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LICENSING PANEL Regulatory Agenda

Date	Tuesday 11 November 2025
Time	9.30 am
Venue	JR Clynes building Ground floor meeting room 1
Notes	<p>1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST- If a Member requires any advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote he/she is advised to contact Alex Bougatef or Constitutional Services in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>2. CONTACT OFFICER for this Agenda is Constitutional Services email Constitutional.Services@oldham.gov.uk</p>

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| 1 | Election of Chair |
| | The Panel is asked to elect a Chair for the duration of the meeting. |
| 2 | Apologies For Absence |
| 3 | Urgent Business |
| | Urgent business, if any, introduced by the Chair |
| 4 | Declarations of Interest |
| | To Receive Declarations of Interest in any Contract or matter to be discussed at the meeting. |
| 5 | Order of Proceedings (Pages 3 - 6) |
| 6 | Woodhouses Cricket Club (Pages 7 - 290) |

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OLDHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING PANEL - ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

The procedure outlined below, which was enclosed with the notice of hearing sent to each party, and a copy of which is before you today, will be followed.

Documentary evidence may be relied upon and considered by the Panel if it has been served on the Licensing Authority prior to the hearing, or if all parties consent it can be produced on the day of the hearing.

Any person wishing to call a witness to speak at the hearing must have applied in writing for permission from the Licensing Authority at least 2 working days before the hearing and must also have provided the name of the witness and a brief description of the points on which that person may be able to assist the authority in relation to their application, representations or notice. Any application to call a witness where the party has not given 2 working days' notice will be considered by the Panel at the beginning of the hearing and permission will not be unreasonably withheld.

Each party will have the same amount of time in which to address the Panel, each party will have up to 60 minutes to address the authority and give any further information (which must be relevant to that party's or another party's application or representation). Where any party considers this time to be insufficient then, a request in writing may be made to the Constitutional Services Officer for an extension of time at least two working days before the hearing; however this will not automatically be granted, and will be at the discretion of the Panel.

Any person behaving in a disruptive manner will be asked to leave the hearing, however, if this occurs that person will be entitled to submit in writing any information they would have been entitled to give orally.

The Authority will provide a record of the hearing in a permanent and intelligible form and keep it for 6 years from the date of determination or disposal of any Appeal.

Members are advised that they are making decisions in a quasi-judicial manner. As such, they have a duty to view all evidence presented before them impartially. Members must disregard any information given by a party which is not relevant to the promotion of the licensing objectives. The Panel is not bound by the formal rules of evidence. Nevertheless, Members must carry out their duty placing what weight they feel is appropriate given the nature of the evidence and the manner in which it was obtained, and communicated.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION

The Chair will welcome those present and outline the procedure to be followed (as set out below) and the Clerk will record those present. The Clerk will remind everyone that each party will have up to 60 minutes to address the Panel and give any further information.

APPLICATION

The Licensing Officer will outline the nature of the application.

The applicant and/or their representative to address the Panel, present additional information in support of the application (where consent to do so has been granted) and call any witnesses (subject to having given the required prior notice or having received permission at the beginning of the hearing). The Applicant and any witnesses may be questioned by Members of the Panel.

Any party, if given permission by the panel, may question the applicant and his witnesses, but this shall not take the form of cross examination.

REPRESENTATIONS

The Party making the representation and/or their representative to address the members of the Panel, providing any additional information in support of their representation (where consent to do so has been granted) and call any witnesses (subject to having given the required prior notice or having received permission at the beginning of the hearing). The party and any witnesses may be questioned by Members of the Panel.

In the event that a number of members of the public are present at the meeting who intend to make a representation in relation to the application as interested parties then the Chair has discretion to ask that they appoint a nominated spokesperson to present their representations.

Any party, if given permission by the panel, may question the party making representations and his witnesses, but this shall not take the form of cross examination.

These representations will be taken in the following order: -

- Police Representation (unless they are the applicant)
- Licensing Authority
- Environmental Health Representation
- Other Responsible Authorities Representation
- Public Representation (Interested Parties)

CLOSING STATEMENTS

The party making the representation may summarise their representation and make a closing statement.

The holder of the premises licence may summarise their representation and make a closing statement.

The Applicant may summarise the application and make a closing statement.

SUMMARY The Chair to summarise who has made representations.

DETERMINATION

The Panel Members will leave the hearing to consider their decision in private. The panels may request the services of a legal representative and Constitutional Services Officer.

The Chair of the Panel will announce the determination of the application and the reasons for that determination, and it will then be confirmed in writing within 5 working days of the hearing.

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From: Adrian Booth
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 7:40 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Support

Date: 22/09/2025

Subject: Support for Woodhouses Cricket Club – Premises Licence Review

Dear Licensing Team,

We are writing to offer my wholehearted support for Woodhouses Cricket Club during the current premises licence review.

The club means a great deal to us personally and to so many others in our community. It is a genuine hub where families, friends, and neighbours come together in a safe, welcoming, and supportive environment. As both a local resident and a professional working with families, We have seen first-hand how much the club offers — not just through sport, but as a place where people can find support, friendship, and a sense of belonging.

Woodhouses Cricket Club runs a wide range of groups and activities that target individuals and families alike. These include junior and senior cricket teams, the Little Stars toddler group, a weekly coffee morning for elderly residents, and various community events and charity fundraisers. The club also hosts social gatherings, family fun days, and supports local causes, ensuring there is something for everyone regardless of age or background.

The events put on by the club are always brilliant and truly family friendly. Every activity we have attended has been exceptionally well-organised and run in a professional manner by dedicated volunteers. The club provides safe facilities for children and young people, and its commitment to the community is clear in everything it does.

We have never experienced any problems with nuisance or safety at the club. On the contrary, it is a place where families feel comfortable and supported, and where the wellbeing of everyone is a clear priority.

We hope the licensing authority will recognise the club's outstanding record and the vital role it plays in our community.

Thank you for considering our representation.

Full names - Adrian Booth and Emma Hibbert

Address - 2 Holme Park Way Failsworth Manchester M35 9AH

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From: Adrian McLoughlin
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2025 10:39 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Licensing review

To whom it may concern;

My name is Adrian McLoughlin and my address is 194 Medlock Road Woodhouses.

My house backs on to Woodhouses cricket club and I have lived here for thirty years..

In all this time despite my early reservations I have never experienced any problems or trouble from anyone using the cricket club..

As someone who doesn't (and never has) played cricket I use the club house for a quiet drink on occasion.. The ambience in the club is always friendly with families frequenting the club house.. My daughter graduated last year with a PHD but in her early teens struggled with shyness.. I got her a voluntary job collecting glasses and helping out at the club and it brought her out of her shell.. She now has a high flying job at Rochdale council. I see the sons and daughters of local people also helping out as my daughter did and it gives me a quiet satisfaction knowing these kids are off the street and connecting with people of all ages in a respectful manner.. A few weeks ago my daughter attended the pop concert which where she thoroughly enjoyed seeing local bands performing.. There was no problems from the youngsters who attended and I know I speak for all my neighbours when I say it finished at 10 pm prompt with no issues from anyone. A big pat on the back for the organisers.. We have had many good nights out in the club and also organised a few family parties over the years and would hate to think the licence issue would deprive other families of the use of the club.. I know a lot of parents bring their young children down to play cricket in the summer months and believe it would be a detrimental move to deprive a parent of a quiet drink whilst their kids play..

Yours faithfully

Adrian McLoughlin

Company Director ADM Digital LTD.

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From: Alexandra Shaw

Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 1:57 PM

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Such an amazing cricket club

Woodhouses cricket club has always and still is a massive part of the woodhouses community. They hold charity days/evening that raise a lot of money for charities.

I have been visiting woodhouses cricket clubs for over 30 years. This has been through functions/ holding my win parties there/ charity doos

They have super friendly staff and bring the community together

Thanks

Alex

Silk cottage

66 Ashton road

Woodhouses

M359wl

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From: Alex Spender
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 11:53 AM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses CC

Hello,

My name is Alex Spender and I am writing this email in support of Woodhouses Cricket Club, in light of the recent complaints made against the Club.

I have been a member at Woodhouses for over a decade and also was a member years before this as a junior cricketer. I have progressed through there pathway and have recently been selected as 1st team Captain, a title which I am incredible proud to have.

I can say without hesitation that this cricket club had changed my life, I have met friends for life and had memories that I will never forget. Not just through fellow player but also social members that I have met at functions such as the bonfire and parties which they host, all of which are great, well organised and fun events.

I hope that because of one incident in which people have complained about (who could just be some of life's cereal complainers) that people don't miss out on having the opportunity to be a part of such an amazing club. Woodhouses CC is an integral part of the community of Woodhouses and Failsworth and the surrounding areas, and throwing this into disregard because of some petty complaints seems silly to myself.

The Cricket club has provided me with opportunities that not many have, like travelling to Australia to play for Mentone CC in Victoria, a club that now has a long standing relationship with Woodhouses CC. Players from both clubs have made the trip to either the UK or Australia to have an experience playing for another club in another part of the world.

I hope common sense prevails here. And the complaints of a couple of sad people don't ruin the opportunities of people like myself and future generations of which there will be plenty. The club has a rich history and is continuing to thrive, attracting hundreds of junior players and providing them with the ability to play a great game at a great place.

Thanks

Alex Spender

15 Kew Road, Failsworth, M35 9LB

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From: Alison Colleton
Sent: Sunday, October 12, 2025 11:45 AM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: NEIGHBOUR

Hi

We would love to offer our support to the Cricket club; we have lived at 29 Medlock Road for 18 years and NEVER had reason to complain.

It's a very well run, club and it's the hub of the village.

We have been to many a party at the club, we were even hosting our 50th there before covid hit! 😊

It's a very well organised club, the facilities for the young children and young people are great too = and the bonfire night is always a sellout spectacular evening , very well run and organised event – what's great it's on our doorstep, had many a night there.

Thanks

Kind Regards,

Alison Colleton

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rom: Chaz McNeill

Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 6:13 PM

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Woodhouse Cricket Club

Good evening,

I am writing to say what a valued asset Woodhouse Cricket Club is and how lucky we are to have this in the village.

It brings the local community together through sport and events often raising money for charity in the process.

I have attended several professionally run events such as the bonfire spectacular, stars in your eyes, children's Christmas parties, watched cricket matches, the list goes on.

It's heartbreaking to think there has been complaints for an organisation that does nothing but tries their best to bring the community together providing a safe and friendly environment for all ages. I live in the village and I have never experienced nor heard of any kind of negative feedback.

Places like this, that brings people together for amazing reasons is slowly dying within society, please don't let Woodhouse Cricket Club become one of them.

Andrea McNeill

80 Medlock Road

M35 9WN

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From: Andrew Taylor
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 10:54 AM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: License review - Andrew Taylor 132 medlock road

Hi,

I am shocked the license is under review, as I have never seen anything remotely close to an issue with the cricket club. The club is integral to the community here in Woodhouses and Failsworth. The club offers sporting, social and also hosts events such as christenings and weddings.

I regularly meet family, friends and also fellow veterans here (I'm a serving Royal Marines Commando). To remove the license would be devastating to the community here.

Thanks,

Andrew Taylor
132 Medlock Road
Failsworth
M35 9WP

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From: Andi Gilbody
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 11:31 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: WOODHOUSES CRICKET CLUB

Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing in support of my local cricket club, Woodhouses CC.

Personally this warm and friendly club has been a part of my life as a non playing visitor for almost 50 years and no matter which committee members or volunteers have been in attendance there has always been a kind and hospitable welcome.

I have seen what work the club has done for many years with the development of sport in the area for both physical well being and of course the improvement of participants mental health.

In addition to being a hub for sport this club has had for many years and continues to have a number of connections for raising funds for charities through fund raising events run and sponsored by the club.

Furthermore I need to mention how well my wife is received and accommodated whenever we visit.

She is a long term MS sufferer in a wheelchair with a number of cognitive difficulties.

The committee, the volunteers, the members always make her feel so welcome and looked after, they make her feel like part of the family. A real connection.

In the all of the years which must comprise more than 500 visits for sports, parties, community functions and charity events that me, my wife and my daughters have attended the club (me almost 50 years) we have never seen or heard of anything untoward regarding any nuisances or safety issues.

My understanding and knowledge of all persons involved in the running and management of this village club is that they take the responsibility very seriously and would never condone nor tolerate any inappropriate, anti-social or hazardous behaviour from either visitors, members, staff or committee.

This really is a community led club and I am very happy to offer my full support for it's continued development.

Kind regards

Andi Gilbody

8 Mayfair Crescent

Failsworth

Manchester

M35 9HY

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From: Anne Thompson <
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 4:27 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses Cricket Club - Licensing issue

Dear Sir/Madam

We have seen the notices posted at the club regarding licensing, which we find very sad and consequently want to advise you of our support for the club.

My husband and I have been members of the club for almost 50 years as playing and social members. In all that time we have never had any issues regarding the quality and standards of the club and the service it provides to the local community.

The club has always been managed and supported by volunteers in all activities to ensure the continued success of the club. Their commitment is admirable and shows how the club has become a valued member of the community. As a result, they have developed a safe, warm and family friendly environment for everyone. Many members of the community appreciate this as there are very few places in the area where families are welcome.

We are proud to be associated with the cricket club as all the activities and social events are well organised and welcoming to everyone from young children to older members of the community. We are delighted to be involved with an organisation that ensures all events, whether it's a private party a fundraising event or a wider community event complies with all required regulations, ensuring all visitors enjoy their time at the club as much as possible. They also make sure that large community events comply with local regulations, are ticket entry only and use a security company to monitor large events.

The club has always supported the local community with fundraising activities for local and national charities such as the local church and school, prostate cancer, Macmillan, local children's football teams and other organisations that are important to members and community at large.

They develop cricket teams from the local community, ranging from 5yrs to 16yrs and above. They are members of the Greater Manchester Cricket League and the England & Wales Cricket Board, who require compliance with their regulations ensuring the quality and standards of all matches played.

They also provide the venue for Little Stars toddler group and a local Coffee Morning for elderly residents who were very isolated following the COVID restrictions. The members of these groups have found new friends and social groups which has been greatly appreciated by all.

With thanks and best wishes

Anne & Bob Thompson

332 Ashton Road East

Failsworth

Manchester

M35 9HF

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From: barry hampson
Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2025 09:58
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses Cricket Club

Hi all at Woodhouses Cricket Club,

The cricket season is almost at an end and once again the last year as seen more improvements at the club.

Lots more family events organised including the recent outdoor concert which was extremely well organised and attended by many in the village and surrounding areas. We even got the sun this time!...👍. Cracking day!..

Please keep on doing what you are doing. We are very lucky we have the club in the village and encouraged to know it's also available for many events and activities throughout the year for all ages.

Looking forward to the next few months Halloween, Bonfire Night & Christmas. Our granddaughter loves attending 👍.

Thank You for all the hard work each and every one of you do. Really appreciated

Kind Regards

The Hampson Family

90 Failsworth Road

Woodhouses Village

Failsworth

Manchester

M35 9NN

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From: Bellibob
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 8:21 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: WCC Support

To whom it may concern,

We are writing to express our support for WCC, a fantastic local club that has become an integral part of our community. As a local resident, club member and supporter, we have had the pleasure of witnessing firsthand the positive impact that WCC has on our community.

One of the things that impresses us most about WCC is its excellent organisation and family-friendly atmosphere. The club is always well-run, and the volunteers who dedicate their time and effort to make it a success are truly commendable. We have seen firsthand how the club provides safe facilities for children and young people, giving parents like me peace of mind while our kids participate in sports and activities.

