we are all very supportive of it. Unfortunately the club is in a residential area and we do suffer significant problems with noise and anti-social nuisance from functions at the club, particularly on Friday and Saturday nights when functions generally finish around midnight but the noise does not subside for a further 45 minutes to one hour.

One function playing extraordinarily loud music extended beyond 1.00 am this year with noisy revellers around for a further hour. Complaints were made to the police at the time, although without any tangible response, but we do stress that this was exceptional. For this to be repeated even on an irregular basis would be intolerable.

We would support an application for a licence to midnight but beyond that would be unacceptable.

Yours Faithfully

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Stockport
SK12 1QY

10th October 2010

The Licensing Section
Cheshire East Council
Town Hall
Macclesfield
SK10 5DX

Dear Sirs

Poynton Sports Club : Application for a premises licence

I write with reference to the above application.

We have lived on Park Avenue, Poynton for almost 20 years. During this time we have had no major issue with the adjacent Sports Club. Occasionally there are club events at weekend nights which have music till reasonably late. We have double glazing and still the house can throb with the noise. But this is not a regular occurrence and to date we had no reason to make complaint.

Obviously at this stage we don't know the frequency or type of event or potential attendance that is being planned. However should this licence application be approved and music could be played every day to either midnight or 1am, we strongly believe that this will prove to be a public nuisance to all residents of our road. The traffic leaving late at night down the narrow road alongside the football field, the noise and risk of unruly behaviour of those leaving on foot (there should be a locked gate preventing direct access to Park Avenue but it is usually broken or non-existent) and the music itself will prove to be very difficult – particularly for those like ourselves who have to get up very early for work.

The football field and its dugout is currently a regular collecting point for young people of the village and extension of the licence will, we believe, only make this worse.

We urge that this extension of the licence be rejected or severely moderated

Yours Faithfully

Poynton

SK12 1QY

8th Oct 2010

Dear Sirs,

we would like to register our objection to the granting of a Premises licence to the Poynton Sports Club for the proposed hours of opening. We object on the grounds of Prevention of Public Nuisance and potential Disorder.

We already experience some late night noise from the Sports Club and this will be exacerbated if the hours of licence are as proposed. The noise is particularly prevalent in fine weather when the doors of the club are open and people mill out into the grounds. The fact that music and dancing and sale of alcohol are "indoors" does not prevent doors being open and the noise and public moving outside. Indeed smoking is confined to outdoors so doors will be opened and people outside in all weathers. There is more noise and disturbance as people continue to enjoy themselves outside the club after the event itself has concluded. We would find this totally unacceptable in the early hours of the morning.

If the Sports Club was to have such late opening, with open access to

the site, it becomes a potential magnet for others when local establishments close. We are not aware of closing times of all local places of entertainment but are sure this is not midnight during the week and 1.00 am at weekends!

Even if Sports Club buildings are policed by staff they cannot, and do not, police the grounds - the dug-out being a frequent venue for young people drinking and shouting.

We have no objection to earlier closing times - similar venues we have attended have closed at 11.00 during the week and 11.30 latest at weekends.

Yours sincerely

Poynton
Cheshire
SK12 1QY

Licensing Section
Cheshire East Council
Town Hall
Macclesfield
SK10 1DX

05 October 2010

Dear Sirs,

Ref: Poynton Sports Club: Application for a new Premises Licence

We are writing in connection to the above Premises Licence application made by Poynton Sports Club.

We are new residents to Park Avenue and the front aspect of our family home directly faces onto the sports club grounds. We moved into our home in February 2010 believing we were moving into a quiet residential property which had the advantage of facing the Sports Club facilities. We do feel strongly that the sports club provides an important service to the Community of Poynton, and one which we would not like to see under utilised in terms of sports provision, however we are concerned and object to the application for extended hours which are for entertainment purposes.

