

# **Licensing Act Sub-Committee**

## **Agenda**

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**Date:** Friday, 26th August, 2011  
**Time:** 9.30 am  
**Venue:** Committee Suite 1, 2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,  
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

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The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

### **PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT**

1. **Appointment of Chairman**

To appoint a Chairman for the meeting.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests and for Members to declare if they have pre-determined any item on the agenda.

3. **Application for a Premises Licence - Congleton Town Football Club, Booth Street, Congleton CW12 4DG (Pages 5 - 30)**

To consider an application for a Premises Licence for Congleton Town Football Club, Booth Street, Congleton.

### **PART 2 – THERE ARE NO PART 2 ITEMS**

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For requests for further information

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## CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## PROCEDURE FOR HEARINGS – LICENSING ACT 2003

The Licensing Committee

The full Licensing Committee consists of fifteen elected Members of the Council. From this full Committee will be drawn sub-committees of three members to deal with licensing functions under the Licensing Act 2003. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Licensing Committee shall have the discretion to refer a matter up to a hearing of the full Licensing Committee.

Officers at Hearings

- **The Committee Officer** introduces all parties and records the proceedings
- **The Legal Adviser** provides independent advice to the Members on legal matters and procedure.
- **The Licensing Officer** will introduce the matter and outline the application; the officer will also answer any questions Members may have.

PROCEDURE

**NOTE:** If the Sub-Committee has not already elected a Chairman, that will be the first item of business.

<b>1</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	The Chairman will: (i) call the matter to be considered; (ii) call for any declarations of interest; (iii) ask all parties to introduce themselves; (iv) summarise the procedure to be followed at the hearing; (v) will consider any request made by a party for another person to appear at the hearing; (v) will advise the parties of any maximum period of time in which it has to present its case (if a maximum is imposed this shall be equal for all parties).
<b>2</b>	<b>Licensing Officer</b>	Will introduce and summarise the application, highlighting areas of contention or dispute.
<b>3</b>	<b>Committee Members</b>	May ask questions of the Licensing Officer
<b>4</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	Will present his/her case, calling witnesses, as appropriate.  <i>(If necessary, applicant will produce any notices required by law. Legal Adviser will draw attention to this if required.)</i>
<b>5</b>	<b>Responsible Authorities (who have made representations)</b>	Each in turn may ask <u>questions</u> of the applicant, by way of clarification.

6	<b>Local residents</b> (ie. defined as “interested parties”)	To be invited to ask <u>questions</u> of the applicant, by way of clarification.  <i>It is normal practice for a spokesperson only to speak on behalf of a group of residents.</i>
7	<b>Committee Members</b>	Each in turn may ask <u>questions</u> of the applicant.
8	<b>Applicant</b>	May make a <u>statement</u> or ask his witnesses to clarify any matters which he feels are unclear, or may have been misunderstood.
9	<b>Responsible Authorities</b>	Will make their representations.
10	<b>Applicant</b>	Or his representative or witnesses to ask <u>questions</u> of Responsible Authorities represented at the meeting, by way of clarification.
11	<b>Local residents</b> (ie. defined as “interested parties”)	May ask <u>questions</u> of the Responsible Authorities represented at the meeting, by way of clarification.  <b>(Note: This is not the point at which local residents should be stating their objections.)</b>
12	<b>Committee Members</b>	May ask <u>questions</u> of the Responsible Authorities represented at the meeting
13	<b>Local residents</b> (ie. defined as “interested parties”)	The local residents who are objecting to the application will be invited <b><u>to make observations on the application</u></b> and present the bases of their objections.
15	<b>Applicant</b>	Or his representative or witnesses may ask <u>questions</u> of the Local Residents, by way of clarification.
16	<b>Committee Members</b>	May ask <u>questions</u> of the Local Residents.
17	<b>Chairman</b>	To invite both <b>Responsible Authorities</b> and <b>Local Residents</b> to make their closing addresses.
18	<b>Applicant</b>	Or his representative will <u>briefly summarise the application</u> and comment on the observations and any suggested conditions.
19	<b>Committee</b>	<u>Will retire</u> to consider the application. The Committee may request the Legal Advisor to advise on legal issues.
20	<b>Committee</b>	Will return to <u>give its decision</u> , with reasons, which will be announced by the Chairman and subsequently confirmed in writing to the applicant and to all the parties that made representations.