WCC plays a vital role in our community, not just through sport, but also through various events that bring people together. The club's commitment to raising money for local charities and good causes is truly inspiring, and I have seen the positive impact that this has had on our community.

What sets WCC apart is its role as a genuine community hub. The club hosts a range of groups, including the Little Stars toddler group and a weekly coffee morning for elderly residents, which helps to foster a sense of community and connection among residents.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Belinda and Robert Preston

12 Marston Close, Woodhouses , M35 9TJ

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From: Ben Wait

Sent: Sunday, October 12, 2025 4:06 PM

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: My support for Woodhouses CC

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing as a dedicated member, fan, and local resident who has been supporting the club since the mid-1990s, having played against them during my boyhood. Currently, I serve as the Manager and Coach of Failsworth United Under 13s, a role I have held since the team was under 5s. Over the years, the club has hosted our presentation evenings, parties, and evening entertainment, consistently providing a safe, family-friendly venue.

Upon entering the club, I am always moved by the pictures of past teams adorning the bar's walls and the references to the Atherton family. Mike Atherton, the former England captain, played for the club, as did his brother, and his parents remain associated with it. The significance of this club to our village, underscored by a street named in Mike's honour, must not be underestimated.

I am personally acquainted with many of the support staff, coaches, bar staff, and management, many of whom are volunteers. This attests to the strong sense of community that the club fosters in our village. It is genuinely difficult to comprehend why the club's licence is under threat.

For decades, the club has been a central hub for community events, hosting them year after year without incident. It has always provided safe and secure facilities for both indoor and outdoor events on the cricket pitch. As a resident, I have never encountered any issues related to nuisance or safety during this time. The events are always well-managed, sufficiently staffed—often by volunteers—and bring immense joy to our village and community.

Yours faithfully,

Ben Wait

26 Withins Hall Road

Failsworth

Woodhouses

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From: beverley hibbert
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 5:42 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses cricket club

Dear sirs

I would like express how important woodhouses cricket club is to us as a family and our community.

Firstly we moved into the village 2 years ago to be close to a community hub, which supports and keeps many young people off the streets and keeping them Involved in sport. May I add this sport is run solely on volunteers supporting and teaching our young people and adults.

Both my sons play cricket and show a great interest in the club. My youngest being 11 years old and he has so much passion for cricket, he also has been scoring for the adult teams. May I add how much this has built his confidence and grown his knowledge within school where he wasn't confident in numeracy (transferring of skills) massively important.

Furthermore how the club holds events bringing the community together old and young, last month a fundraiser for macmillan. My son volunteered to make a cake for one of the older club members to support such a worthy cause.

As we look forward to the annual Halloween children's party and bonfire event, I am aware people come far and wide for such an enjoyable, safe and friendly environment.

Can I also add to how woodhouses cricket club appreciate the community and after an event arrange to have a group/team of adults and children cleaning the village. On Sunday the 9th November myself and family will be attending the club early morning to clean and within this we will walk and collect litter which could have been left by visitors and villagers throughout the village.

We are proud to belong to woodhouses cricket club and will support along with our children to keep this fantastic family and social community of woodhouses cricket club a place of the future.

Beverley Hibbert

3 medlock gardens

Woodhouses

Failsworth

Manchester

M35 9FQ

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From: Bob Mltchell

Sent: Saturday, October 11, 2025 4:58 PM

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Premise licence review

Good afternoon Woodhouses CC. With regards to the licence review, As a relatively new comer to Woodhouses Village I am fully supportive of the Woodhouses Cricket Club. I see the club as an essential part of Village life. The club is well run and family friendly. My daughters who are grown up now love nothing better to spend an afternoon with their husbands and children watching the cricket matches. On these afternoons the club provides a safe environment for my grand children and they are always made most welcome, and it is the ideal opportunity to meet and make new friends. In the few years that I have been living in the village I have never experienced any trouble, nuisance or safety issues. May my thanks go out to the devoted volunteers who are committed to provide an essential service to WoodhousesVillage community in running the club. During the summer months it is a hive of activity and a welcome goes out to the community of all ages. It is an ideal place to socialise, discuss community life and I look forward to the licence being extended well into the future years.

Bob Mitchell local resident. 4 Green Meadow View Woodhouse Village.

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From: Brenda White
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 2:10 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: License

- I live opposite the cricket club and have done for 33 years, I have lived in the village all my life as have my parents and grandparents, my son and his and children are members and have had lots of functions there, wedding reception christening and other parties. My grandchildren playcricket and are members!
- the club is well-organand family-and dog friendly.
- it provides safe facilities for children and young people.
- it plays an important role in the community through sport and events.and raises money not just for the club but for local charities and good causes. it is a genuine community hub, hosting groups such as the Little Stars toddler group and a weekly coffee morning for elderly residents that will have no where else to go!

it is run entirely by volunteers and is not-for-profit.

In all the years I have lived there I have not had any issues I love the place!And have not experienced problems with nuisance or safety.

Sent from my iPhone
Brenda

205 Medlock Road
Woodhouses
Failsworth
M35 9NQ

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From: Callum Brocklehurst
Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2025 14:09
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Licensing Review

Hi,

I am a member of Woodhouses Cricket Club and live directly across the road (203 Medlock Road). I regularly attend events at the club and have always found it to be well-run, welcoming, and family-friendly.

I have never experienced any issues with noise or nuisance. The club is a real asset to the local community and brings people together in a positive way.

I strongly support the club retaining its licence.

Thanks,

Callum Brocklehurst

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From:

Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2025 14:10

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Woodhouses Cricket Club

We would like our comments regarding the Woodhouse Cricket Club premises license review to be kindly considered

As owners of a similar business within Woodhouses Village

we know how important it is to adhere to the terms and conditions of the premises licence

We run the Woodhouse Gardens pub and restaurant, at all times striving to meet all licensing objectives.

Our personal experience of Woodhouse's Cricket Club, as customers and fellow operators in the hospitality industry, is that the management team strive to successfully maintain a well run establishment The club forms a great and valued part of the community within Woodhouses and beyond

It provides a great sporting facility for all members of the community especially for young people, giving a focal point for young people to learn life skills within teamwork and social acceptability in a safe controlled environment.

Woodhouse's Cricket Club is an asset to the community raising funds for many charities and forming a focal point for many social gatherings forging greater community spirit

Events we have visited have been well managed and enjoyed by the local community.

To lose any aspect of its current facilities would be a great loss

Yours sincerely

Cate and Steve Nutter

The Woodhouse Gardens

Woodhouse's Village

M35 9WN

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From: Catherine Higson
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2025 21:27
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses Cricket Club

To whom it may concern,

I would like to support the above establishment in re gaining their license. I live very very close to the club and can happily say it's a family friendly venue which hosts events professionally on a regular basis.

It is a community hub for sport, charity events, and concerts. Family fun days are well attended and the volunteers within the village do an amazing job.

Kind Regards

Cath Higson
4 Vernon Court
Woodhouses
M35 9YA

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From: Cath Whitehead
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 10:45 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Premises Licence Review

Dear Sir/Madam

I have been a member at Woodhouses Cricket Club for 20 years and my husband over 40 years. Both our daughters have grown up there since the day they were born they are now 20 and 17. This is a family friendly club that not only does a lot for the community but also for the world of cricket from juniors to adults.

It is a safe environment and has provided the village and the wider community with various events over the years. It also organises events for charity with substantial donations.

The latest large event was well attended and organised. As a resident in Woodhouses village I actually didn't hear any of the music yet a few weeks later could hear fields of gold from Ashton quite clearly.

I am unaware as to why a notice has gone up outside the club for a premises licence review however I am sure the majority of the people who live here will only be able to say that Woodhouses Cricket

Club is an asset to our village. We are proud to be able to attend well organised events that are run by volunteers who always have the local peoples interest at heart .

Kind Regards

Catherine Whitehead

8 Stamford Drive

Woodhouses

Failsworth

Manchester

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From: Chelsie
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 1:32 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: License email

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing as a local resident of Woodhouses and a proud member of Woodhouses Cricket Club to express my objection to the current licensing review.

My family and I spend most of our weekends at the club, often with our two young children. We have attended and hosted numerous events there and have only ever experienced the club as a well-organised, safe, and extremely family-friendly environment. The staff are consistently hard-working, welcoming, and dedicated to ensuring the safety and enjoyment of all visitors.

The club plays a vital role in the community by providing safe and inclusive facilities for children and young people. For example, both of our children have taken part in the All Stars Cricket programme, which they loved. The club also prides itself on hosting safe and well-run events such as the annual bonfire night, which is greatly anticipated and enjoyed by families like ours.

In addition to sport and recreation, the club makes a significant contribution to the wider community. It raises important funds for local projects, including the church, and regularly supports charities through coffee mornings and fundraising events. It also serves as a genuine community hub, hosting groups such as the Little Stars toddler group and a weekly coffee morning for elderly residents, helping to reduce isolation and strengthen community ties.

As a family, we have never experienced any problems with nuisance or safety at the club. Quite the opposite – it is a safe haven where everyone is made to feel welcome, and we are always reassured that our children can play and spend time with friends in a secure and supportive environment.

Woodhouses Cricket Club is an asset to the community and plays a unique and irreplaceable role in bringing people together, supporting local causes, and providing safe, positive opportunities for children, families, and residents of all ages.

Thanks
Chelsie Gilbert

95 Failsworth Rd

Woodhouses

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From: Cheryl Borkin
Sent: Sunday, October 12, 2025 7:49 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses cricket club licensing review

I live at 5 Pike Avenue ,
Woodhouses,
Failsworth,
M35 9WY

I am a Woodhouses resident and attend the Cricket club regularly.

The club provides an important role in the community. Young and old use the facilities , and I have attended many functions here with my family.

I, and my family have always felt safe and privileged to attend the community events held throughout the year.

My family and myself would miss the benefits we gain from Woodhouses Cricket Club

Yours sincerely ,

Cheryl Borkin,

Woodhouses resident

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From: Chris Duckworth
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 3:06 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Support for Woodhouses Cricket Club

Dear Licensing Team,

I am writing to express my full support for Woodhouses Cricket Club in relation to the current premises licence review.

My family and I are regular users of the club — we visit most months and have also held special events there, including our children's christenings. We frequently attend the club's family events throughout the year, and it has always been a welcoming, safe, and well-managed environment for everyone.

The club is clearly run with care and responsibility. The volunteers work hard to ensure that every event, whether social or sporting, is friendly and inclusive. It's also a genuine community hub — supporting local groups, bringing people together, and providing a safe place for children and families to enjoy.

I have never experienced any issues with nuisance or safety. Quite the opposite — the club continues to play an important role in the community by promoting sport, family activities, and charitable causes.

I strongly believe Woodhouses Cricket Club should be supported to continue the excellent work it does for the local area.

Kind regards,

Chris Duckworth

107 Medlock Road

M35 9NP

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From: Christine hall
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 5:38 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject:

The cricket club in Woodhouses is a hub for different people in the area children come to watch the cricket matches there is a coffee morning where over sixty meet with there friends for a chat it's a good community gathering there are lots of other events that involve the community

Mrs Christine hall 178 lord lane Failsworth m35 0qs

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From: Colin Whitehead
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2025 4:33 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Representation For Premises Licence Review

Colin Whitehead
8 Stamford Drive
Woodhouses
M35 9WS

Dear Sir/Madam,

With regard to the recent notice erected regarding the Premises Licence Review for Woodhouses Cricket Club, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my representation.

I have been a member of Woodhouses Cricket Club for 47 years both as a player and now a social member. I have always found the club to be well managed and family friendly, providing a safe environment for children and young people, especially through the Junior Cricket Section. This provides cricket facilities for boys and girls from age 5 through to U18 and beyond with Senior Cricket.

The events run by the club have always been well managed with professional security employed and stewarded by club members with Paramedics on site and additional toilet facilities provided. Due consideration has always been given to local residents and additional car parking arranged with the local Golf Club and other land owners within the village.

Funds raised from these events form an integral part of enabling the club to continue to provide and improve the cricket facilities and support the Junior Cricket.

Clubs events also raise funds for National and Local Charities e.g. Alzheimer's, Cancer Research and Prostate Cancer, and locally Woodhouses Church and Crimewatchers (recently featured on TV).

There are a weekly toddlers group and a Coffee Morning, for the more elderly members of the community, giving them a place to socialise and meet new people. The Police Community Service Officers regularly attend to advise on safety and security matters.

The Club is run by volunteers and is a not for profit organisation.

I have never experienced any issues with noise, nuisance or safety with any of the events.

I wish my comments to be taken into account when reviewing the club licence.

Yours faithfully,

Colin Whitehead

From: Claire Ginty
Sent: Sunday, September 21, 2025 4:58 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: letter of support

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing in response to the notice placed outside Woodhouses Cricket Club, to formally express our support for the club and the important role it plays within our community.

We have lived directly opposite the club, at 213 Medlock Road, since 2012. During this time, we have never encountered any issues relating to cricket matches or the events held there. Instead, we have consistently experienced the club as a well-managed, safe, and welcoming part of our village.

The club offers far more than cricket. It provides a wide range of activities and events that bring people of all ages together. From the baby and toddler group, to coffee mornings for older residents, to family-friendly seasonal events such as Halloween parties, Bonfire Night, and children's Christmas parties, Its commitment to charity events and inclusive activities reflects the positive values that make it such a valuable asset to our village.

As a family, we have enjoyed many of these events over the years. They are always organised to a high standard, with safety, accessibility, and community spirit at the forefront. The annual Bonfire Night, in particular, has become a highlight for our children, while the community clean-up the following day demonstrates how its members and supporters feel about our club.

We feel very lucky to have such a dedicated, family-friendly, and community-oriented club on our doorstep. We are proud to be members and remain fully supportive of Woodhouses Cricket Club, which, to us, is much more than a sporting venue — it is vital part of our community and a place where we have made many lovely family memories.

Kind regards,
Craig and Claire Gordon
213 Medlock Road
Woodhouses, M35

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From: Craig Smith
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 4:15 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses Cricket Club

Good afternoon

I'm a member of woodhouses cricket club and have been since moving to the area 3 years ago

This is a well run club which is very organised and friendly environment

Facilities for children are excellent and safe

This club provides event for the community on a regular basis which helps bring our community together

The club raises funds for good causes and charities along with being a great community hub for toddler groups like little stars

In the years of going to the cricket club we've never once had any issues

Staff are fantastic and friendly

Woodhouses cricket club is an essential part of woodhouses village community

Many thanks

Craig Smith
30 Green Meadow View
Failsworth
M35 9FG

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From: D Sills
Sent: Thursday, October 2, 2025 6:22 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses CC

To whom it may concern

I am writing in response to the recently announced licensing review of Woodhouses Cricket Club. As a volunteer, member and supporter of the cricket club throughout the last ten years I can only speak highly enough of how the club is run and supports the community, and am incredibly surprised at this decision.

I can personally vouch for how safe an environment the club is for children, having been involved in coaching the all stars programme and junior section, and the team of volunteers that run the club, along with its staff, take seriously their role in providing a safe, welcoming and friendly atmosphere. There is a real 'family' feel on a friday evening when children come to junior training, along with their parents. I never think twice about taking my two young boys along at a weekend and have recommended it as a great function venue to lots of people.

The events that are organised benefit the community (bringing local people together for events like the annual bonfire), the club by raising funds that can be reinvested in its facilities, and good causes through raising funds for nominated charities. It really is a community hub.