We feel that the hours associated with the entertainment licence application are well over and above what is acceptable for a Community Amateur Sports Club. By extending the hours to midnight during the week and 1am during the weekends the hours are more in keeping with a nightclub or late night bar. This could be viewed as a planning change of use from a D2 classification (assembly and leisure) to A4 (Drinking Establishment) with a "Sui Generis" classification for Night Club. The application directly states the use would include "performance of live music & the playing of recorded music, the provision of facilities for making music and for dancing and the sale of alcohol", all of which are not in keeping with a Community Amateur Sports Club.

Since moving to our property we have already made two telephone complaints to the steward of the sports club regarding the public nuisance generated by late night events, which in one instance ended at 1:50am. We have also contacted the Macclesfield Council Environmental Health Department regarding this noise nuisance.

The acoustic performance of the sports club building doesn't appear to provide enough sound absorbency to reduce the noise break out to acceptable levels, particularly with lower frequency noise, such as dance music. On the two occasions we contacted the club our young children were woken up by the noise being generated, and my wife and I were also unable to get to sleep.

Public safety is also in question, as during the time since we moved here we have observed a police presence at the sports club as well as the ambulance service in attendance on more than one occasion. This presence has been well after the sports activities have been concluded and we have been made aware that the police and ambulance service presence were there because of fighting.

These late night events also have a negative affect to the general public and local residents due to an increased number of sports club pedestrians and vehicles, such as taxis generating an amplified noise level late at night.

The overall security of the sports club grounds is also a concern, as the entrance gates are not locked at night and the perimeter boundary is unsecured at various locations. As the grounds are not patrolled or monitored they attract a large number of youths and we have called the police on one particular occasion as a large group were throwing stones from the car park adjacent to the clubhouse, onto Park Avenue, the sports pitches and the Library/Surgery.

It should be noted that it was not too long ago that the sports club itself was subject to an arson attack on one of the amenity buildings.

Drinking regularly takes place in the grounds with cans and broken glass bottles littered on Park Avenue and on the footpath between the Library/Surgery.

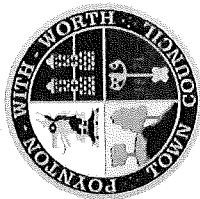
The vehicles which visit the sports club late at night, wheelspin around the gravel car park, drive at high speed on the access roads and play very loud music are all a serious public nuisance. It has also been suggested by various people in the village that illegal activities are taking place due to the number of cars observed coming and going late into the night. We feel that extending the hours to the sports club with an entertainment licence would only increase the unwelcome late night activity in and around the sports club.

As we have wrote this letter, we happened to observe at least 15 youths from our front window loitering in and around the car park adjacent to the clubhouse, being a nuisance to sports club users by remaining in the path of their oncoming vehicles, and two of which were seen urinating against the perimeter trees.

As we have previously wrote, the sports club plays a vital role in our community and it has been here for many years, and we hope it will continue to operate as an inclusive community facility in the future. However we want this to remain a Community Amateur Sports Club, not a late night bar with entertainment licence, and we therefore hope that our objection is considered when the Licensing Section are considering the sports clubs application.

Should you have any questions regarding our objections and concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

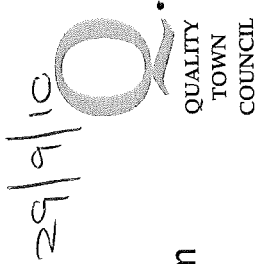
Yours sincerely,



Poynton with Worth Town Council

Civic Hall, Off Park Lane, Poynton, Cheshire SK12 1RB
Tel/Fax: 01625 872238. e-mail: poyntonpc@btconnect.com

Clerk to the Council: Brian Hegan



29/9/10

See also paragraph 42 in the
Planning Minutes of 27/9/10,
attached.

Marelin Adams, with Compliments
Town clerk.