		In cases where a decision cannot be given at the end of the hearing, parties will be advised of the decision within five working days.
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**Notes**

1. The hearing shall normally be held in public. There may be occasions on which the Committee find it necessary to exclude members of the press and public; any such decision will be taken on the basis that the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in the hearing, or that part of the hearing taking place in public.
2. The Chairman may require any person behaving in a disruptive manner to leave the hearing and may (a) refuse to permit that person to return, or (b) permit him/her to return only on such conditions as the authority may specify, but any such person may submit in writing any information which they would have been entitled to provide orally if they had not been required to leave.
3. Prior to the hearing each party shall have given notification and served documentation (eg statements of witnesses or reports of experts) as required. Late representations and evidence will only be considered with the agreement of all parties.
4. Anyone entitled to be heard may be represented by any person, whether or not that person is legally qualified.
5. Hearsay will be permitted but the Sub-Committee will be reminded to give it appropriate weight.
6. Due note shall be taken of the provisions of the Hearings Regulations 2005.
7. The Chair may, in the interests of expediency or convenience of the parties, vary the procedure from time to time, provided notice is given to the parties and the rules of natural justice are observed.

### SUMMARY OF PROCEDURE

- 1 Chairman appointed (if this has not been done previously).
- 2 Chairman to call for declarations of interest and request that all parties introduce themselves.
- 3 Chairman summarises the procedure for the hearing
- 4 The Licensing Officer summarises the application
- 5 Applicant to present his/her case.
- 6 Applicant to be questioned by all parties (to clarify points only) following which, he/she can clarify any other matters which he/she feels may have been misunderstood when the application was presented.
- 7 Applicant to be questioned by the Committee.
- 8 Responsible Authorities to make their representations following which they can be questioned by all parties by way of clarification.
- 9 **Local residents** (defined as interested parties) will be invited to present the bases of their objections, following which they can be questioned by all parties by way of clarification.
- 10 The applicant will be invited to sum up his/her case
- 11 Committee/Sub-Committee withdraws to make its decision
- 12 Committee/Sub-Committee returns to announce its decision to all present.

## CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

### LICENSING ACT SUB-COMMITTEE

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**Date of meeting**      **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2011**      **09:30 a.m.**

**Report of:**              **Jane Cornes, Licensing Administration Officer**  
**Title:**                    **Application for Premises Licence**  
                                 **Congleton Town Football Club, Booth Street, Congleton**  
                                 **CW12 4DG**

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#### **1.0    Report Summary**

- 1.1    The purpose of the report is to provide details of an application for a Premises Licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 ('the 2003 Act'). It outlines the application and representations received in relation to the application from both interested parties and Responsible Authorities.

#### **2.0    Recommendations**

- 2.1    The Licensing Act Sub-Committee is requested to:

- 2.1.1   consider the application and relevant representations received; and
- 2.1.2   determine what steps, if any, it considers are necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

#### **3.0    Reasons for Recommendations**

- 3.1    The Licensing Act Sub-Committee has the power to determine this application in accordance with the provisions of the 2003 Act.

#### **4.0    Wards Affected**

- 4.1    Congleton West

#### **5.0    Local Ward Members**

Councillor Gordon Baxendale  
Councillor Roland Domleo  
Councillor David Topping

#### **6.0    Policy Implications**

- 6.1 The Licensing Authority has adopted a Statement of Licensing Policy in accordance with section 5 of the 2003 Act and Guidance issued under section 182 of the 2003 Act.

## **7.0 Financial Implications 2011/12 and beyond**

- 7.1 None

## **8.0 Legal Implications**

- 8.1 In accordance with the provisions of section 18 of the Licensing Act 2003 the Licensing Authority must, having regard to the representations, take such of the steps mentioned in sub-section 18(4) (if any) as it considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives. Section 18 (4) provides that the authority may (a) grant the licence subject to conditions; (b) exclude from the scope of the licence any of the licensable activities to which the application relates; (c) refuse to specify a person in the licence as the premises supervisor; or (d) reject the application.

## **9.0 Risk Assessment**

- 9.1 Section 181 and Schedule 5 of the 2003 Act make provision for appeal to the Magistrates' Court of any decision made by the Licensing Authority.

