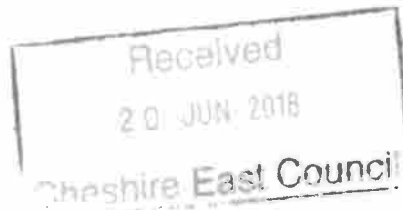


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**Congleton Golf Club, Biddulph Road, Congleton,
Cheshire, CW12 3LZ**

APPLICATION FOR A NEW LICENCE: LICENSING ACT 2003

Notice is hereby given that Congleton Gold Club have applied on 23 May 2018 to Cheshire East Council in respect of the premises known as Congleton Golf Club, Biddulph Road, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 3LZ for a premises license to provide the following licensable activities:

- Supply of alcohol, provision of live and recorded music Monday to Thursday 11:00 till 23:00, Friday and Sunday 11:00 till 00:00 and Saturday 11:00 till 01:00

Any person wishing to make representation in relation to this application may do so in writing by 20 June 2018 to:

Dear Sir/Madam

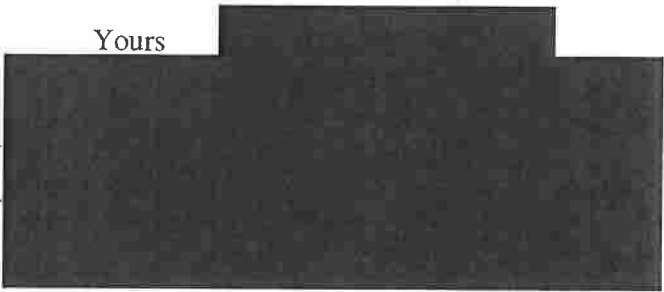
With regard to the above application I need to make representation as to the amount of noise that will carry through to the house as we [redacted] onto the golf club. Whenever the club play music the doors are always open in their club house and it is loud enough to cause constant disturbance in our home.

I have spoken with my neighbor's in [redacted] and they have the same problems with the loud music infiltrating their own homes.

I would like to raise this as a formal objection to this application.

Can you please get back to me at the above address

Yours




12th July 2018




JS 0649 1452 2GB SD 1pm





Dear Sir/Madam



In response to the recent extension to the deadline date, and the letter from your department, I have included further information regarding to our concerns over the licence application from Congleton Golf Club.

Having read the details so far included in the licence agreement, my main concern is the management of sound during functions.



The golf club has a large balcony which has direct access from inside in main club house. The largest part of the balcony is at the side of the building which extends level to the rear of the building, which has table and chairs for people to use. This is an area that is very popular with customers and guests. This same balcony is directly behind the  property and sound of music, DJs on microphones and crowds of people (and at times bad language) can be clearly heard.

An example of this was a birthday party held on the night of Thurs 5th July. Loud Music and the DJ on the microphone was heard up to at least 23:00 hours, as the balcony doors are left/wedged open to give a constant access to the balcony. The deep base of the music, use of microphone and noise from the crowds of people, carried into the rear of the  property and could be clearly heard in our home, particularly in my sons bedroom at the rear.

My concern is, I do not see how practically how the licence conditions in this case will be met, as people are constantly opening the doors (even if not wedged open). Also even without music, the use of microphones, the noise of people congregating on the large balcony late at night carries loudly over to  residents.

The second point I wish to raise is the use of private land, to exit the golf club, which is being used by a number of golf club members and guests as a short cut to their homes and onto  The courtyard to the side and rear of  is private, and leads to the golf club with no gates. The only access rights is for the steward's bungalow and not to the golf club itself. I have on a number occasions asked a number of members not to walk through, but they just look at me as if I have no right to do so. I am concerned with the extended hours, this will see a significant rise in the number of late night members and guests taking this short cut on a regular basis.

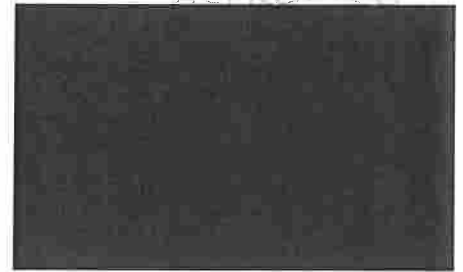
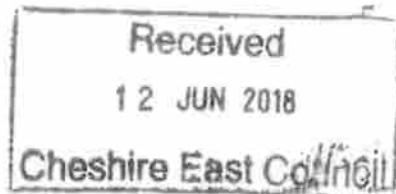
This needs to form a condition of this agreement to prevent customers from wandering through after events. Sole access to the golf club should be via the main entrance only and enforced.