REPRESENTATION FORM**Interested Parties**

Application Number: 014731

Your Name	MALCOLM ADAMS, Town Clerk, Poynton Town Council
Postal and E-mail Address	Civic Hall Off Park Lane Poynton Cheshire SK12 1RB
Contact Telephone Number	01625 872238

Name of the premises you are making a representation about.	Poynton Sports Club
Address of the premises you are making a representation about.	London Road North Poynton, Stockport Cheshire SK12 1AG

1. REPRESENTATION (Please give details)	
Which of the four licensing objectives does your representation relate to?	Prevention of Public Nuisance
Please detail the evidence supporting your representation or the reason for your representation.	At a Poynton Town Council Planning Committee meeting on 27 th September 2010, Councillors expressed concerns about the potential for disturbance, both from insufficient noise insulation of the Club building to prevent 'noise breakout', and from customers leaving the premises late at night in an area where there are close neighbours on either side of the Club site. A formal resolution was passed to this effect.
Suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy your representation or other suggestions you would like	

the licensing sub-committee to take into account.	
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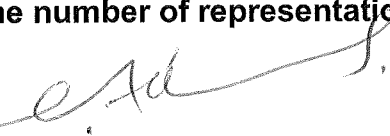
2. REPRESENTATION (Please give details)	
Which of the four licensing objectives does your representation relate to?	
Please detail the evidence supporting your representation or the reason for your representation.	
Suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy your representation or other suggestions you would like the licensing sub-committee to take into account.	

Application Number: 014731

3. REPRESENTATION (Please give details)	
Which of the four licensing objectives does your representation relate to?	
Please detail the evidence supporting your representation or the reason for your representation.	
Suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy your representation or other suggestions you would like the licensing sub-committee to take into account.	

N.B If you do make a representation you will be asked to attend the Licensing Sub-Committee and any subsequent appeal proceeding. An interested party may request a representative to make his/her representation on their behalf, eg a legal representative or a friend. A full copy of your representation (with the exception of your name and contact details) will be forwarded to the applicant.

State the number of representations made: ONE

Signed: 

Date: 29th September 2010

Please return this form along with any additional sheets to: The Licensing Section, Cheshire East Borough Council, Town Hall, Macclesfield SK10 1DX.

Please complete a separate chart for each representation and number them sequentially.

This form must be returned within the statutory period indicated within the accompanying covering letter. If you have any queries please check with the Licensing Section.

Telephone: 01625 504206

42 Application for a Premises Licence

Correspondence dated 17th September 2010 had been received from Cheshire East Council's Licensing Section, advising of an application received by them for a Premises Licence in relation to the Poynton Sports Club, London Road North, Poynton. This concerned live music, recorded music, indoor sports, the sale and supply of alcohol, the provision of facilities for making music, the provision of facilities for dancing and late night refreshment. Councillors had concerns about the potential for disturbance, both from insufficient noise insulation of the building to prevent noise 'breakout', and from customers leaving the premises late at night in an area where there are close neighbours.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk, on behalf of Poynton Town Council, make representation to the Licensing Section on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance (5 for, 3 against)

APPENDIX - 9

CADMAN, Nikki

From: Malcolm Adams [Malcolm.Adams@PoyntonTownCouncil.gov.uk]
Sent: 15 October 2010 16:04
To: CADMAN, Nikki
Cc: laurenceaclarke@btinternet.com
Subject: Poynton Sports Club: Premises Licence
Importance: High

Dear Mrs Cadman,

This is to confirm our telephone conversation. [redacted] of [redacted] Park Avenue, Poynton [redacted], has been in touch today, wanting to object to the revised Premises Licence application for the Poynton Sports Club. He had also spoken to you, and you informed him that the deadline for representations was close of play today. We are happy therefore to register [redacted] representation on his behalf, which you confirmed was admissible.

[redacted] representation, as explained to me, was based on potential public nuisance resulting from the extended hours of opening, and noise 'leakage' late at night from the clubhouse.