## **10.0 Background and Options**

- 10.1 On 11<sup>th</sup> July 2011 Congleton Town Limited applied for a Premises Licence in relation to Congleton Town Football Club, Booth Street, Congleton CW12 4DG. A plan showing the location of the site is attached as **Appendix A**. Copies of the plan of the premises will be available to view at the hearing.
- 10.2 The application for a Premises Licence seeks authorisation for the following licensable activities:

### **Live music (indoors only);**

Monday to Sunday 10.00 to 01.00

Seasonal variations: One additional hour on the night when the clocks go forward for British Summer Time each year. Annual New Year festivities – require flexibility of use between start of permitted hours on 31<sup>st</sup> December to the terminal hour for licensable activities on 1<sup>st</sup> January.

The application states “Club house and VIP areas only. Such live performances as may be arranged.”

### **Recorded music (both indoors and outdoors);**

Monday to Sunday 10.00 to 01.00

Seasonal variations: One additional hour on the night when the clocks go forward for British Summer Time each year. Annual New Year festivities –



require flexibility of use between start of permitted hours on 31<sup>st</sup> December to the terminal hour for licensable activities on 1<sup>st</sup> January.

The application states: "Recorded music as required. Recorded Music in stands and external areas permitted on match days only from 1 hour pre match until 1 hour post match as required."

**Performances of dance (indoors only);**

Monday to Sunday 10.00 to 01.00

Seasonal variations: One additional hour on the night when the clocks go forward for British Summer Time each year. Annual New Year festivities – require flexibility of use between start of permitted hours on 31<sup>st</sup> December to the terminal hour for licensable activities on 1<sup>st</sup> January.

The application states "Club house and VIP areas only. Such performances as may be arranged."

**Anything of a similar description to live music, recorded music and performances of dance (indoors only).**

Monday to Sunday 10.00 to 01.00

Seasonal variations: One additional hour on the night when the clocks go forward for British Summer Time each year. Annual New Year festivities – require flexibility of use between start of permitted hours on 31<sup>st</sup> December to the terminal hour for licensable activities on 1<sup>st</sup> January.

The application states "Club house and VIP areas only".

**Provision of facilities for making music (both indoors and outdoors)**

Monday to Sunday 10.00 to 01.00

Seasonal variations: One additional hour on the night when the clocks go forward for British Summer Time each year. Annual New Year festivities – require flexibility of use between start of permitted hours on 31<sup>st</sup> December to the terminal hour for licensable activities on 1<sup>st</sup> January.

The application states "Such performances and events as may be arranged. Stands and external areas restricted to amplification for recorded music (as above)."

**Provision of facilities for dancing (indoors only)**

Monday to Sunday 10.00 to 01.00

Seasonal variations: One additional hour on the night when the clocks go forward for British Summer Time each year. Annual New Year festivities – require flexibility of use between start of permitted hours on 31<sup>st</sup> December to the terminal hour for licensable activities on 1<sup>st</sup> January.

The application states "Club house and VIP areas only. Such dancing as may be arranged/permitted."

**Provision of facilities for entertainment of a similar description to that for making music and dancing (indoors only)**

Monday to Sunday 10.00 to 01.00

Seasonal variations: One additional hour on the night when the clocks go forward for British Summer Time each year. Annual New Year festivities – require flexibility of use between start of permitted hours on 31<sup>st</sup> December to the terminal hour for licensable activities on 1<sup>st</sup> January.

The application states “Club house and VIP areas only.”

**Late night refreshment (indoors only)**

Monday to Sunday 23.00 to 01.00

Seasonal variations: Annual New Year festivities – require 23.00 hrs 31<sup>st</sup> December to 05.00 hrs on 1<sup>st</sup> January.

The application states “Club house and VIP areas only.”

**Supply of alcohol (for consumption both on and off the premises)**

Monday to Sunday 10.00 to 01.00

Seasonal variations: One additional hour on the night when the clocks go forward for British Summer Time each year. Annual New Year festivities – require flexibility of use between start of permitted hours on 31<sup>st</sup> December to the terminal hour for licensable activities on 1<sup>st</sup> January.

**Hours the premises are open to the public**

Monday to Sunday 09.00 to 01.30

Seasonal variations: Annual New Year festivities – require start of permitted opening hours on 31<sup>st</sup> December to 30 minutes after the terminal hour for licensable activities on 1<sup>st</sup> January. On the night when the clocks go forward for British Summer Time every year require additional 1 hour.