The wide range of events that are held at the club regularly pass without incident, and living in very close proximity to the club I can't recall having experienced any problems with anti-social behaviour or safety.

I would be most dismayed if any negative outcome were to come from this review.

Mr D.J.Sills
173 Medlock Road
Woodhouses

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From: Darrell Steven Sloan
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2025 5:51 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject:

I've been a member of WCC since 1970. It has always been a very well organised and friendly club and plays an important role in the local community through sport and social events.

I've been lucky to be part of Clubs' community, for most of my life.

The Club is run by volunteers, who work tirelessly to maintain standards and amenities, through the hard work of individuals and as such, the Club is thriving.

I live opposite the Club and have done so since 1991. In that time, my family and I have never experienced problems of nuisance from events, either on the pitch or socially.

Darrell Sloan 169 Medlock Rd, Woodhouse, Failsworth M35 9NQ

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From: dave woodhead

Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 2:57 PM

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Woodhouses cc

To whome it may concern, It has come to our attention that our beloved Woodhouses Cricket Club has come under an accidental breach of local licensing law. The club has played such a part of our family for many years now as both our son in law, son and now our grandchildren have played on woodhouses cricket teams for the past 15 years now. It is not only an all inclusive community hub but an essential part in our family history that spans the globe. Our son in law came from Australia and was immediately accepted into the cricket club community and we recently visited Australia we met up with global partners who have previously played within our club. The events that we have at our club are essential to keep our club going as we are a non profit making club and any funds either go to the community, charity or spent improving facilities for the surrounding areas of Oldham and Manchester quite often to children who would never have the opportunity to play cricket or be involved in any form of team sport. I can only speak as a patron member and supporter of our club that in all our 15 years of attending woodhouses cc that I have never witnessed any anti social behaviour and it is pillar in our community that I'm proud to be a part of Thank you for reading David Woodhead and Family x

8 PARRKHURST AVE, NEW MOSTON, MANCHESTER, M40 3QW

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From: David Millington
Sent: Thursday, October 2, 2025 9:16 AM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses Cricket Club

I am shocked that the licensing authority are reviewing the licence for the above club. I write as a neighbour of the club for nearly 30 years and want to place on record that the club is an absolute asset to our neighbourhood. In those years as a neighbour I have never had any issue with the club regarding noise or antisocial behaviour. Even as a neighbour they would not host my sons 18th party as it is not their policy to do so in respect of being good neighbours.

The club is run as not for profit, wholly by volunteers who keep the grounds and perimeter in fine order.

Whenever I visit I find it a very family friendly environment and the club have a lot of community events and a lot of activities for children which would be lost if it were to close.

They recently held a music festival which lasted one day. Immediate neighbours were sat in deckchairs listening to the music in their gardens. It was fantastic to see such an event and as neighbours we embraced the visitors. Maybe people did hear the music. We can hear Fields of Gold in Ashton and Heaton Park in certain conditions. The club also host events such as coffee mornings for our older members of the wider community and events for toddlers. Please don't stop these well supported events.

if the council think they are serving neighbours by revoking the licence of a much loved community asset they would be very wide of the mark. Woodhouses residents would prefer the council spent your time dealing with the large volume of speeding, dangerous of transient traffic that we have to endure every weekday.

Thank you for reading my letter of support for our cricket club and I hope the council take on board the comments of a neighbour and allow the club to flourish. To lose it would be a huge blow to our community.

Regards David Millington.

43 Medlock Road Failsworth Manchester M35 9WW.

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From: DAVID A ROBINSON
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 2:55 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: License review

Re the recent notice posted in the village.

As someone who has been a member of Woodhouses Cricket Club for over 60 years I would like to point out how important the club is to people who live not only in the village but in the wider Failsworth area.

WCC has been a community hub for as long as I can remember.

Being a venue not just for the game of cricket from the cradle to the grave but a weekly gathering place for a coffee & cake for elderly folk in the area, Baby showers, Christenings & all manner of celebrations.

The club even allows it's premises to be used as a polling station!

In recent years a bonfire & firework display has been held to raise much needed funds to keep the club in existence. This event has been a sell out every year proving how vital WCC is to the local community.

This summer a music festival was held on the Bank Holiday Sunday - once again WCC provided entertainment for local people who came to the club for a fun day out. The feedback from attendees indicated it was a fantastic event.

It is important to note that WCC is run entirely by volunteers not just for the benefit of members of the club but for the wider community too.

Any decision by the licensing authority which restricted fund raising activities designed to keep the club in existence would be Draconian & a dagger to the heart of our village.

Yours faithfully

David Robinson

19 Hartshead Crescent

Woodhouses

Failsworth

Manchester

M35 9UD

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From: David Tuke
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 12:40 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: From David Tuke

To whom it may concern

My name is David Tuke and my son Samuel now attends the under 9s team at Woodhouse's.

I have nothing but admiration for the hard work and dedication from all involved at this great family club.

From the all stars which helps the young generation enjoy the fun around cricket and the warm family well-knit environment this creates.

From the brilliant organisation with the teams to a fantastic family friendly club house, there is nothing not to like about the place.

The Community around the area is warm and friendly and this helps input to a great established cricket club.

My son joined in March and we have never come across any issues at the club all that we have witnessed is a great environment that encourages the development of young people there.

David Tuke

45 avonlea Rd, Droylsden, Manchester M43 6WE, UK

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From: Dave Winstanley
Sent: Friday, October 03, 2025 21:16
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses CC

To whom it may concern,

I only joined Woodhouses CC in July this year. Since then, I have found it to be extremely well run club, very welcoming and friendly.

My family and friends have come to the club as guests and found it to be very much the same. My young nephews and nieces have been with us on several occasions and we have always felt it to be really safe for them to be at the ground and around the people there.

I have played at many other clubs and can confidently say Woodhouses is a pleasure to be a member of. I have many friends in the area who feel it is a hub for people, young and old, to meet and socialise in a nice safe environment.

Having been previously at a club that was forced to close, I know how important such a place holds in local communities and the positive impact they have.

I would be more than happy to discuss in more detail if required.

Kind regards,

Dave Winstanley
30 Rimsdale Road
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Manchester
M40 0GN

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From: Diane Andrews

Sent: Tuesday, October 7, 2025 8:01 PM

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Woodhouses Cricket Club

Dear Sir, I am writing in support of Woodhouses Cricket Club. It is the hub of the community welcoming both young and old. I run a friendship group at the club helping to combat isolation and loneliness amongst our older residents.

We meet each Wednesday in the function room and about 60 + members come each week. The club do not charge us rent for the room and we just give a small amount each month towards the cost of heating.

The outside events at the club are a vital source of revenue and provide a social meeting place for families and friends. I hope you will take into account that the club is a not for profit organisation everyone involved is a volunteer.

We recently hosted a Macmillan coffee morning and raised over £1.000 for the charity. There are so many good thing happening at the club.

Regards Diane Andrews

400 Medlock Road, Woodhouses, Failsworth, Manchester M35 9NR

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From: Donna Jackson
Sent: Saturday, October 11, 2025 12:38 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: License

To whom it might concern

We are residents of woodhouses village, having lived here for the past 42 years. We have used the Cricket Club for the majority of that time! as a resident, parent, attending many functions over the years and are big supporters of the club and the important work it does for the residents of woodhouses and surrounding area!

Both my sons played junior cricket there and thrived in the positive family friendly environment, gaining confidence and skills to take with them as they progressed from education to work.

**We attend many functions at the club,
BBQs
Family fun days
Children's play days
Junior cricket
Halloween party
Christmas party's**

I am also a member of the over 60s coffee club, We have speakers, police visits, Hearing specialists, too numerous to mention. We cannot emphasise how valuable the club is to the people of woodhouses and surrounding area, we cannot fault the volunteers and committee members for their work they do and the commitment they have to the club, we have never had a complaint about any event they have organised. We would be lost without it, it is the centre of the village and the community hub where everyone can go to and everyone is always welcome. They also do lots of charity work, financially supporting Woodhouses Church and National and local charities.

The most important thing to me is the work they do with children, it is a safe and nurturing environment where children thrive in confidence and stay fit and healthy. There is no price you can put on this in the ever increasing dangerous world that children grow up in today, so woodhouses cricket club must be allowed to carry on supporting and bringing enjoyment to the local community.

Donna Jackson

13 Partridge rd, woodhouses, Failsworth, Manchester, m35 9NW.

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From: Transport
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2025 9:36 AM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Cricket Club Support

I'm writing as a local resident and member of Woodhouses Cricket Club to support the renewal of its premises licence. I live at 90 Medlock Road and have been a member of the club for several years.

The club is a genuine community hub. It's run by volunteers, operates as a not-for-profit, and regularly hosts events for all ages. It provides safe, welcoming facilities for young people and does a great deal of fundraising for local causes.

Personally, I've never experienced any issues with nuisance or safety. The club is well-managed and plays a positive role in our neighbourhood. It brings people together and helps build a stronger, more connected community.

I hope you'll consider the value it brings and allow it to continue operating under its current licence.

Kind regards,

Doug Priestley
Resident & Member
90 Medlock Road

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From: Dougie Sloan

Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 7:32 PM

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Woodhouses cricket club

My family and I have been associated with Woodhouses Cricket Club for over 55 years . I have represented the club playing cricket for over 50 years and during that time I believe my experience of playing with so many people of all ages and backgrounds has shaped me to be the person I am today, in a very positive way.

I am fully aware of the costs involved in running a successful cricket club like Woodhouses and have been part of many fund raising events to help junior development and update club facilities and machinery to maintain a safe environment to all our members and visitors alike .

Woodhouses CC really is the main hub of our local community- we have helped to raise monies for a number of charities over many years and are proud to support our local church through donations and support.

I currently support the cricket club by volunteering my time to help maintain the high standard of facilities the club enjoy and are proud of and an enjoyable, safe environment for members and visitors.

Doug Sloan
1 Barnside Way
Woodhouses
M35 9NT

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From: Eddy McGarry
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 12:23 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Support for Woodhouses CC

To whom it may concern,

I played overseas at Woodhouses Cricket Club a few years ago and found it to be a well-run, safe, and professional environment. The facilities were managed responsibly, events were orderly, and the club operated to a high standard throughout my time there.

It is clear the club plays an important role in the community, providing opportunities for sport, safe facilities for young people, and support for local causes — all delivered by unpaid volunteers. I did not encounter any issues with nuisance or safety, and I fully support the continuation of its licence.

Kind regards,

Eddy McGarry

Australia at 2/68 Balcombe road, Mentone, VIC, 3194.

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Dear Licensing Team,

I am writing to express my full support for Woodhouses Cricket Club as part of the current premises licence review.

The club is run entirely by volunteers who dedicate countless hours to maintaining and improving the facilities, organising events, and supporting the local community. These events not only raise much-needed funds to keep the club sustainable, but also play a vital role in bringing the community together — providing a safe, family-friendly environment that unites people of all ages from the village and surrounding areas.

Woodhouses Cricket Club has been registered with HMRC as a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) for almost 30 years. This status reflects our charitable purpose and community benefit. In addition to supporting our own operations, we have also raised over £10,000 for other charities in the last five years alone, including Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, Prostate Cancer UK, Pancreatic Cancer UK, MS Therapy Centre, Dr Kershaw's Hospice, and our local village church.

The club is a genuine community hub, hosting regular gatherings such as coffee mornings for elderly residents, helping to tackle loneliness and social isolation, and making the facilities available for groups such as the local toddler sessions.

We are also proud to be an ECB-accredited Safeguarding Club, underlining our commitment to providing a safe environment not only for our junior players but also for the public who attend our events. Across all the years we have hosted community events, there has never been a single public safety or health and safety incident. We always ensure the presence of SIA-accredited door staff, well above the required number of stewards, and trained first aid personnel.

On a personal note, I have been involved with Woodhouses Cricket Club my entire life, watching my father play, volunteering as a scorer, working behind the bar, serving on the committee, and now proudly acting as Chairman. I take this responsibility extremely seriously.

That is why I struggle to understand how the decision to take the club straight to a licence review has come about. It feels disproportionate to any possible oversight that may have occurred. Nevertheless, we are fully committed to learning from the process and ensuring that any such issue cannot happen again. These improvements are already in place ahead of our next event, the Bonfire Night celebration on 8th November.

Woodhouses Cricket Club provides a controlled and safe environment where children and families can enjoy sport and community life. Our junior section is thriving, offering opportunities from the 'All Stars' programme (ages 5–8) through to U9, U11, U13, U15, and U18 teams, and proudly for the first time this year an all-girls team.

The club is not just a place to play cricket; it is a cornerstone of village life. I sincerely hope that the Licensing Committee recognises the positive impact the club has on our community and allows us to continue this important work by maintaining our events licence and the funding it generates to help the club and community thrive.

**Kind regards,
Gareth Tuson
Chairman
Woodhouses Cricket Club**

4 Partridge Road

Woodhouses

Failsworth

M35 9NW

From: Gary Borkin
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2025 19:56
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Support for Woodhouses Cricket club

I am a Woodhouses resident and value the contributions Woodhouses cricket club makes to the community.

I live at
5 Pike Avenue
Woodhouses
Failsworth
M35 9wy

I have never experienced any problems with functions held at the club and have always felt they are well organised and safe when attending.

I have nephews who learnt to play cricket here and we have attended many family celebrations at the club. My wife is due to retire and she is looking forward to attending the coffee morning where she can socialise and make new friends in the community.

Thank you for listening to my positive views about the importance the club provides in the community.

Yours sincerely, Gary Borkin

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From: Gillian Kingham
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 9:12 AM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses

What can you say about Woodhouse cricket Club!

An ethos of supporting the family unit by encouraging engagement with all family members. Supporting the sport and giving our younger generations the opportunity to become

Part of a team, family and learn the value of comradeship and supporting others.

Not only is the club an important establishment for sport, but for the wider community. The people who use it and support and the support the club offers the wider community and youngsters.

They offer the most fantastic events which bring communities together.

It is an essential part of woodhouses and surrounding areas. Without this club, my husband wouldn't have played Cricket, made life long friends. I wouldn't have found my friends after moving to the area over 35 years ago. My children would have the friends and grounding they have by being involved in the community created by woodhouses cricket club.

Gill

109 Kew Road

Failsworth

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From: Gillian Roberts

Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 18:37

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Letter of support

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing in response to the notice placed outside the Cricket Club in Woodhouses this week. As local residents living in close proximity to the club, we wish to express our strong support and highlight the significant positive impact the club has, not only on the local community and residents of the village but also on our family. We are members of the club, and our young son is a junior member of the U9s team.

Having lived on Atherton Close, directly opposite the club, for the past 12 years, we have never experienced any problems due to events, groups, or matches hosted there. In fact, we consider ourselves fortunate to have such a well-organised, family-friendly community hub on our doorstep, especially in today's society where safe communal spaces are increasingly rare.

The club is truly at the heart of our community, bringing people of all ages together. It hosts a range of events and groups, from the "Little Stars" toddler group for younger members to a weekly coffee morning for elderly residents and their friends. This coffee morning, run by Wendy, Diane, and Ann, has grown to over 100 attendees; its popularity is such that I recently donated 25 new mugs to help them meet the demand for brews! The club also successfully hosts Macmillan coffee mornings, raising substantial funds over the past couple of years, and organises regular days out and lunches to ensure no one in the village feels isolated.