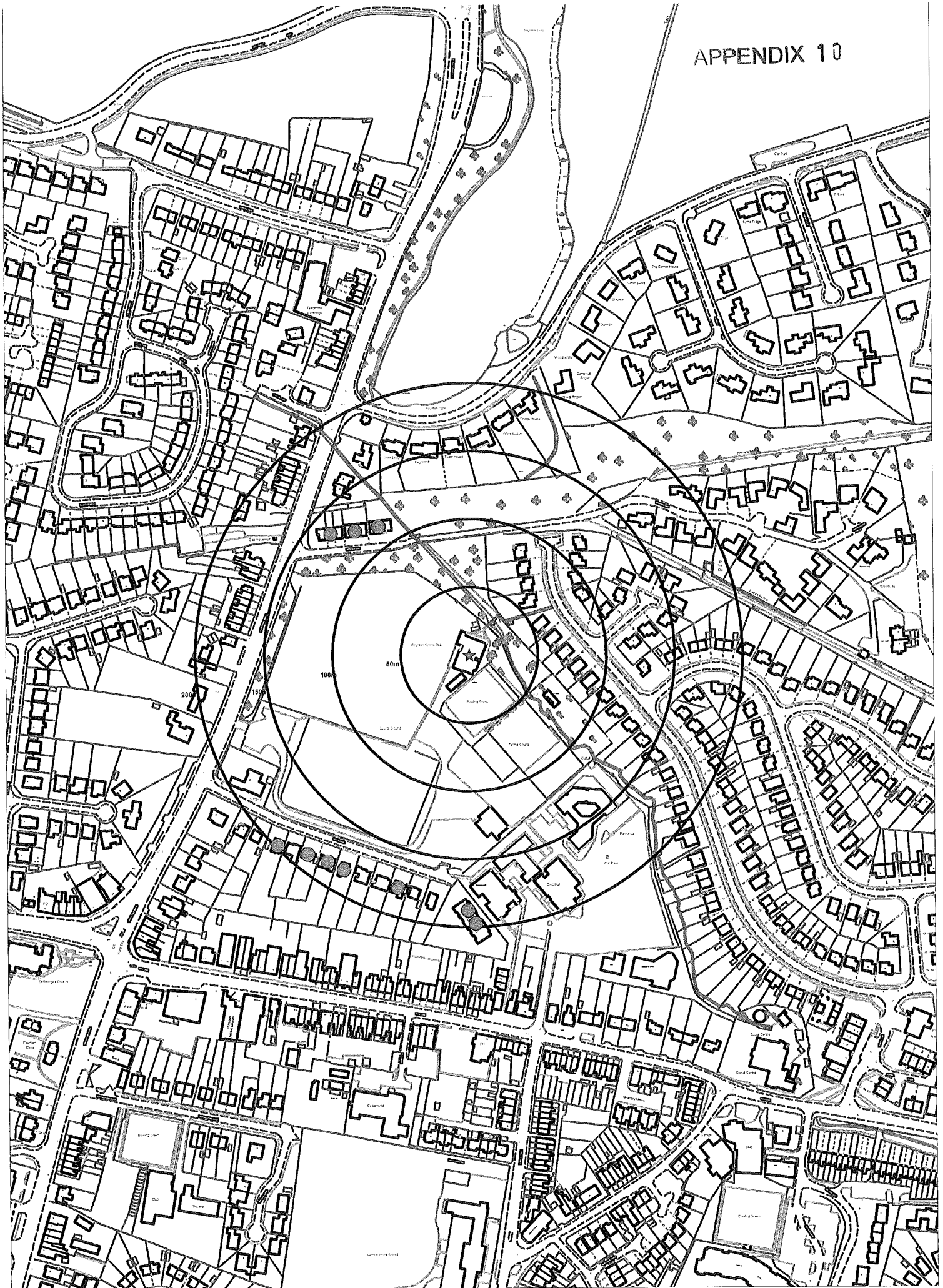
Thank you for your assistance with this.

Kind regards,

Malcolm Adams
Town Clerk

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15/10/2010



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