- 10.3 The Designated Premises Supervisor named within the application form is Paula Louise Yates.
- 10.4 The operating schedule within the application provides the following steps to promote the licensing objectives:

**(a) General – all four licensing objectives**

There is a strong management structure (Club Directors) in place which serves to encompass the four licensing objectives within the operation of the site.

**(b) The prevention of crime and disorder**

Staff will be trained in-house (and undergo regular refresher training) in respect of the awareness/prevention of drunkenness, how to handle potential incidents and diffuse difficult situations;

Persons will not be allowed to enter the football club with alcohol in their possession.

**(c) Public safety**

A full fire risk assessment has been carried out in respect of the premises.

**(d) The prevention of public nuisance**

Noise from regulated entertainment will not constitute a nuisance at nearest noise sensitive properties.

Signs requesting that customers leave the premises quietly shall be displayed at the exits.

**(e) The protection of children from harm**

A Challenge 21 scheme will be operated at the premises – the only form of valid identification being passport, photo driving licence or PASS hologram id card.

Unaccompanied children will not be allowed to enter the premises.

- 10.5 The premises currently benefits from authorisations to carry out qualifying club activities by virtue of a Club Premises Certificate. A copy of the Club Premises Certificate Summary (setting out the relevant activities and hours) is attached as **Appendix B** for information.
- 10.6 During the consultation period representations were made by persons living in the vicinity of the premises. Copies of the representations are attached at **Appendix C**.
- 10.7 The Licensing Authority has been advised that Mr Smethurst, (Cheshire Police Licensing Officer) met with the applicant to discuss the application. It was agreed by both parties to attach the following condition to the licence to promote the licensing objectives:

- *The proof of age scheme Challenge 25 will be operated for all sales of alcohol.*

The Licensing Authority was also advised that Margaret Hopley (Environmental Health Officer) of Cheshire East Council has met with the applicant and agreed the following conditions to the licence to promote the licensing objectives:

1. *Noise or vibration shall not emanate from the premises so as to cause a nuisance to nearby residents.*
2. *Refuse such as bottles shall be disposed of from the premises at a time (i.e between 08:00 to 20:00) when it is not likely to cause a disturbance to residents in the vicinity of the premises.*
3. *There shall be placed at all exits from the premises in a place where they can be seen and easily read by the public, notices requiring customers to leave the premises and the area quietly.*
4. *Whilst regulated entertainment is taking place, all windows and doors shall remain closed.*

The Trading Standards Department have responded advising that they have no representations in relation to the application. No response has been received from any of the other Responsible Authorities.

- 10.8 In determining the application, the Licensing Act Sub-Committee must have regard to representations made by the applicant and any representations received from responsible authorities or interested parties. The Sub-Committee is required to take such steps (if any) as it considers necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

#### **11.0 Access to Information**

Appendix A – Location plan

Appendix B - Summary of Club Premises Certificate

Appendix C – Copy representations from interested parties

#### ***For further information:***

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*Designation: Licensing Administration Officer*

*Tel No: 0300 123 5015*

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**Part B**

**Club Premises Certificate Summary**  
***Congleton Borough Council***

Club Premises Licence Number

LAPREC/1176/05

**Club Details**

**Name of club in whose name the certificate is granted and relevant registered postal address of club.**

Congleton Town Limited  
 Crescent Road  
 Congleton  
 Cheshire  
 CW12 4BJ

**Telephone number**      01260 274460

**If different from above the postal address of club premises to which the certificate relates, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description.**

**Telephone number**

**Where the club premises certificate is time limited the dates**

24.11.2005 -

**Qualifying club activities authorised by the certificate**

Supply of Alcohol  
 Exhibition of Films  
 Indoor Sporting Events  
 Performance of Live Music  
 Performance of Recorded Music  
 Performance of Dance  
 Similar Regulated Entertainment  
 Making Music  
 Provision of facilities for Dancing  
 Similar Provision of Ents Facilities

**Times the certificate authorises the carrying out of qualifying club activities**

Supply of Alcohol	Monday to Friday	11:00 - 23:00
Indoor Sporting Events and Live Music	Saturday	11.00 - 00.00
	Sunday	12.00 - 22.30
Seasonal Details	Good Friday and Christmas Day	11.00 - 23.00
Exhibition of a Film	Monday To Saturday	18:00 - 23:00
	Sunday	18.00 - 22.30
Making Music	Monday to Friday	18:00 - 23:00
	Saturday	11.00 - 00.00
	Sunday	12.00 - 22.30
Provision of facilities for Dancing	Monday to Thursday	18:00 - 23:00
Performance of Dance and Recorded Music	Friday	11.00 - 23.00
	Saturday	11.00 - 00.00
	Sunday	12.00 - 22.30
Similar Regulated Entertainment	Monday To Saturday	19:00 - 23:00
	Sunday	19.00 - 22.30

**The opening hours of the club**

**Where the certificate authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and / or off supplies**

Alcohol is supplied for consumption on the Premises.