Furthermore, the club provides safe facilities for children and young people from Woodhouses and surrounding areas to socialise, make friends, and learn cricket. Our son has participated in All Stars Cricket for the past four summers and has now joined the U9s squad. All these activities are run by dedicated volunteers, players, and parents, with barbecues and presentations organised to ensure the children enjoy themselves and remain engaged with the sport and a part of the club.

Regarding the events hosted by the club, we have attended and supported many of them. For outdoor events, as nearby residents, we are always informed in advance and given complimentary tickets for our entire family as a gesture of goodwill. For occasions like Bonfire Night, we join other volunteers and residents in assisting with the clean-up, which has become a fun event in itself, complete with brews and bacon butties provided by the club. We also received free tickets to a recent music event, which we attended with many friends and neighbours. It was very well organised, the weather was excellent, and there were no issues whatsoever; the children particularly enjoyed it. These events are made possible by the club's brilliant network of volunteers. The indoor events also raise significant amounts for charity, and we eagerly anticipate the annual "Stars in Their Eyes" event, which sees many locals participating.

The club's supporters and families are deeply committed because the club, in turn, supports them in numerous ways. For many in the community, it is far more than just a cricket club.

Kind Regards,

Martin and Gillian Roberts

8 Atherton Close, Woodhouses. M35

From: Graham Ball
Sent: Saturday, September 20, 2025 9:17 AM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Licence Review

Good morning

I was saddened to hear that the Cricket Clubs's licence was to be the subject of a review by the Local Authority following an alleged breach of its conditions. Being familiar with a number of the club's management committee, I can only assume that this was due to a misunderstanding or oversight. Collectively, this group conduct their business in a thoroughly professional manner and in doing so, provide the local community with a facility that is the envy of many in surrounding areas.

The club is special. It appeals not only to the junior and adult cricketers who enjoy the fabulous sporting amenity but to the village as a whole. To watch the masses of toddlers running around the field at the 'All Stars' sessions on Friday evenings and to see the growing numbers attending the coffee mornings on Wednesdays is heartening to say the least. Young or old, there is something for everybody.

None of this would be possible without the commitment of the club members who give up their time to make it happen. And importantly, none of this would be possible without the income generated by the clubhouse which is constantly used to improve the club environment for the enjoyment of all.

There are lots of bad news stories in the country at present but Woodhouses CC is a good news story and one of which the community is proud. To even consider that its story and progress should end is unthinkable. The drive should be to create similar facilities in other areas, not curtail something that is flourishing and a shining example of how things could and should be.

Good luck with the review and thank you for everything that you do.

Graham Ball

Oakdene
Vale Lane
Woodhouses
Manchester
M35 9WG

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From: Harry Cashinella
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 12:08 AM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: The clubs license

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email regarding the revoked licence of Woodhouses CC. I am a Current player and member at the club , and want to mention that the club have had a positive influence for myself and my family throughout the time we have been involved, and provide a family friendly environment and safe facilities for the young people. Furthermore, it also provides a pivotal role in the community bringing people together through the sport of cricket, mixing different people with different backgrounds, though not just its junior and senior teams, but also its very safe and very well organised events like the annual bonfire and fantastic fireworks display which brings a vast crowd from around the local area of Failsworth to celebrate the 5th of November traditions.

Including all of the above, the club is also a none for profit organisation, meaning nobody involved with the committee is paid. This reiterates the togetherness of Woodhouses CC and again, how well run the club is when it's just locals from the village giving up their time to commit to such an influential factor to the area. With all this going on at the club requires a quality standard of safeguarding, which I personally have had no problems within or around the club.

Thank you for taking the time to reading this email.

Harry

104 Somerset Road

Failsworth

Manchester

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From: Helen Sloan

Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 7:24 PM

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Woodhouses CC License

I have lived in Woodhouses for approximately 40 years during which time myself and my husband have been involved and supported the Cricket Club. My husband, Dougie Sloan, was a playing member from the age of 8 and once he retired from playing at 50 he has worked as a volunteer. Once our daughter was born, I took her to the Club most weekends where she socialised with other children and learned to love the game so much so that she was, for many years, the First XI scorer. For many years, I took my turn making and serving teas to the cricketers.

Throughout the years, I have always found the Club to be at the centre of the community for many people. People of all ages have been able to enjoy what the Club has had to offer. I have attended weddings, funerals, 21sts, 30ths, 40ths, 50ths - do I need to go on? When you attend Club functions, you meet old friends and make new ones. It is a sociable hub of our community which is well run by people who give their time for nothing, purely for the greater good. The atmosphere is friendly and welcoming. The committee and the members are mindful that in order to maintain the Club's facilities there needs to be fundraising events which myself and many of my friends are happy to support so that future generations can enjoy the same happy experiences that me and my family have enjoyed.

**Helen Sloan
1, Barnside Way,
Woodhouses.**

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From: Howard Buckley
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2025 22:29
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses Cricket Club

I am a long term resident of Woodhouses and a former headteacher of two Oldham Primary schools. I have been a social member of Woodhouses cricket club for several years. My grandson attended AllStars cricket coaching which was professionally and expertly organised by the club.

The club is a valuable hub for community life in the village and is much appreciated by young and old. It provides a safe environment for young people and fosters team spirit and caring attitudes.

The club consistently hosts charitable fund raising events which benefit the village and the wider community. The club is run by volunteers who bring their skills and commitment from a variety of backgrounds.

In the years that I have lived in Woodhouses I have only had positive experiences with the club. I have not heard of or experienced any issues related to nuisance or safety. The club has my wholehearted support for its future development and longevity.

Regards

Howard Buckley

59 Medlock Road

Woodhouses

Failsworth

Manchester

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From: Howard Lees
Sent: Thursday, October 2, 2025 9:30 AM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses CC

.morning just a quick email the important

The cricket club is having lived in the village for 30 years all my 3 sons have played and enjoyed many great days and nights at the club with no issues

Regards

Howard lees

28 Marston close

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From: ian kramer

To: licensing@woodhousescc.c.uk

Cc:

Bcc:

Date: Fri, 19 Sep 2025 13:44:52 +0100

Subject: support

I hope that this email finds you well .

I have lived in Woodhouses for over 25 years

I regularly visit the Woodhouses cricket club to watch football and meet up with friends.

The club has always been a friendly, well organised club that plays a key role for Woodhouses itself.

I have never experienced anything negative regarding any problems or issues with the club whatsoever.

Thank you

Ian kramer

1 partridge rd

Woodhouses M35 9NW

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From:
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2025 12:43
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Review of Licence

I have been a member of Woodhouses CC since the late 1960's, during that time I have been a playing member, a member of the Committee and held several positions, on it, including Secretary and Chairman. I am not only pleased to be able to say that but proud to also. Throughout that period WCC has grown to become one of the best Clubs in the area. For a Club to grow as it has done, it cannot afford to upset and ignore its neighbours. So it is clear to me that we have not or ever intended to take them for granted.

Throughout the last 10 to 15 years, at least, and certainly post Covid, the Club has become something of a hub for the community of Woodhouses. The Club regularly raises money for Charities and through our "Stars in Your Eyes" social event, (a sell out every year I might add), has raised thousands of pounds for the Village Church. More recently we have a Little Stars toddlers group make use of our facilities on a weekly basis. In addition we now hold a weekly coffee morning for the elderly residents. This has gone from strength to strength providing them with diverse events such as finance planning to chair yoga.

Our Junior section continues to thrive running teams at all levels, including this year for the first time an all girls team. I doubt that there is a parent in the Village who does not enjoy Friday nights at the Club in the summer when junior practice takes place. The pitch is full of youngsters from 5 upwards taking advantage of the excellent facilities and coaching provided.

All this comes at an expense, the Club is very lucky to have a number of volunteers who provide their time free of charge to ensure that we can continue to provide a place where all of the above can take place. All of this would be in jeopardy if the Club were to lose its Licence. I don't see anywhere else in the Failsworth area able and willing to do for its Community what WCC does.

Regards,

Ian Pickles

209, Medlock Road,
Woodhouses,
Failsworth,
M35 9NQ.

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From: J Bushi
Sent: Thursday, October 2, 2025 9:43 AM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: License review

Dear Licensing Committee Review,

I am a local resident who frequently uses the Woodhouses Cricket Club. My son has been a member for the past four years, and the club has provided him with a safe haven while he plays for the juniors team.

As adults, we enjoy visiting the club to relax and have a drink. While we appreciate the atmosphere, we would like to suggest that the quality of the Guinness could be improved.

The club is the heart of our community, bringing people together from young toddlers to the elderly. It offers a welcoming environment where everyone can enjoy a drink and watch the games.

I strongly advise against revoking the licence of this well respected professional and caring community hub. It truly brings people together from early mornings to late evenings.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who is part of this amazing club. Keep going, you are doing a brilliant job bringing everyone together and keeping kids off the streets where there isn't much for them to go to.

**Regards,
J Bushi**

**3 green meadow view
Woodhouses
M35 9FG**

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From: James Coote
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 11:08 AM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses CC - Licensing

Good morning,

I am writing to express my support for Woodhouses Cricket Club in relation to their current events licensing matter. I have been a player and social member of the club since relocating from London in 2018, and first joined following strong recommendations from local family members (non-cricketers) who praised the club's social standing in the community.

The club has long been a valued part of the local community, providing sporting opportunities and social events that benefit residents of all ages, not just in Woodhouses but also the surrounding area.

Their events are well-managed and conducted responsibly, contributing positively to community life without causing disruption. I hope the licensing concerns can be resolved in a way that allows the club to continue its excellent work and maintain its important role within the area.

Thank you,

James Coote

140 Crow Hill South
Middleton
M24 1JU

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From:

Sent: Tuesday, October 7, 2025 7:24 PM

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Email of Support | James Howard

Good evening,

I wanted to email with my support of Woodhouses Cricket Club and how fantastic they've been since I joined the club at the start of the season.

I came down to the club a few times previously and always picked up on the fact they are a family orientated club, with every member at the heart of what they do. This was what ultimately impacted my decision to join the club, as the previous times I had been down it seemed like somewhere that would welcome myself and my Dad with open arms and the facilities / organisation that were on show were second-to-none.

I've now had a full season playing at Woodhouses and the opinion I had before the season has been matched and if anything surpassed after seeing what goes on behind the scenes. The role the club plays within the community and the many events they put on along with the people it brings down week-on-week is nothing shy of amazing and I can't fault a thing since I joined.

James Howard

14 Oak Dene Close

Greenfield

Oldham

OL3 7JB

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From: Janet Hiscock

Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 9:52 AM

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Woodhouses Cricket Club

To whom it may concern,

It is really very sad to hear that Woodhouses Cricket Club are facing an issue whereby the licensing authority is to review the licence on the grounds of a breach of conditions.

As wife of the current groundsman and parents of two (now adult) cricketers our family has a longstanding relationship with the club. Our sons have risen through the club from Junior players to 2nd and 1st team players. It is an absolutely brilliant club offering great facilities for young people to play one of the best sports there is. Any threat to this club is also a threat to the wellbeing of local young people.

The Club relies solely on volunteers who work incredibly hard, to not "just keep it going", but to ensure that it remains an excellent club with facilities that are of a high standard. To enable this high standard to be maintained, great effort is put into all aspects of administration, safety for the members, and particularly into a handful of specialised fundraisers every year which are always well attended and are much anticipated local events attracting a large number of supporters from across the local community.

I have only ever heard positive feedback about the club so this challenge from a possible single complaint has caused great concern. It is so sad. It would be far more beneficial to our local community if the complainant could turn their attention to the local riff raff who frequent Failsworth Tesco, KFC and Morrisons car parks and the streets of Failsworth, causing regular disturbances. I can categorically state that they will not find any of Woodhouses Youth Team members amongst the feral youth found there. The sporting youngsters at Woodhouses CC are making friends and most importantly (and especially true with the sport of cricket) they are learning team skills and discipline that will last a lifetime.

My sons started there as children, they are now, like ALL of their team mates, exceptionally grounded young men, holding down responsible careers and still playing for the Club they love, as Mike Atherton did many years ago at Woodhouses, at the start of his career. Any risk to the future of this amazing local facility is a travesty.

Does the complainant realise that the Club building is also home to a toddler playgroup and a coffee morning for the older residents who may otherwise struggle with loneliness and mental health issues. Funds are regularly raised for Macmillan Cancer Support and other charitable causes aside from the club itself. The function room is well used for local residents to hold family parties such as Christenings, Baby Showers etc, etc. It is a well maintained, family friendly Club that does a significant amount for the local community.

Not only is the Club a local one but it also has worldwide links in the cricketing community. We have just had a Zimbabwean professional here for the 2025 season. In the last few years there have been many Australian players and a Sri Lankan. All these young multi cultural professional players now have firmly established relationships with Woodhouses CC and its members, as well as links with their respective clubs in their own countries. This facilitates the opportunity for our young players to

experience cricket across the world. Many of the current players have solid friendships across the globe and many travel to and fro as a result of the friendships made and opportunities provided by Woodhouses CC.

I sincerely hope that there is no serious risk to the reputation and continuation of Woodhouses Cricket Club, as a result of what I have heard, is a possibly single complaint in decades of service to our community. For 116 years, since 1908, Woodhouses CC has provided sporting facilities to the community. It really is incomprehensible that anyone can try to undermine or endanger this wonderful institution.

I am sure that many will feel as concerned as we do and will also write in support of the Club. Please can you look at this favourably and recognise just how much this club, its committee, and its members does for the Woodhouses and Failsworth area and allow it to continue the excellent community service that it provides almost every day of the week.

Regards
Janet & Trevor Hiscock

6 Albert Gardens

Newton Heath

Manchester, M40 1PJ

From: janine evans

Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 6:28 PM

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Cricket licensing

Dear Woodhouse Cricket

Woodhouses Cricket Club is a great example of how a local sports club can be more than just about the game—it is a real pillar of the community. Here are some ways it does that:

1. Tradition and Identity

- **The club has deep roots in the area, giving local people a sense of history, continuity, and pride.**
- **For many families, supporting or playing for the club spans across generations, helping maintain a strong community identity.**

2. Bringing People Together

- **It isn't just about cricket—it's a social hub where friendships form across age groups and backgrounds.**
- **The clubhouse often hosts events, from BBQs, charity events to fundraisers, which create a welcoming space for everyone and non-cricketers.**

3. Youth Development

- **Junior cricket programs give young people a safe place to play, learn teamwork, and build confidence.**
- **It also teaches discipline, sportsmanship, and healthy living, offering a positive alternative to less constructive activities.**

4. Volunteering and Involvement

- **The club thrives on volunteers—coaches, groundskeepers, committee members—who give their time and dedication to keep it running.**
- **This spirit of service fosters community pride and strengthens local ties.**

5. Charity and Support

- **Local cricket clubs often support charities, host community days, and raise money for good causes.**
- **They're also a point of connection where people can find support during difficult times.**

6. Inclusivity and Wellbeing

- **From social cricket to coffee mornings and stars in their eyes the club offers opportunities for all ages and interests.**
- **It promotes not just physical activity but also mental wellbeing through belonging and shared purpose.**

In short, Woodhouses Cricket Club is far more than just a place to play cricket—it's a community anchor. It keeps traditions alive, provides opportunities for the next generation, and offers a social lifeline to many.

Janine Evans

4 Ashbridge Road, Woodhouses, Failsworth, M35 9NS.

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From: Jennie Mcloughlin

Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 4:27 PM

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Breach of license claim on Woodhouses Cricket Club

To whom it may concern

Re: Support for Woodhouses Cricket Club Regarding Licensing Breach

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing as a long-standing supporter of Woodhouses Cricket Club, where both of my children proudly played throughout their childhood. The club has always been a central part of our community, not only nurturing young players but also bringing families, friends, and neighbours together through its events and activities.