I would further request that a representative from licencing application team pays a visit to ourselves at  to hear the concerns myself and other  home owners and importantly view the proximity of the balcony to our homes.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours Sincerely


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7th June 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Congleton Golf Club, Biddulph Road, Congleton, CW12 3LZ

Further to Congleton Golf Club's application for a Premises Licence, to replace their current Club Premises Licence, I wish to make written objections against this change in Licence under the grounds of causing:

- (1) Public nuisance
- (2) Public safety

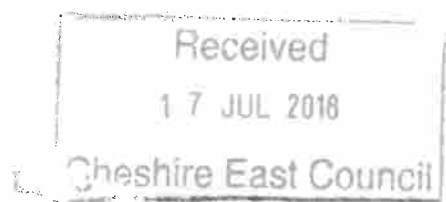
- (1) As a resident of [REDACTED] the Golf Club's Clubhouse is situated roughly 100 feet from our property, and due to this close proximity, I have a greater interest than the general public in this application. Currently, when the Golf Club has entertainment functions for its members, noise from these events causes a considerable disturbance to both me and my neighbours - from both the music being played (you can hear the DJ and every song word for word) and also from those members who choose to go outside, whose loud, at times drunken, conversations can be heard. Owing to these unacceptable noise levels it is impossible to get to sleep when these events take place and this, in turn, causes a significant amount of distress. However, due to the current Club Premises Licence, these events do not happen regularly, they take place on odd Saturday evenings (nothing midweek) and are over by midnight. As such these events are currently tolerated - the Golf Club is a business and we appreciate it needs such events to continue to run. My objection is that changing to a Premises Licence will result in more events on more nights of the week and for longer hours, particularly at the weekend. The noise from such events will not only add to the current existing noise disturbance but will be more frequent, causing regular significant public nuisance and substantial stress to both my neighbours and myself. [REDACTED] is a grade II listed Georgian property, it has single glazed sash windows in keeping with properties of its age and, unfortunately, noise does carry through them - there is nothing that we will be able to do prevent the noise from causing us to be disturbed in these late hours.
- (2) Access to the Steward's Bungalow, situated next to the Clubhouse, is only gained via the grounds of [REDACTED]. This is a legal access route but only for the Steward's Bungalow and not the Clubhouse. Whilst access to and from the Clubhouse is via its own entrance, invariably a few golf club members do trespass over our grounds to get to and from the Clubhouse as a shortcut, notably by those who arrive on foot. It is my belief that a Premises Licence would exacerbate this problem, with 'unknowing' non-club members using this access, perhaps mistakenly, and trespassing over [REDACTED] grounds at all hours of the night and early morning: as such this raises security issues and I believe our safety would be compromised further.

This objection is not out of any malice for the Golf Club. However, like any homeowner, I wish to enjoy my property and land and not be distressed from regular unacceptable noise levels into the early hours of a morning. It is my belief that changing the Golf Club's Club Premises Licence to a Premises Licence will have a significant effect on the quality of both mine and my neighbours lives than at present, and I hope that you give due consideration to my objections when considering this application and refuse this change in status.

Yours faithfully,



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12th July 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Congleton Golf Club, Biddulph Road, Congleton, CW12 3LZ

Further to Congleton Golf Club's restarted application for a Premises Licence and your letter dated 28th June that outlined conditions/amendments to this application in response to my original letter of representation.

Whilst the conditions outlined do alleviate some of my original concerns regarding public nuisance and safety to residents, I still have reservations that they do not go far enough with regards:

(i) ensuring Patrons of the Golf Club do not sufficiently disturb local residents on a regular basis.

The Golf Club has a large social veranda/balcony, and as such Patrons are free to go outdoors throughout the evening – conversations can be heard and do cause significant noise nuisance to residents - the conditions outlined make no provision at how this might be avoided. For example, on Saturday 7th July the Golf Club held an event that ended at midnight. Due to the warm temperature many guests were on the balcony throughout the evening up until midnight itself. The noise from the outside guests did cause a significant disturbance with 'it's coming home' being sung loudly several times as well continuous inappropriate, and offensive, language (swearing) in very audible conversations: both of which persisted very late into the night. As far as I am concerned no effort was made by the Management to curtail such conversations/actions. Extending the opening hours will no doubt exacerbate this problem, meaning residents will have to endure disturbance for an additional hour, possibly on a more regular basis, should their Premises Licence be successful. Furthermore on this evening, music could still be heard at levels which suggested to me that the windows and/or doors were open – this does raise doubts in my mind whether the Management will actually act on the conditions that you outlined in your letter if this application is successful.

In addition, I also wish to point out that the Golf Club's Ground staff start early in the morning, for example, on Sunday 8th July mowers and machinery were in operation from 7am – residents are not just disturbed into the late hours but they are then awoken early too. Potentially a 1am closing time would meaning residents getting less than 6 hours of sleep.

(ii) ensuring the security of [REDACTED] and the safety of its residents is not compromised.

In the last month Members of the Golf Club have continued to trespass over [REDACTED] as a short cut home; these Members are aware they are trespassing but continue to do so. What actions could the Golf Club make to ensure that unknowing non-members do not do the same when they leave the Golf Club building so that the safety and security of [REDACTED] residents is not compromised further?

Therefore, given these reservations, I do wish that my previous representation be carried over to this current application. As stated in my previous letter, 'I wish to enjoy my property and land and not be distressed from regular unacceptable noise levels into the early hours of a morning.' It is my belief that, despite the recently agreed conditions, extending the opening hours would still do this and I ask that you give further consideration to this application.

Yours faithfully,