**State whether access to the premises by children is restricted or prohibited**



1<sup>st</sup>. August 2011.

Licensing Department,  
Cheshire East Council,  
Westfields,  
Middlewich Road,  
Sandbach,  
Cheshire CW11 1HZ.

Dear Sirs,

With regard to the licensing application being made by Congleton Town Football Club, we the residents of Ivy Gardens, Booth Street and The Crescent must object to this in the most strongest terms. The reasons are as follows :-

1. In the past we have had many problems with late night disco's and parties which have continued into the early hours of the following day.
2. We have made numerous complaints to the club which have resulted in a negative response.
3. The area is heavily populated with a high percentage of elderly people who feel threatened by this behaviour.
4. The clubhouse is basically just a large shed, not soundproofed and positioned, in places, approximately ten to twelve feet from occupied houses and bungalows.

We are not complaining about general football noise, we are objecting to uncontrolled noise and late night drinking.

We enclose copies of letters of complaints made in the past and hope, in your infinite wisdom, that this application is turned down.

Yours faithfully,

The Resider+-  
C/o. [REDACTED]  
Congleton,  
Cheshire.

28<sup>th</sup> June 2011

The Committee,  
Congleton Town Football Club,  
Congleton.

Dear Sirs,

I must complain in the strongest terms of the noise levels we had to endure on Saturday night 25.6.11, this coming from the function being held at the football club and going on until 12.30am.

It was not just the volume of the music but people screaming and shouting and car doors being slammed when leaving in the early hours of Sunday morning.  
I am sure that you, as leaders of the club, would not like to have to put up with this behaviour at your homes.

Sirs, I hope that this will be the end of the matter so that we will not have to take further action as to this noise pollution.

We have approached you before on these matters, so this time let us have some resolve.

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of our neighbourhood.

Phone:  
Email:

The Licensing Department,  
Cheshire East Council,  
Westfields,  
Middlewich Road,  
Sandbach,  
Cheshire CW11 1HZ.

30<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

Dear Sirs,

I write to put on record my concern and dismay regarding an application made by Congleton Town Football Club for a premises licence for late night entertainment and sale of alcohol between the hours of 10:00 and 01:00 daily.

Please note that my Husband and I together with many residents within the surrounding area of the Clubhouse are totally opposed to this proposed arrangement. Our sleep, particularly at week-ends, has already been disturbed and interrupted on many occasion with the sound of loud music, flashing car lights, loud voices and slamming of car doors at midnight and beyond. For us, this has already become not only an annoyance but also a health hazard.

In conclusion I would emphasise that we are not opposed in any way to Saturday or mid week football matches. The behaviour of players and spectators on these occasions has always been considerate and law abiding.

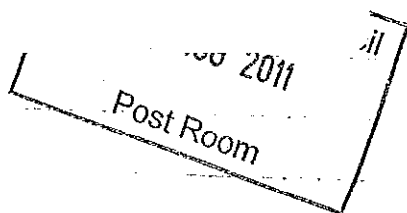
I would appreciate it if you could find the time to visit this area when you are considering this application and await your reply.

LICENSING Dept  
CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL  
SANDBACH  
CW11 1HZ

Dear Sirs,

I am objecting to the late night music and drinking license applied for by Congleton F.C, we in this densely populated area have had many problems in the past with noise pollution from the club who have showed complete disregard for their neighbours.