Over the years, I have attended countless community events organised by the club, often with family and friends. These have always been extremely well run, safe, and welcoming. The club has consistently demonstrated thorough attention to security and organisation, ensuring that all who attend can enjoy themselves in a safe environment.

Beyond sport, Woodhouses Cricket Club has played an invaluable role as a fundraiser for the village. The events they host generate much-needed funds and create a real sense of community spirit, something that is increasingly rare in today's world. For this reason, I find it very difficult to understand why anyone would complain about their operations. From my experience, the club has only ever acted in the best interests of its players, supporters, and the wider community.

I would urge the council to take into account the enormous positive contribution the cricket club makes locally. It would be a great shame for the community to lose out because of a licensing issue which, from the perspective of those of us who attend regularly, has never compromised safety or good practice.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my support.

Yours faithfully,

Jennie and Mike Mcloughlin

The Hawthorns

Ashton road

Woodhouses

M35 9WL

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From: Joan Lewis

Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 9:18 PM

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Woodhouses Cricket Club

I am writing to express my support for our wonderful Cricket Club in Woodhouses, having seen the blue notice stating that the license is to be reviewed.

Our Cricket Club is a huge part of life in Woodhouses village and the surrounding areas. It is an amazing not-for-profit facility, run by selfless volunteers who work tirelessly to keep everything running smoothly and safely, whilst maintaining the clubhouse, changing rooms and grounds in perfect condition.

The Club is a hub for folks of all ages to socialise. For the very youngest, a toddler group is hosted here regularly. At the other end of the scale, I am in my seventies and attend the Coffee Club which is held every Wednesday. Our oldest members are in their nineties! Again, this is run by amazing volunteers who started it as a place for older people, who may otherwise have been at home on their own, to come and chat and make friends. This has grown into a thriving event, enjoyed by all and giving rise to lots of new great friendships. We also have fundraisers for charities at some of our meetings, including our Mc Millan Coffee Morning and a Poppy selling event for the British Legion in the next few weeks. We also have a qualified Yoga teacher who gives us a weekly Chair Yoga session, which is very helpful for keeping older folks fit and the joints moving. We all so look forward to our meetings.

On the cricket side, I have a grandson and son in law who play cricket for Woodhouses and it gives my husband and myself great pleasure to come and sit in such beautiful surroundings to watch teams play. The club provides cricket training from about five years upwards for boys and girls, led by trained volunteers who provide a very safe, caring environment. It is so good to have a safe venue for the young ones to play and learn new skills. Then they can progress on through the junior teams. A wonderful family friendly place which is thoroughly enjoyed by all ages. Good for physical and mental health.

The Cricket Club has regular fundraising events for many different charities. These are extremely popular and, due to restrictions on numbers, they are usually sold out well in advance. Everything is well planned and organised for safety and I have never seen, or heard of, any problems or trouble. I live in Woodhouses, in Withins Hall Road which is very close to the Cricket Club. I have never had any worries about safety or nuisance or noise as the club is so well run.

It is such a vital part of our community life here that we must ensure that it continues to thrive. Keeping the license is vital to the Club being able to continue providing the wonderful facilities which are greatly appreciated by so many.

Regards Joan Lewis

14 Withins Hall Road

Woodhouses

Failsworth

M35 9SA

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From: joanne kendrick
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 11:24 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Resident woodhouses

Hi

I have lived in woodhouses for 10 years.

The cricket club has always been a safe place to visit with the children, and we have always been made to feel welcome.

I have never experienced any problems with noise or nuisance behaviour from the club.

The club do a lot for the residents and the surrounding community.

Joanne Condon

2 standard drive

Failsworth

Manchester

M35 9ws

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From: John Bate

Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 20:19

To:

Subject: Representation in Support of Woodhouses Cricket Club – Premises Licence Review

Dear Licensing Sub-Committee,

I am writing to express my full support for Woodhouses Cricket Club, whose premises licence is currently under review. I have been involved with the club since the age of 13 and now serve as its Treasurer. I have seen first-hand over many years the vital contribution it makes to our community.

The club is one of the few genuine community hubs in the village. It provides a safe, welcoming space for people of all ages and backgrounds, is not-for-profit, and is managed by volunteers. Both of my children are actively involved, and through the club they have developed confidence, teamwork and communication skills that will benefit them for life.

Beyond sport, the club supports numerous local causes and charities, regularly hosting fundraising events and community activities that bring the village together. Events are always well-organised and responsibly managed. Removing or restricting its events licence would have a serious negative impact on local residents and young people who rely on it as a positive social outlet. Restricting the ability to host events would also have a detrimental financial effect on the club, reducing its capacity to develop facilities and continue its excellent work in the local community and in supporting other charitable causes.

Whilst I understand that there has been a technical breach of licence conditions, it is clear that this was an innocent oversight rather than any deliberate disregard for the rules. The club has always sought to act responsibly and engage constructively with the council.

I therefore respectfully urge the Committee to take into account the club's long-standing community role, strong record, and commitment to working with the council to ensure compliance, and to allow it to continue holding events under fair and workable conditions.

Kind regards,

John Bate

Treasurer, Woodhouses Cricket Club

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Woodhouses

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Manchester

M35 9WL

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From: APS APS

Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 10:56 AM

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Representation for Premises Licence Review

Dear Sir/Madam

Having seen the review notice recently erected regarding the Premises Licence Review for Woodhouses Cricket Club, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my representation.

In terms of 'undermining the prevention of crime and disorder', it is my understanding that the cricket club advocate the opposite of this.

Any events that I have attended, have been extremely well marshalled by local volunteers, in addition to SIA licensed representatives in attendance. I have never witnessed any disorder at any of the very infrequent larger scale outdoor events. Furthermore, our local PCSO's are welcomed to, and have attended regularly, the weekly coffee morning that is attended by circa 70 local men/women, usually of an older age, to advise on crime prevention.

I believe the cricket club also make a healthy donation to the local 'Crimewatchers' group, who work cooperatively with GMP and have recently been supported on local news channels.

In relation to 'public safety', all events held outside (on average 2 per year), namely bonfire night and more recently the Venturefest music event, showcasing up and coming local talent and providing the immediate and wider community with entertainment on a bank holiday Sunday, have been extremely well organised with Paramedics and first aiders in attendance. Adequate parking facilities were negotiated with other local establishments and a nearby landowner.

Barriers are 'hired' to contain the event to a specific area of the cricket pitch and due consideration is always given to immediate neighbours.

The bonfire event has gained in popularity due to the cancellation of Oldham Councils larger bonfire events. However, the cricket club always completes its due diligence and the relevant safety advice is sought.

The definition of 'public nuisance' is to that of the public or a significant portion of a community. If this review is the result of an individuals complaint, this would fall under the category of a private nuisance, However, there is no legal factual evidence to this end.

Finally, and in conclusion, 'the protection of children from harm'.

Woodhouses Cricket Club is a controlled environment in which the community and more importantly the wider community can bring their children to play sport from an early age. The club has several junior teams starting from the 'All Stars' programme that encourages children aged 5-8 to develop their skills to progress the the U9s, U11s, U13s, U15s and under 18 teams with the aspirations of breaking into the senior teams when they are 'of age'.

This gives the community an option for their children, in a society sadly, where options are dwindling due to the economic crisis and lack of support. The club offers a feeling of worth and being part of a big family which I can categorically confirm from a personal perspective.

Family Fun days have been organised historically also, which have included the attendance of OPAG (Oldham Play Action Group), which I am sure you will be aware of.

In summary, I am submitting my positive representation as I am sure you can gauge, I

have nothing but admiration and respect for what Woodhouses Cricket Club offer.

I hope other members of the community have taken the time to offer their opinions and that when the hearing is conducted, common sense will prevail.

Yours faithfully

John Kay

1 Ashbridge Rd

Woodhouses

Failsworth

Manchester

M35 9NS

From: josh butler

Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 11:55 AM

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Woodhouses Cricket Club - Support Letter

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of my family to express our united and unwavering support towards Woodhouses Cricket Club and the importance it has to our community and family life.

I have been a playing member for over a decade at the Cricket Club, representing such a special community and having the honour of captaining the club for a few years also, I experienced first hand how many wonderful volunteers spend countless hours behind the scenes to keep the clubs outstanding reputation at the highest level. Being able to play and watch the ground filled with local and travelling spectators supporting with great passion only emphasise the importance of the Cricket Club as a central hub for so many peoples lives.

My children, who have spent every summer of their lives both watching and now playing at WCC have been guided and mentored by the junior cricket sector made up of volunteers which is supporting their Cricket development and creating a positive environment for them to mature.

The Cricket side is not the only influence WCC has had on my family and the community, it is a place where many wonderful public and private functions raising money for wonderful Charities and causes are successfully run.

Personally the Cricket Club has played a very special part in my family life, it has played host to our Wedding Reception, Both Baby Showers, Both christenings, 3 seperate birthday parties for my kids, my mother in laws 60th, my sister in laws baby shower, my brother in laws leaving party, my brother in laws 18th birthday.

Over the years my family have also had amazing experiences such as our kids have had the excitement of meeting Santa at the Christmas events every year, played with friends at the Halloween parties every year, had amazing night's at the bonfire events and summer bbq events to list a few. These have ALWAYS run like clockwork, without even the slightest hiccup. With the Club and all functions being run completely by volunteers working tirelessly to ensure not only everyone's safety, but that they have the most memorable experience is incredible, and what makes it so important to the community.

Having immigrated from Australia and being fortunate to have played and been apart of many cricket clubs across the world, in my 25 years of playing, Woodhouses Cricket Club is second to none.

I hope this assists in making the right decision for our community

Thanks

Josh Butler and Family

41 Owler Ln, Chadderton, Oldham, UK OL99PA

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From: Lynne Martin

Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 09:58

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: WOODHOUSES CRICKET CLUB

My name is John Martin of 6 Pike Avenue, Woodhouses, Failsworth, M35 9WY and I am a local resident and also a past member and advertiser for Woodhouses Cricket club.

The club has always been well organised and I can confirm that we have held various events at the club over the years ie works parties and also birthday parties and have never experienced any problems with safety or nuisance.

The club plays an important role in the community and offers many family events it would be a loss if this was to close due to the licence not being renewed.

Kid regards

John Martin

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From: josh lees
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 10:09 AM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses CC licensing

Dear Sir/Madam,

Having been a member of the cricket club for over 15 years I have seen just how important Woodhouses CC is to the community.

From brining through the next generation of cricketers, to hosting events, the club is the hub of the village, and has been for some time.

The facilities are some of the very best in the area, whether that be for cricket, children's play, or enjoying a drink with friends and family.

In all my time visiting the cricket club I have never once had any problems with any issues around safety or nuisance.

Those in charge have always been respectful, as are the members who use the facilities week in, week out.

The cricket club is a credit to the local area.

Joshua Lees
11 Windsor Drive
Ashton-Under-Lyne
Manchester
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From:

Sent: Monday, October 13, 2025 20:31

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Woodhouses Cricket Club

To whom it may concern

My family wish to express our ongoing support for Woodhouses cricket club, which is a vital part of our local community, used by 3 generations of our family on a regular basis.

We are parents to a junior player who also plays for the senior teams. We are local residents and supporters and have attended many wonderful events at the club over the last 20 years and got to know some lovely people who have become good friends.

The club gives elderly members of the community a welcoming place to meet each week. Without this, and due to the village being quite isolated, they would need to travel further afield possibly by public transport.

My son has played cricket there since the age of 6 and both of my children have had their primary school leaving parties there, creating happy memories for many people.

The club creates jobs for local young local people. My son has benefited from doing the scoring on a casual basis in games where he has not played, giving him good experience and rewarding pay.

We have nothing but positive experiences from the cricket club and are happy to provide any further information that may assist.

Kind regards

Judith Risk

9 Withins Hall Road

Failsworth

Manchester

M35 9SA.

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From: KAREN GREIG

Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 5:57 PM

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Letter Of Support WCC

Letter of Support for Woodhouses Cricket Club

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my full support for Woodhouses Cricket Club , with which I have a close relationship as a local resident.

The club is an important part of our community. It is exceptionally well-organised, family-friendly, and provides a safe and welcoming environment for children and young people to enjoy sport. The facilities are well-maintained, and I have always felt that the club prioritises the wellbeing and safety of everyone who uses them.

Beyond cricket, the club plays a vital role as a community hub. It regularly brings people together through matches, events, and fundraising activities. Importantly, it does not only raise money for itself but also supports local charities and good causes. This generosity has a real impact across our area.

The club is also home to valued community groups, such as the weekly coffee morning for elderly residents. These activities provide opportunities for connection and reduce isolation across generations. As a non for profit organisation all this work is fulfilled by a fantastic group of volunteers whom are invaluable to the club.

In my experience, Woodhouses Cricket Club has never been a source of nuisance or safety concerns. Quite the opposite—it has strengthened our sense of community, given young people a positive outlet, and provided a welcoming space for residents of all ages.

I wholeheartedly support Woodhouses Cricket Club and the continued work it does for the benefit of our local community.

**Yours sincerely,
Karen + Barry Goldin**

28 Stamford Drive , M35

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From: Karl Vickers

Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 4:16 PM

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Woodhouses cricket club

I would just like to say that Woodhouses cricket club is a asset to our village wether it be just for having a nice peaceful drink or to celebrate fetes and festivals I live less than 150 metres from there n it brings a smile to my face especially on a nice summer evening watching all the local impeccably behaved people who frequently use the facilities !

I was in shock to hear this report as come about , please listen to the community this is a lovely well run place safe for me and my children and grandchildren to visit on a regular basis basis !

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

Full name: Karl Vickers

Address: 109 Medlock Road, Failsworth m359np

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From: Katie A
Sent: Thursday, October 2, 2025 5:45 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: License

I would like to register my support for Woodhouses Cricket club for the licensing review.

We live very close by on Atherton Close, and have been social members for over 20 years. Both sons played for the junior teams.

It is a family friendly welcoming club, run by a committee of volunteers.

The club is the heart of the community, and offers young people of all ages the opportunity to play cricket and socialise with their peers.

It also hosts baby group and something for the older generation on a weekly basis.

I have never had any issues with safety, and we don't regard the music from an occasional event to be a problem, because we know that raising funds is necessary and will keep the club alive for years to come.

Kind regards

Katie Aston

2 Atherton Cl, Failsworth, Manchester M35 9WZ, UK

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From: Kelly Doyle

Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 16:39

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Email of Support - Woodhouses Cricket Club

> As local residents and hold a family annual membership, we wish to support the club against recent allegations regarding the breach of licence conditions.

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> The events the club put on for our community are very well attended by not only people of Woodhouses but the wider community. In 18 years of living in Woodhouses, I have never seen any trouble at the club. It provides a safe environment where we have absolutely no hesitation in attending with children.

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> It really is disappointing to hear of the complaint made and the club now having to defend themselves against such allegations is ridiculous.

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> I hope sense will prevail.

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> Good luck from The Johnsons - 16 Green Meadow View, Woodhouses

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From: Kevin Caulfield
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2025 17:19
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses Cricket Club license review

Dear sirs

I write further to notification of a review of the club's license.

As a member and regular visitor to the club I must say I'm very surprised to hear this given the clubs reputation, not only in Woodhouses Village but further afield, for it's long history of running safe, well managed, family friendly events.

My children have been or are current members of the cricket teams and I'm pleased to say they have nothing but good things to say about the club. Their time there has certainly contributed to their development as polite, helpful and well behaved boys.