Yours faithfully



2 August 2011

Licensing Department  
Cheshire East Council  
Westfields  
Middlewich Road  
Sandbach  
Cheshire, CW11 1HZ

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Congleton Town Limited application for Premises License**

We would like to make a strong objection against the following application:

*Congleton Town Limited, application for a Premises License to be granted for Congleton Town Football Club, Booth Street, Congleton between the hours of 10:00 and 01.00 daily for the provision of regulated entertainment, late night refreshment and sale of alcohol in the Clubhouse and VIP areas. Also, for the playing of recorded music in the ground for 1 hour pre- and post-match.*

Our objections are as follows:

- We live in the immediate vicinity of Congleton Town Football Club and already experience a degree of noise level which we find to be unacceptable at certain hours of the night (after 10pm). We have a young family and the potential for music events to take place should this license be granted, would most certainly cause a great deal of distress to my daughter as it has already on occasions where late night music has been played at the club.
- The area immediately surrounding the football club is wholly residential. Residents are, for the most part, the elderly and young families. The hours that are being requested for this License are in our view unnecessary, given the other venues that are available in Congleton in which to hold events.
- The 'Clubhouse' is completely un-soundproofed and given that it is essentially a mobile, temporary structure, we do not believe that there is any way that this building could be sufficiently sound proofed in order to minimise/avoid any noise pollution to the surrounding neighbourhood.
- I fear that the granting of this License would without doubt attract even more unsavoury characters to the area. The local neighbourhood residents have already sent letters and petitions to the council, the local constabulary and to Congleton Town Football Club complaining about drug takers and potential dealers that frequently congregate on the club ground. The response we received to this from Congleton Town Football Club was that it was reliant upon the local residents to 'keep watch' and alert them to any activity such as this as none of the club representatives were local to the area and were therefore not in a position to do anything about the situation. Given this response, we feel it is safe to say that should this application be granted, this situation will certainly worsen and Congleton Town Football Club will take no

responsibility for security or policing of the events that it intends to have, or the subsequent aftermath that will follow i.e. drunken and drug fuelled behaviour in a wholly residential area.

- If a License were to be granted, we would be concerned as to the number of people that would visit the ground to attend events. In truth, it may be a football ground, however, crowds have never been an issue, other than one event per year (which I totally support), the annual schools sports day. Although we support this, this does serve as a warning for the volume of traffic that has the potential to congregate around the ground which has on many occasions made it difficult for us to navigate around parked cars safely to get to our front door. Less of an inconvenience to us and more of a safety concern – emergency vehicles would not be able to gain access.
- With regards to the playing of recorded music for 1-hour pre- and post-match, this is amusing as this is something that has happened since we bought our home almost 11 years ago – why get a License now!

We are against this application on many levels and we hope that our concerns are duly noted.

Yours faithfully

  
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The Licensing Dept.,  
Cheshire East Council  
Westfield, Middlewich Road,  
Sandbach, Cheshire CW11 1HZ

Dear Sir,

I understand that Congleton Town Football Club have made an application for a Premises Licence between the hours of 10.00 and 01.00 daily for the provision of regulated entertainment, late night refreshment and sale of alcohol in the clubhouse and VIP areas and recorded music in the ground on match days.

I want to register my objection to the application on the following grounds:

1. The clubhouse is located within yards of dwelling houses.
2. The club itself is located in a quiet cul de sac surrounded by houses and serviced by a narrow road on which it is impossible for two cars to pass without one having to mount the kerb and drive on the pavement.
3. The general area is poorly lit and if the bar to the club was open until 01.00am every day there would be an increase in noise and traffic with the potential for anti-social behaviour, criminal damage etc.
4. Many of the residents on this road are very old and infirm and this bar opening until after midnight every night could ruin their lives and would be considered a public nuisance.
5. I am also concerned that, if this application was approved, it would open the floodgates to functions being held regularly at the premises and this would have a negative impact on the house prices in the immediate area.

I hope that the above comments will be taken into account, together with the views of many of my neighbours, when considering this application. I believe that allowing this application would be detrimental to the area in general and has the potential to provoke bad feelings against the club and sour the relationship which the club has tried to build up over the years with the local residents.

Yours sincerely

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1. The clubhouse is located within yards of dwelling houses.
2. I live only two doors away from the premises and we have a child of nursery age and his bedroom directly overlooks the football field and clubhouse.
3. We have already experienced problems with patrons of the football club causing problems when leaving the premises, throwing things at the house etc. and this can only get worse if the extended licensing hours were granted.
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Yours sincerely,

'Phone:

Congleton,  
Cheshire.

2<sup>nd</sup> August 2011.

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Cheshire East Council,  
Westfield,  
Middlewich Road,  
Sandbach,  
Cheshire CW11 1HZ.

Dear Sirs,

I have noticed the recent application made by Congleton Town Football Club for a premises licence for late night entertainment and sale of alcohol between the daily hours of 10.00 and 01.00. and wish you to know that I am totally opposed to this licence being granted.

I am an elderly gentleman living in the house next door to the football ground and have to tell you that over the years I have had to endure the nuisance of very loud music coming from the clubhouse and noise of people and cars leaving the premises very late at night. This ground has also attracted drug dealers and addicts in the past hanging around the ground and in the road, sometimes until 4.00am in the morning. I find these experiences very intimidating and disturbing and would like to be able to sleep soundly and safely in my bed at night.

I hope that you will take into account my comments when considering this application.

Yours sincerely,

Licensing Dept  
Cheshire East Council  
Westfields.  
Sandbach.

5.08.11

Dear Sir / Madam

I would like to raise points of objection to the application by Congleton Town Football Club for a premises licence between 10.00 and 01.00 Daily offering the provision of regulated entertainment and the sale of alcohol and refreshments in the club house.

Having moved to Crescent Road 2 years ago I fully understood and accepted that there would be some noise and footfall on match days, along with congestion with cars parking nearby and the club does attempt to stop any extra inconvenience on match days.

However should this licence be granted there will inevitably be disturbance late at night, through drinking and loud music, which at times is already a problem!

The road leading up to the club is narrow and poorly lit and the proximity of the club house to this small Cul De Sac of residential houses makes this application totally unacceptable. A large proportion of the residents are elderly as well as families with young children and the impact of such an application on their lives as well as the value of our homes is totally unreasonable and worrying.

A Public Nuisance with a very negative impact on everyone living on Crescent Road and Ivy Gardens.

I hope that you will consider my comments carefully and that you will reject this application by C.F.C.

yours Faithfully

The Licensing Dept.,  
Cheshire East Council  
Westfield, Middlewich Road,  
Sandbach, Cheshire CW11 1HZ

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I want to register my objection to the application on the following grounds:

1. The clubhouse is located within yards of dwelling houses.
2. I live only two doors away from the premises and have already experienced problems with people from the football club causing problems when leaving the premises, damaging the hedges, throwing things in the garden etc. and this can only get worse if the extended licensing hours were granted.
3. The club itself is located in a quiet cul de sac surrounded by houses and serviced by a narrow road on which it is impossible for two cars to pass without one having to mount the kerb and drive on the pavement.
4. The general area is poorly lit and if the bar to the club was open until 01.00am every day there would be an increase in noise and traffic with the potential for anti-social behaviour, criminal damage etc.
5. Many of the residents on this road are very old and infirm and this bar opening until after midnight every night could ruin their lives and would be considered a public nuisance.
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Yours sincerely,

The Secretary  
Congleton Town Football Club  
Booth Street  
Congleton  
Cheshire

18<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Dear Sir

We the undersigned are writing to you regarding the late night activities which are taking place on your property and causing us great concern.

Young people are gaining access and are becoming a problem due to the noise and nuisance they create and which we presume is without your permission.

When they have been approached with regard to same they become abusive and threatening and therefore frightening to older people.

The situation has been brought to the attention of some of your officials but all that was forthcoming was "there is nothing the club can do about it".

We do not accept this as you must surely be responsible for what goes on at the football club and we would kindly ask you if you can look into the situation to alleviate the problem.

Perhaps you would be good enough to inform us of the outcome in due course.

A copy of this letter has been sent to the Neighbourhood Police Unit at Congleton Police Station.

Yours faithfully

The Undersigned — Attached petition containing  
names and addresses of  
24 individuals living within  
the vicinity of the aforementioned  
premise (signatures included)

Cc: NPU.,

VILMA ROBSON  
SENIOR LICENSING  
ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
8/8/2011

Sargeant Pyatt  
Neighbourhood Policing Unit  
Congleton Police Station

18<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Dear Sargeant Pyatt

We the undersigned have been experiencing problems with regard to the complaint we are making to the Congleton Town Football Club, as per the enclosed letter.

We have sent you a copy of this letter to ask if there is anything you can do or advice you can give to us.

This is not the first time we have had cause to complain to Congleton Town Football Club and do feel that they should take their responsibilities seriously.

Kind regards

Encls:

Copy of previous petition  
24 Names & Addresses