We attend, as a family, many of the events the club arranges and can honestly say they are probably amongst the best managed events we attend anywhere and have never seen any signs of 'trouble' whatsoever.

The club is run by volunteers - not for profit - for the benefit of the community it's served for many, many years.

Woodhouses Cricket Club is the very definition of a community hub and provides something for all ages. I hope the review comes to the same conclusion.

Should you need to contact me:

**Kevin Caulfield
96 Failsworth Road
Woodhouses Village
M35 9NN**

Kind Regards

Kevin Caulfield

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From: Laura Killion

Sent: Saturday, September 20, 2025 1:26 PM

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Support of Woodhouses Cricket Club

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for Woodhouses Cricket Club, which I understand is currently having its license reviewed due to a small number of complaints.

Both of my children play for the club, and this year my daughter joined the very first girls' team. The experience has been incredible for her self-confidence, and I know many other families have seen the same positive impact on their children. The club provides such valuable opportunities for young people in the area—not only in sport, but also in developing friendships, resilience, and teamwork.

As a family, we often hold our celebrations at the club and regularly attend events. We have always found these to be well-run, family-friendly, and never a cause for concern. The club takes care to create a welcoming environment for all ages.

In my role as a teacher at the village primary school, I see first-hand just how important Woodhouses Cricket Club is for our community. They support school events—our choir has even performed at one of their daytime groups—and many of our pupils are members of teams or attend activities there. The club is a central part of village life, giving families a safe and positive space to come together.

I hope the contribution the club makes to so many families, children, and the wider community will be fully considered when reviewing its licence. It would be a devastating loss to the village if such a valuable community hub were placed at risk.

Thank you for taking my views into account.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Killion

17 Gladewood Drive

Failsworth

Manchester

M35 9XG

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From: Laurence Bowyer
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 2:29 PM
To: licensing@woodhousesccc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousesccc.co.uk>
Subject: Support letter - licencing review - Laurence Bowyer

Hi,

This email is regarding the licencing review. Please consider this as a letter of support for Woodhouses Cricket Club.

As a player at Woodhouses Cricket Club, I've witnessed the brilliant work that people do within the club. Woodhouses Cricket Club plays a crucial role in the local community for its members, players and anyone else using the facilities for events. The club is extremely well organised, family-friendly and provides safe facilities for everyone.

Through sport and events, the club is very important to all in the local area.

The club raises money for a range of causes including charities alongside money for the cricket facilities and equipment. There are weekly events such as Little Stars and a weekly coffee morning for local residents. This shows how important the club is as a local community hub.

Woodhouses Cricket Club is entirely volunteer-run and is not for profit. In addition to this, I've never experienced safety issues at the club, and safety and wellbeing is always a priority.

Many thanks,
Laurence Bowyer

24 Princess Road, Prestwich, Manchester M25 1HL

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From: Leanne Fitzgerald Seechim
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 7:46 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Licencing letter

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a local resident, club member, and junior parent at Woodhouses Cricket Club to express my support for the club and to highlight the positive role it plays within our community.

Woodhouses Cricket Club is a well-organised and family-friendly club that provides a welcoming and safe environment for people of all ages. My family and I regularly make use of its facilities, which are maintained to a high standard and offer children and young people a safe space to enjoy sport and develop their skills.

The club plays an important part in village life, not only through cricket but also by hosting events that bring people together. It consistently raises funds not just for its own sustainability but also in support of local charities and good causes. In doing so, it demonstrates its commitment to giving back and strengthening community ties.

Beyond sport, Woodhouses Cricket Club is a genuine community hub. It supports local groups such as the Little Stars toddler group and provides a weekly coffee morning for elderly residents, both of which help foster inclusivity and connection across generations.

It is important to recognise that the club is entirely run by volunteers and operates on a not-for-profit basis. This spirit of commitment and teamwork is evident in everything it does. In all my time as a member and parent, I have never experienced any problems relating to nuisance or safety. On the contrary, the club sets an example of how community facilities can and should be managed.

In my view, Woodhouses Cricket Club is an asset to the area, and I am proud to be part of it.

Yours faithfully,

Leanne Seechim

30 Stamford Drive

Failsworth

Manchester

M35 9WS

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From: lucia rea

Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 10:04 AM

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Support for the club

I am writing in support of Woodhouses Cricket Club and their licensing dispute. As a local resident, parent, event attendee and local business (who the club supports). I want to express how I have seen first hand the positive role the club plays in our community.

Woodhouses Cricket Club is far more than a sports club. It is run by community minded committed, committee members, as a not for profit organisation. The committee and volunteers dedicate their time to provide inclusive and safe family events. From cricket matches to community events, children's seasonal parties, to weekly activities for older residents, the club ensures that people of all ages have a secure and inclusive space to come together.

The club has always worked closely with local small businesses by involving them in events, thus helping to support and sustain the local economy. The clubs fundraising efforts regularly benefit not only the club itself but also local charities and good causes, further demonstrating their role as a genuine community hub. They host popular events that the community actually wants and it's the only place locally that manages to bring the community together in the way they do. Woodhouses cricket club manages to succeed in boosting community moral at times when I feel very strongly is needed more than ever. You can see your neighbours there, socialise with people in the community you wouldn't normally get the chance to talk to and get to know so many of our fellow Failsworth residents and their families. It's the kind of place, for me personally as single mum, knows confidently I could walk in with my daughter and we'd be welcomed and not spend the evening alone.

The club is always well organised and responsible. The facilities are safe and suitable for children, young people and the elderly. Events are run in a way that is considerate of both attendees and the wider community. I have only ever had positive experiences at the club. They give back so much by offering their premises as a place to go and also support community meetings and other community committees, as well as running events to raise for charities.

We are very fortunate to have Woodhouses Cricket Club and the team of volunteers who work to keep it running. The club brings people together, strengthens community bonds and provides a secure, welcoming and valuable service to our area.

I vehemently support the club and the important work they do for our community and truly hope it continues for generations. Failsworth needs this venue and its events to not only keep the club going, but Failsworth moral too.

Yours faithfully

Lucia Rea

Local business owner, parent and event attendee

126 Westminster Rd

Failsworth

Manchester

M35 9HL

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From: Luke Barrow

Sent: Tuesday, October 07, 2025 22:29

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Woodhouses CC

Dear sir/madam,

I recently joined Woodhouses CC as a playing member with an eye on future for my two sons to start there journey playing our fantastic sport cricket.

I choose Woodhouses CC as it's a fantastically family orientated club which provides a great facilities and a safe environment for me and my family.

I have been to many social events the club has put on over the years, before I was a playing member in which myself and my extended family have throughly enjoyed.

The club is an integral part of our community which provides a safe place for the people within it through charity events, sporting events and social events. At each of these events there has never been cause for concern with regard to negatively impacting the community through anti social behaviour - the club have the highest integrity and always put the community first.

Thanks

Luke Barrow

6 Silverstone Drive

Newton Heath

Manchester

M40 1WF

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From: Margaret Crawford

Sent: Saturday, September 20, 2025 8:15 PM

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Licence review

Sent from my iPhone

Woodhouse Cricket Club is the core of Failsworth Community, so many get pleasure from different events. I go to a coffee, cake and chat every Wednesday morning. There are about 70 ladies in the group, and to many it is a lifeline and highlight of their lives. They would be lost without this very happy place.

Mrs Margaret Crawford

3 Norfolk Crescent,
Failsworth,
M35 0WG

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From: Mariam Francis
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2025 20:18
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Support email for cricket club

Dr Mariam Emil Francis Shalaby
21 Stamford Drive
Woodhouses
Failsworth
M35 9WS

Local resident and event attendee.

I have recently moved to the area and just started attending the Woodhouses Cricket Club to become more involved with their social and charitable events in the village.

My background has led me to seek out an organization providing community activities and opportunities to participate in charitable work. Seeing the social provision the club offers elderly residents, particularly the organization of a recent MacMillan Coffee Morning fundraiser, appealed to me in relation to my work as an oncologist. As a doctor in Manchester treating many elderly cancer patients, I am a keen advocate for community organizations promoting exercise and combating social isolation. In my opinion, the benefits of this volunteer-led club for all ages in the local community, offering a safe, inclusive, and trouble-free environment, cannot be underestimated.

Yours sincerely,
Dr Mariam Shalaby

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From: marianhilton

Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 5:08 PM

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Woodhouses Cricket Club

As a resident of Woodhouses both myself and my husband have been members of the cricket club for many years, watching cricket and attending social events. The Cricket Club is an important part of village life, providing sporting facilities for, and encouraging children and young people with cricket coaching and active teams. Besides being a social venue for casual meetings, various fundraising events are held throughout the year for various charities and also to help support the local community. An Over 60s Coffee Morning is held weekly, providing a much needed social facility for the older age group and events also take place for the much younger children and families. The venue is hired for private events and it is where my own family have held wedding parties, 21st parties, anniversaries and funerals, as have other families from the village and surrounding areas, making it a special place. In all this time I have never known there to be complaints as the committee give utmost consideration to their neighbours at all times. The cricket club is a not for profit organisation and I cannot imagine Woodhouses without this much valued facility.

Marian Hilton

23 Hartshead Crescent

Woodhouses

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From: Vista Montagna
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 6:50 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject:

To whom it may concern,

We are a local family, living on Ashbridge rd woodhouses.

We have attended many events run by Woodhouses Cricket Club, which have all been very well organised, family friendly, safe and full of fun.

The club is at the heart of our neighbourhood run by volunteers from the community and plays a major role in the lives of the children and young people of our community. As well as supporting local groups, bringing young and old together for social events such as coffee mornings etc.

we would like to congratulate the volunteers for all the fund raising they do to support local groups.

We have never experienced any problems with noise, nuisance or safety issues in all the years we have lived in this lovely neighbourhood, we only have good things to say about this well run, much loved Cricket club.

Thank you for all you do for our community.

Best regards
Marie and Jimmy Gill

9 Ashbridge Rd

Woodhouses

Oldham

M35 9NS

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From: Mark Akin
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 7:53 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Licensing

I would like to say I use WCC all the time and especially for the community events such as bonfire night, festivals and any village hub Macmillan days.

Without such events I feel we would lose the community spirit that has built up since the renovation and growth of the cricket club during the last decade or so.

**Mark Akin
311 Ashton Rd East
Failsworth
Manchester
M35 9HH**

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From: Marsha Street
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 1:55 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses cricket club

To whom it may concern,

I am a resident living local to woodhouses cricket club and I am writing this email in support of them at this difficult time.

In the 30 years I have lived close to the cricket club I have never experienced anything negative from them, and have always had a positive experience when attending the venue.

Over the years we have attended numerous celebrations for family and friends hosted by the cricket club, and we have always found it a very safe and friendly environment.

The cricket club host many community and charity events and is a real hub for local people. They have encouraged anyone alone or lonely to attend events and enabled many to forge new friendships which has been life saving, especially for the older generations throughout Failsworth and surrounding areas.

The cricket matches and training that are on offer for the younger generation is also fantastic, and again a really safe environment for children to have lots of outdoor fun, exercise and social interaction.

At a time where the country is in a cost of living crisis, pubs, clubs and community hubs are all closing down. It surely has to be a time where we try to protect these special places that serve and support the community and beyond.

With being a not for profit organisation it will rely on the income that a licence brings to continue the amazing work and community commitment that they have shown over the years.

It would be a tragedy and devastating loss to so many to lose such an integral part of the local area.

Kind regards
Marsha Street

My details if required to submit my email of support.

Marsha Street
Woodheys, Failsworth Road
Manchester
M35 9NN

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From: Martin Mcneill
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 2:51 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouse CC

Hi

I am writing to say what a great club WCC is I have attended a few events over the last few years since moving into the village the bonfire spectacular and Start In There Eyes which seems to be a great fundraiser over 2 nights they are both well organised and I have joined the monthly draw which raises money for the club, which I am not a member sadly and it is something I must join soon I just have a lot on at the moment I have watched a few cricket games there and there seems to be a lot of children playing which is great to see as kids don't have much to do these days I just hope this email helps in some little way to keep the license for the club to function with all its volunteers that seem to do a great job keeping it going for the local community

Thanks Martin McNeill

Address, 80 Medlock Road Woodhouses Failsworth Manchester M35 9WN

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From: Matt Kelly
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 2:45 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses CC

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in full support of Woodhouses Cricket Club as a local resident and player. I live nearby, and the club is a huge part of both my life and our wider community — I honestly would not know what to do without it.

The club has always been extremely well-organised and family-friendly. It provides safe and welcoming facilities for children, young people, and adults alike, and has given me and so many others the chance to be part of a sporting community built on respect and friendship.

Beyond cricket, the club plays an important role as a genuine community hub. It hosts groups such as the Little Stars toddler group, as well as a weekly coffee morning for elderly residents, helping to bring people together across all ages. The committee and organisers also work hard to raise money not just for the club itself, but for local charities and good causes, which further benefits the wider area.

It is important to stress that the club is run entirely by volunteers and operates as a not-for-profit organisation. Everything that happens there is for the benefit of the community. In all the time I have been involved, I have never experienced any problems with nuisance or safety — only a positive, supportive environment where people feel welcome.

For all these reasons, I fully support Woodhouses Cricket Club retaining its licence. It is a vital part of our community, and I cannot overstate the value it brings to people's lives.

40 Hale Lane
Failsworth
Manchester
M35 0DN

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From: matthew ball
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 3:17 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses CC

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of Woodhouses CC, where I am a club member, former player and a junior parent.

The club is extremely well-organised and has always struck me as being very family-friendly. It provides safe and welcoming facilities for children and young people to enjoy sport, which is something I greatly value.

Beyond cricket, the club plays an important role in our community. It regularly hosts events, raises money not only for the club but also for local charities and good causes, and provides a genuine hub for residents. Groups such as the Little Stars toddler group and the weekly coffee morning for elderly residents are excellent examples of how the club brings people together.

What makes this even more impressive is that the club is run entirely by volunteers and operates on a not-for-profit basis. From my experience, the atmosphere has always been positive, and I have never encountered any issues with nuisance or safety.

I believe Woodhouses CC is an asset to the community, and I fully support the great work it continues to do.

Yours sincerely,

The Ball family

72 Graver Lane

Manchester

M40 1QW

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From: Maureen Heywood
Sent: Sunday, October 12, 2025 3:26 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: WOODHOUSES CRICKET CLUB

I was very surprised to learn that our Cricket Club's licence is under review for the first time in its very long history. My family has lived in the Village for over 50 years and in that time the Cricket Club has always been a well run institution providing a vital local role for people of all ages through its many events and activities. At no time have I ever been aware of club activities being disruptive or causing a nuisance. That the Club is wholly volunteer-run and not-for-profit says much about its management and about how much it has always been treasured by the local community.

Maureen Heywood
Village Resident and Events Attendee
12 Partridge Rd
Woodhouses
M35 9NW

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From: Melanie Parry-Graham
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 11:26 AM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Supporting Woodhouses Cricket Club

Hi,

I have lived in Woodhouses for 10 years, and the Cricket Club has become a huge part of my life, and that of my family.

My partner, Gareth Tuson, has played cricket here his whole life, and he has been the club's Chairman for a number of years - and believe me when I say - Woodhouses Cricket Club's reputation and success is a passion beyond measure. He shows this in the hours he spends researching policies and health and safety requirements. Tirelessly implementing ways to bring the club into the modern day, whilst maintaining its integrity as a historical foothold in the community.

He works alongside an equally dedicated team of volunteers, many of whom have played at the club and now coach the next generation. They maintain the grounds, organise events that benefit the club, charities, and the local community. Every event is run with the community in mind, each preceded by communications and invitations (often free or discounted) for those who will feel its presence in the local area. Each is followed by clean-up parties, which span the village. The club works with other local establishments to provide parking where possible, and has recently used the ground itself to mitigate traffic in the village and minimise the event's impact. The dedication the volunteers show, the experiences the club provides and the impact the club has on this community is priceless, and it must continue. The annual events alone have become staples, each a saut after occasion and experience.

The 'teas' ladies have been avid supporters of the club their entire adult lives; they've watched their children grow here, alongside their families. Dianne Andrews has started a coffee morning that provides the older generation with a place to go - a safe place to be and something they all genuinely look forward to.

The staff are employed from the local area, the first jobs of many young people in the village, and an inspirational place to develop professional skills, gain life experience importantly, a safe place to work.

Our 3-year-old daughter plays here, grows her independence and thrives at well-organised, family-focused social events - she loves coming to the events, they enrich her life.

One final note to mention - I attended the end-of-season celebration this year, and one junior award winner said, *'I love playing here, because we're a family'*. This young man spoke over the mic, in front of his entire team and peers and was met with cheers, pride, and nods of agreement from generations of players and their families. His dad coaches the team. This is a family club - a place where people come together as one, and leave with a lasting feeling of belonging.

Any restrictive action against the club would be an incredible disservice to the community and undermine the spirit it strives to maintain.

Thank you,

Mel

4 Partridge Road
Woodhouses
M35 9NW

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From: Michael Clewlow

Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 2:11 PM

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Woodhouses Cricket Club

Good afternoon

I would like to highlight what a fantastically run and organized cricket and social club Woodhouses CC is.

From running cricket teams from junior level right the way through to 1st team cricket the committee and members all muck in as one and drive the club forward for the benefit of the local community. Nobody is paid for these thankless tasks.

Personally playing cricket and also attending the social events the club put on for the community is the highlight of my week.

The club is a safe environment for my child and I am extremely looking forward to taking him along to the all star children's cricket next summer.

The club also raises money not just for self gain, but charities too.

MICHAEL CLEWLOW

25 WILLIAM LISTER CLOSE

NEWTON HEATH

MANCHESTER M40 1PU

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From: michael doyle
Sent: Saturday, October 04, 2025 10:49
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Re: Please Support Woodhouses Cricket Club – Premises Licence Review

Michael Doyle
152 Medlock Road
Woodhouses
Failsworth
M359WP

Re Woodhouses Cricket Club

As a member and frequent user of the cricket club for the past 38 years and only

living about 100 yards away I have never known of any trouble or inconvenience

caused by the club.

All my three sons have played for various teams at the club during the past 30 years

and it has been a safe caring organisation for them growing up in, it is a well organised and

friendly club all of which is run by a strong group of volunteers it also raises money for local

charities every year with various social events.

It is a valuable asset to the village and local community with coffee mornings for the elderly and mums and tots groups etc.

Michael Doyle

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From: MICHAEL THOMPSON
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2025 9:02 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses cricket club

Michael Thompson

3 Atherton close

Woodhouses , Failsworth

Manchester

M35 9WZ

13/10/2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a long-standing resident of Atherton close where I have lived with my family , directly opposite Woodhouses Cricket Club for nearly 30 years. I understand that the club is currently under review by the licensing authority, and I would like to offer my full support based on many years of positive experience as a neighbour.

Throughout the nearly three decades I have lived here, Woodhouse's Cricket Club has been an exemplary presence in our community. It is a well-run, family-friendly organisation that provides safe and welcoming facilities for children, young people, and families. I have often seen local children enjoying training sessions, matches, and events in a secure and supervised environment, which is a credit to the club's dedication and the volunteers who run it.

Woodhouses Cricket Club plays an important role in bringing people together. It serves as a genuine hub for the community – not just through sport, but also via fundraising events, social gatherings, and activities that appeal to all age groups. The club is entirely volunteer-run and operates as a not-for-profit organisation, which only strengthens its positive impact and reinforces its community-first ethos.

Importantly, despite living directly opposite the club, I have never encountered any problems with noise, nuisance, or safety concerns. Matches and events are always conducted responsibly, and the club clearly takes its responsibilities to the neighbourhood seriously.

I believe it would be a great loss to the local area if the club's operations were curtailed. On the contrary, I feel it should be recognised and supported for the vital role it plays in fostering community spirit, promoting healthy activity, and offering a safe and inclusive environment for all.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further comments or clarification.

Yours faithfully,

Mike Thompson

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From: Sam Carroll

Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2025 14:57

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Woodhouses Cricket Club

Hi,

I Mike Carroll have lived in Woodhouses for over 40 years and have seen lots of changes.

I have been a social member of the cricket club for many years and in my opinion the club is run by a dedicated, enthusiastic and a professional team; always with the local community at heart.

The cricket club does great things for local charities, Woodhouses school and the village church. This is usually by organising family events throughout the year, bringing together the local community.

I have not got a bad word to say against the cricket club and is a lovely setting where you can go any enjoy a drink in a very welcoming and safe environment. The cricket team is fantastic too!

Mike Carroll

56 Ashton Road

Woodhouses

M35 9WL

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From: Michael Eavers
Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2025 11:34
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: In support of Woodhouses Cricket Club

To whom it may concern.

My name is Michael Eavers and I live at 6 Stockburn Drive, Failsworth. I am a member of Woodhouses Cricket Club and have been for several years. I have attended the club for many social and fund raising events. The club is a leader in fund raising for local causes. I have also visited to support the teams playing cricket.

Whenever we have visited, my family and I have always found the club to be welcoming, friendly, well organised and a safe environment at all times. It is a focal point for the community in many ways and develops enthusiasm for cricket from an early age.

The club hosts community events annually which are always very well planned, well organised, safe for all and well attended by many people from the local area.

The success of the club would not happen without the dedication and enthusiasm of the team of volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure its great success as a sport and social club for the area. Thank you to them.

Mike Eavers

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From: mike_payne

Sent: Monday, October 13, 2025 11:24 AM

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject:

I have lived in woodhouses village over 30 years at 77 Medlock road. I have been a member of the cricket club for many years and had many family functions there. We have never had any problems whatsoever.. it is the hub of the community where people feel safe.

It is an ideal place for children and young people to go with there family's.

The club is well run and well organised by local volunteers.

It would be a total shame if we lost this facility in our village.

Many thanks

Michael Payne.

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From: Mitla007

Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 9:26 PM

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: License support email

Dear sir/madam,

This message is in relation to the support the licensing at Woodhouses Cricket club.

My relationship with the club is as a club member and player, under 13s coach and parent of two children who play in the 13s and 11s junior teams.

I have been associated with the club for over 5 years now and can say the club is well-organised and family-friendly.

The playing facilities and environment for everyone including children is excellent. There are many club volunteers who make this possible.

The club runs community and charity events throughout the year.

My family and I have never experienced problems with nuisance or safety.

Regards, Mitesh Patel

5 Belfairs Close, Ashton-under-Lyne OL7 9TE, UK

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From: natalie todd
Sent: Sunday, October 12, 2025 13:24
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Licensing Review

Dear Licensing Team,

I'm writing to share my strong support for Woodhouses Cricket Club during the current licence review.

This club means so much to our community — it's more than just a place for cricket. It's a welcoming space where people of all ages come together, whether it's children learning teamwork through sport, families enjoying community events, or older residents finding friendship and connection. It's one of the few places that truly brings everyone together.

I've always found the club to be well-run, safe, and family-friendly. The volunteers who give up their time do an incredible job of keeping the club going and making sure it stays a positive part of village life. It's clear how much care and pride goes into everything they do.

There's never been any sense of nuisance or disorder — only a genuine feeling of community spirit and inclusion. It would be such a loss to see that put at risk.

Please take my comments into account and allow Woodhouses Cricket Club to continue serving our village as it has done so brilliantly for generations.

Kind regards,

Natalie Todd, local resident and supporter

32 Marston Close, Woodhouses, Failsworth. M35 9TJ

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From: nathan taylor
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 3:20 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Licensing Matter - Woodhouses Cricket Club

WCC

I am a resident of Woodhouses and the cricket club is a great establishment. It provides local youngsters an outlet for sporting activities. The club also holds countless events for the benefit of the community. My wife held her 21st birthday at the function room and the club were nothing but brilliant.

Further, my mother in law is disabled and is in a wheel chair. The club offers her an outlet for her to spend her time, and the club is again nothing but accommodating. The club also in one of their brilliant events (stars in their eyes) raised money for a local charity which helps her condition (MS).

We have never experienced any issues or safety concerns.

Regards,

Nathan Taylor & Georgia Gilbody (187 Medlock Road).

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From: Nicholas Hardman <
Sent: Friday, October 3, 2025 2:48 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses Licensing

To whom it may concern,

I wanted to put forward my support for Woodhouses Cricket Club during this licence review. I've been part of the club since I was a junior right through to playing in the adult section, and it's played a massive role in both my life and in the wider community.

The club has always been a safe, welcoming and family-friendly place. It's run completely by volunteers who give up their time to make sure it continues to provide opportunities for people of all ages. Beyond cricket, it also hosts community groups, charity events and fundraisers, which shows just how much it gives back locally.

I've never experienced any problems with nuisance or safety at the club. On the contrary, it's always been a positive space that brings people together and offers something valuable for everyone in the community.

That's why I think it's really important the club keeps its licence, so it can carry on being the community hub it has always been.

Best regards,

Nicholas Hardman

27 Partridge Road, M35 9NW

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From: Nicola Jackson-melloy
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2025 23:13
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses cricket club

Sent from my iPhone

My family have been members of the club for more than 18yrs

My son has played cricket there for 10yrs, he's now 15 . He loves his time there, which is friendly, supportive and a sense of community, which is what our teenagers need in our village

We as a family fully support 'our cricket club' who we consider to be a valuable part of Woodhouses and much more to the area as a whole.

Nothing but professionalism as far as we're concerned.

A total asset to my family and the wider community

Regards

Nicola Jackson-Melloy

**21 Farmstead close
Woodhouses
Failsworth
M35 9nu**

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From: Nicola Smith
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 11:29 AM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: support for wood houses cricket club

Dear Licensing Team,

I hope this message finds you well.

I am writing as both a member of Woodhouses Cricket Club and a local resident to express my full support for the club. Woodhouses Cricket Club is a truly family-friendly and well-organised organisation that provides a safe and welcoming environment for children, young people, and families alike.

The club plays an important role in our community — not only through sport, but also by hosting local events and fundraising activities that bring people together. It serves as a genuine community hub, valued by residents of all ages, including our vulnerable and elderly neighbours who may otherwise find it difficult to socialise or leave the village.

Run entirely by volunteers and operating on a non-profit basis, the club reflects the very best of community spirit. It has never caused any issues in terms of nuisance or safety and continues to be warmly supported by the village and surrounding communities.

I hope this helps demonstrate just how much the club contributes to our local area and how highly it is valued by everyone involved.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

Mrs Nicola Smith

Member, Woodhouses Cricket Club

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From: pamelakenney
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 18:01
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Licence review.

I wish to add my support to Woodhouses Cricket Club in view of the licensing review. We have very little in our community which caters for many different events for people of all ages who use the facilities at the Cricket Club.

First of Foremost it is an excellent Cricket club and stages matches for us all to enjoy and provides inspiration for budding cricketers young and old and as you are aware one very famous local lad began his career there and still has connections within the village.

Then there is numerous other uses the Cricket club provides for for example the Coffee Group which started as a result of covid and people being isolated and this coffee group has grown in numbers and provides such a valuable place for people including people who live alone to come together on Wednesday Morning and for some their highlite of the week and very important to combat loneliness and isolation.

The little ones have such a lovely time at their dance class and is again a very important part of the community in which the club provides a safe environment for them to enjoy.

As local people we have enjoyed so many differing events at the Cricket club and have always found it to be managed really well with no issues at all.

The Cricket Club is an essential part of the village and is run by volunteers who really care about our community and we are very proud of all their efforts on our behalf and long may it continue to be an internal part of the village.

Pam Kenney(.Mrs)

44Argyll Park Road Failsworth Manchester M35 9NF.

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From: Paul Cashinella
Sent: Sunday, September 21, 2025 11:16 AM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject:

To whom it may concern,

As a member and a volunteer with the junior section of the Cricket Club I would to share my positives of Woodhouses CC.

Myself and my family have been coming to the club for 10 years or so, when my eldest son showed an interest in playing cricket. We were warmly welcomed and immediately realised that this was a friendly and well run club. Over the years our three children have joined and played for the junior Cricket teams, two of which have progressed in to playing for the adult teams.

They love and enjoy everything about the club and find it a safe and friendly place to be. Over the years they have made great friends and regard the club as being like a family. We as parents have seen the excellent work by all the coaches and volunteers to make it exactly what it is.

We have attended many functions and events at the club which have been entirely run by volunteers, they have been always well organised and at no time whatsoever have we felt unsafe.

I know that the club runs many local events for family groups within the week which is important for the local community. The club has also raised funds for many charities and good causes.

Kind regards Paul Cashinella.

104 Somerset Rd,
Failsworth,
Manchester.
M350WR.

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From: P Grimes

Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 2:08 PM

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Blue notice

To whom it may concern , as a local resident and also a member of woodhouses cricket club , I like to express my support for this club , it holds a special place in this community, its events are fantastic, and help support the area , both financially and also in community events , encouraging many young people to participate in the game , as recently shown on bbc1 , communities need establishments like this , Newton Heath cricket club , which in the past was as an integral part of that community, it now's lies in rack and ruin , we can't let this happen to woodhouses cricket club , the volunteers at this club are fantastic, all giving their own time , for no reward other than seeing the club succeed , I've attended events here over many years , they are always well run , with a lot of consideration given to local residents, and finish at a very reasonable time , any impact on the licence will have a detrimental effect, on future Events , and this club needs to continue all the good work it does , thanks Paul Grimes .

Sent from my iPhone

Paul Grimes , 11 Kingston Road Failsworth Manchester M359hs

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From: Pete Connolly
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 1:24 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: WCC License Review

Hi,

Following the recent license review, I'd like to comment on my experience with the Woodhouses Cricket club.

We live at 95 Medlock Rd, so we are neighbours and club members.

From attending multiple events you can see the club is well-organised and family-friendly.

It provides safe facilities for children and young people.

It plays an important role in the community through sport and events.

It raises money not just for the club but for local charities and good causes too.

It is a genuine community hub, hosting groups such as the Little Stars toddler group and a weekly coffee morning for elderly residents.

It is run entirely by local volunteers and is not-for-profit.

We have never experienced problems with nuisance or safety.

The club is filled with good, positive, community people with the aim for everyone to have a good, safe, enjoyable experience, whether that be nipping in for a pint to watch the match, or attending an event like 'Stars in their Eyes'

We will continue to attend to show our support.

Keep up the good work

Cheers

Pete Connolly / Daniella Wakeham

95 Medlock Rd, Woodhouses, Failsworth, Manchester, M35 9WW

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From: Peter Bailey
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2025 10:45 AM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Review of License

Good morning

I am writing to add my support to the team at Woodhouses Cricket Club and the fantastic job they do in our village.

The club has to my knowledge never been subject to a licensing review before and in my time living in Woodhouses I have never had any cause to complain about any activity organised by the club.

My name is Peter Bailey , I live in the village at 22 Withins Hall Road M35 9SA and I have an affiliation with the cricket club that stretches back nearly 40 years.

I am a former player , the parent of 2 former players and at the same time I am a local resident - as many of the former players are.

I have always found the club to be an extremely safe environment, especially for the younger players who attend the weekly coaching sessions at the club and then graduate to the Under 9s, Under 11s, Under 13s, Under 15s teams and eventually into the adult teams.

The club is run on a not-for-profit basis and a lot of the manual work done at the club is done on a volunteer basis by members of the community for the benefit of the community.

But the club is about much more than cricket . It provides a centre for village life on a weekly basis with the regular coffee mornings for local residents. In addition the club has become a go-to location for Christenings , Birthdays, Engagements ,Weddings and sadly Funerals, providing a fantastic, affordable local venue for friends and families to celebrate and raise a glass to their loved ones.

All this has been made possible by the tireless work of the staff and it would be a tragedy if the Licensing Authority decided to make changes to the existing licensing position.

The club is run on a not-for-profit basis and a lot of the manual work done at the club is done on a volunteer by members of the community for the benefit of the community .

However you should not be under any illusion, the lifeblood of any local cricket club is the income that is produced by the bar that serves the players, supporters, local residents and visitors. A club cannot survive without the income generated by the bar There is a limited amount of sponsorship and charitable donation that is increasingly being squeezed and reduced, it is only through the funds generated through the bar that any club survives.

Woodhouses cricket club was founded in 1908- one hundred and seventeen years ago

, before the First World War!

There would be a very real threat to the clubs existence if the primary channel for income is cut off by a change in the licensing.

I know the licensing authority will make the right decision.

Warm regards

Peter Bailey

From: Peter Mansell
Sent: Saturday, September 20, 2025 4:00 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses Cricket Club

We have lived in Woodhouses for more than fifty years and my whole family my children grandchildren and ourselves are still benefiting as Senior Citizens. It is place run by friendly efficient staff run in a professional caring manner. Most of the activities social or charity raising are mainly non profit and for benefit of the community. It has a very successful sport fixtures for young people and has produced one of Britains most famous cricketers. We are struggling to understand how this worrying situation has arisen. We live in the village are have never had cause to complain. In fact the club has gone to great lengths to ensure that residents are happy with all events re noise and parking. At this time lots of older residents rely on the Cricket Club as a 'warm space' which prevents isolation and promotes companionship. We hope that this unfortunate situation is quickly resolved as it is causing unnecessary worry to all concerned

My name is Peter Mansell . My address is 2 Pike Avenue Woodhouses Failsworth and my post code is M35 9WY.

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From: philip Barber
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 6:38 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses Cricket Club - Established 1908

To Whom it may concern.

With regards to the ongoing Review of a Premises Licence for the above, I'd just like to pledge my support for what is a well organised and family friendly club which provides people of all ages with opportunities to exercise, socialise and develop community relationships. It should be noted that the club has been operating for almost 120 years with an unblemished record and is operated entirely by volunteers on a not-for-profit basis.

As a local resident, former player and now member and volunteer myself I am familiar with the selfless people who run the club, all of whom are of the highest calibre in terms of character - they are solely concerned with the best interest of the club, village (and it's residents) and the wider community which stretches far beyond the environs of Failsworth. I know for a fact that the club have players (both junior and senior) and members who come to the club from various inner-city areas who are welcomed with as much enthusiasm as people from the village itself, and as demonstrated by Freddie Flintoff's recent Field of Dreams series, it is vital that such opportunities are maintained.

There are various initiatives run by the club to the benefit of the community, from Little Stars Toddler Groups, weekly coffee mornings (where the attendance has grown from a handful of elderly people to a significant number now), to the junior cricket programmes which are run during the Summer, literally hundreds of people are positively impacted by the club throughout the year. It should also be considered that profits made by the club are distributed to local charities and good causes in addition to helping to develop the cricket club itself.

In conclusion, the club is a much loved and vital part of the fabric of the area with a proud history, not just on the field, but also in the way it interacts with the local community - it is held in the highest esteem by the numerous cricket clubs who visit and helps to make North Manchester / Oldham an attractive place for visitors and businesses alike.

Kind regards,

Philip Barber.

19 Stamford Drive

Woodhouses

Failsworth

Manchester

M35 9WS

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From: Phil Bond
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 5:18 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Support for Woodhouses Cricket Club

I would like to show my support for Woodhouses Cricket Club in light of the complaint received

I am a local resident and I have nothing but praise for the club

My mother attends the Wednesday Seniors Coffee Morning which is held weekly at the club. This is an absolute lifeline for her and all the other ladies that attend this event. The coffee morning has regular fund raising events for important charities

The club is a vital hub for the local community. The club allows regular meetings to be held there for The Woodhouses Village Association Committee - this association works hard to make the village a safe and healthy place to live and is vital to the community, without the clubs support we would not be able to have regular AGM meetings plus fund raising events

I know that any events that are run by the club are all completely voluntary and are entirely not- for-profit

Kind regards

Mr Phil Bond

7 Ashton Road

Failsworth

Manchester

M35 9WL

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From: rachael rothwell
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2025 14:32
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Village Cricket Club Support

Hi,

I am a local resident at 98 Failsworth Road, M35 9NN. I have always known the club to be well-organised and have never experienced any issues living nearby. Even when I didn't live in the area, I attended events such as christenings, and various family members have played cricket for the club at different times since I was a child.

The club plays an important role in the village. At a time when community resources are disappearing, spaces like this are essential for young people and the wider community. I know the club also facilitates charity events, including those supporting local causes, as well as toddler groups, coffee mornings, and other key social gatherings for the village.

As far as I understand, this is a not-for-profit space, which I think is fantastic. I have never experienced any safety concerns or problems with noise or crowds. Every event I have attended has been well-organised and respectful of the neighbourhood.

I would be very disappointed to see this venue lose its licence, as it has been an important and positive part of the community.

Kind regards,

Rachael Buchanan

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From: Rena Parkin
Sent: Saturday, September 20, 2025 4:03 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses licence

To whom it may concern,

I am a member of the weekly coffee morning for residents. I can only say very positive things about this club and the cricket club in general. It is a meeting hub for residents and friends and raises money for local and national charities. I have never heard a bad word about the club or experienced any negative actions.

Thank you for reading this email

Yours in support of Woodhouses cricket club

Rena Parkin
309 Ashton Road East
Failsworth
M35 9HH

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From: Roger Wolstenholme
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 6:03 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses Cricket Club

We wanted to write in support of the club and emphasise the important role it plays within the village. My family have been members for 40 or more years. My sons have played through the various junior teams the club runs and continue to play senior cricket at the club. We have spent countless enjoyable days watching the teams

I have never experienced anything other than the club being run on a well organised and friendly basis, with safe facilities for all ages. Over the years it has grown in importance to the local community, with the various events and functions it runs. Having personally attended numerous of these, have never seen or experienced any issues.

Regards

Roger & Diane Wolstenholme

8 Hartshead Crescent

Woodhouses

Failsworth

M35 9UD

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From: sally cooper

Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 9:58 AM

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Woodhouses Cricket Club

Sent from my iPhone I would like to say how Woodhouses Cricket Club is an integral part of Woodhouses village and surrounding areas . This little club is very well maintained by dedicated unpaid workers , who work tirelessly to help the local community by running charity events , coffee mornings for the elderly, and a toddler playgroup . I myself have attended the club for over 50 years with my family , it's a very welcoming , friendly, social place.

Regards

Sally Cooper of 16 Richmond rd Failsworth M35 9 HZ

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From: Sam Lees
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 3:07 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Club support

Dear Woodhouses Cricket Club,

I am writing as a long-standing member of the club and local resident to express my support for the club in relation to its licensing matters.

I have been a member for over 20 years and can personally attest that the club is well-organised, family-friendly, and provides safe facilities for children and young people. It plays an important role in the community, not only through sport but also by hosting events and raising funds for local charities and good causes.

The club truly serves as a community hub, welcoming groups such as the Little Stars toddler group and running weekly coffee mornings for elderly residents. It is run entirely by volunteers on a not-for-profit basis, and in all my years of involvement, I have not experienced any problems with nuisance or safety.

I hope this serves to illustrate the positive and valuable role Woodhouses Cricket Club plays in our community.

Many thanks

Sam

72 Westminster Road, Failsworth, Manchester, M359HW

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From: samantha kay
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 1:57 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses cricket club

I believe a complaint has gone in re the event on bank holiday Monday

Residents in woodhouses that live close to the club weren't effected in fact couldn't hear it. No ones fault if the wind is in the wrong direction.

This is a once a year event. I can hear the music when there is a festival in ashton but I wouldnt complain as this is a once a year event.

We need to keep our clubs and pubs in woodhouses otherwise we will be swamped with more houses

Samantha Kay resident of woodhouses over 50 years

141 medlock rd

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From: Sarah Starkie
Sent: Sunday, September 21, 2025 21:31
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Support for Woodhouses CC

Good Evening

I am a parent of a junior player and have been for a few years, previously to this my ex partner played and i have been visiting the club for over 15 years.

We held our sons christening here.

The club is well-organised and family-friendly.

The provides safe facilities for children and young people.

The club plays an important role in the community through sport and events, my son enjoys going and the social element of the club plays a huge role.

The club raises money not just for the club but for local charities and good causes.

The club is a genuine community hub, hosting groups such as the Little Stars toddler group and a weekly coffee morning for elderly residents, also private events that support locally.

I believe it is run entirely by volunteers and is not-for-profit. I have not experienced problems with nuisance or safety.

Sarah Starkie

6 Rimsdale Drive

Manchester

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From: Sebastian

Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 10:28

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Woodhouses Cricket Club Licensing Review

Hi,

I am a local resident of Woodhouses who has lived in the village for 20 years. I recently moved across the road to the cricket club. However, I must mention that I am not a member of the club. I felt that I needed to put down my support for the club as it is such a positive part of the community.

Whilst living across the road, I have never had a negative incident with the club. They are consistently thoughtful of the local residents.

They are an incredible local hub that is needed within the area. Apart from the obvious sport for all ages. They host the elderly community weekly, which sees such an incredible turn out.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to support the cricket club

Full name: Sebastian Crawford

Address: 183 Medlock Road, M35 9NQ

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From: Sharon Mccombr
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2025 8:21 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Letter of Support

I wish to express my support for the club, as a local resident and club member.

The activities arranged by the club that I have attended are well managed, and supported, enjoyed by everyone, with extra activities for children. It is a safe area, providing entertainment, sport and activities.

The club raises funds for the local area and encourages children to try sports and fitness in a safe space.

As a family we enjoy the activities the club provides and it is an important facility, well supported by the local community, bringing them together for events. It also provides a fabulous function room for the local community to use.

As a local resident, I have never experienced any problems from people attending/leaving events.

Please do not ruin an amazing local facility for the sake of the minority complaints, that was raised this because of a successful event, held on a bank Holiday weekend, finished at the allotted time, that was left clean and tidy and most people had left the event with their families, way before it finished.

I feel the club has been penalised because of its success. Please support local amenities

Kind regards

Sharon McCombe
29 Stamford Drive
Failsworth
Manchester M35 9WS

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From: sharonsimister
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 2:32 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouse cricket club

I am writing to express my strong support for our local cricket club, which I believe is a truly valued and vital part of our small community.

For over 25 years, I've lived in the village and regularly attended cricket matches, social nights, bonfire events, Halloween parties, and more at the club. In all that time, I have never once witnessed any trouble or antisocial behaviour. The atmosphere has always been welcoming, friendly, and safe — something that speaks volumes about the kind of environment the club fosters.

More than just a sporting venue, our cricket club plays a crucial role in keeping our young people engaged in something positive, safe, and worthwhile. It gives them a place to belong, to grow, and to feel part of a team.

The club is also at the heart of so many community events — from charity fundraisers to family fun days, seasonal celebrations, and entertainment nights that get better and more popular each year. These events don't just raise money for good causes; they bring people together, create memories, and strengthen the bonds in our village.

It is truly a pleasure to spend time at the club, and I know many others feel the same way. In every sense, it is a cornerstone of our community life, and we are lucky to have it.

Sharon simister
38 Withins hall road
M35 9SA

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From: Stacey Cooke
Sent: Sunday, September 21, 2025 9:14 AM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses Cricket Club support

My 72 year old mum has been attending the coffee morning at Woodhouses every Wednesday for the past few years.

Just over 2 years ago, my dad sadly passed. My mum continued to attend the coffee mornings and found comfort, support, company and friendships which helped her through her grief.

This provision provided for pensioners is vital to the elderly community. Many of whom would not have a social life without it, leading to isolation.

Not only do they facilitate the coffee mornings for the elderly, they also arrange meals, day trips and other events including charity events for them to attend.

Over the years, myself, family and friends have attended other events at the cricket club, such as birthdays and engagement parties. Many local people have special memories here.

This is a local venue for local people the loss of this venue would have a huge impact on many peoples' lives and this needs to be considered.

Thank you

Stacey Louise Cooke
162 Gaskell St.
Newton Heath
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From: Steve Bolton
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 5:49 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: E mail of support

To whom it may concern

I write as an ex Committee member and ex player of Woodhouses Cricket club.

I have been associated with WCC for over 50 years. It is a fabulous club that caters for all , young and old , players and members. The club supports a number of charities and is a major social hub for the local residents. The club is and always has been run on a voluntary basis and the social side of things has grown steadily over the years.

I hope that any licensing issues are quickly resolved and the club can continue supporting the local community. In all my years of association I have never heard of any problems connected to safety or nuisance

Yours

Steve Bolton

Holly Bank
1A Queensway
Knutsford
Cheshire
WA16 0NJ

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From: Steve Halley
Sent: Sunday, October 12, 2025 13:23
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: licensing

Hello there,

I'm writing to show my support for Woodhouses Cricket Club. I live just a stone's throw away, at 8 Ashbridge Road.

I've been a part of the club for as long as I can remember, from playing in the junior and senior teams to coaching the junior teams. I've loved every minute of it, and I'm so grateful for the opportunities the club provided.

The ground and clubhouse are fantastic places for young people to develop and have fun. They're safe and welcoming, and they offer a great environment for young people to grow and learn.

The club also organises a lot of community events, like coffee mornings and early years development programs. These events are a great way for the club to connect with the community and make a positive impact.

Woodhouses Cricket Club is a not-for-profit organisation, and it's run by dedicated volunteers who work hard to make it a success. They deserve our support and encouragement, so that they can continue to offer events and activities for the wider community.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Best regards,
Stephen Halley

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From: Steve Haynes
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2025 20:17
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Comments on cricket club for licensing review

Mr Steven Haynes
21 Stamford Drive
Woodhouses
Failsworth
M35 9WS

Local resident and attendee of club events.

I recently moved to Woodhouses this August. The presence of a family-friendly club with vibrant social events was one of the deciding factors for relocating to this village from the south of Manchester. Woodhouses Cricket Club offers varied activities for everyone in the community in addition to its core functions as a local sports club. Specifically, I noted the then upcoming Venture Fest music event being advertised and the well-maintained sporting facilities provided for families. The music festival helped reassure me that the village would offer a diverse and inclusive community, rather than be a sleepy dormitory settlement unfairly associated with the negative stereotypes of Oldham.

Since moving here, I have visited the Cricket Club with my wife, and we felt very welcomed as newcomers by the management, staff, and members. I was recently a member of a similar club, 'The Albert Bowling & Tennis Club' in West Didsbury, and I would say this club compares to it very well and perhaps, because it is such a lynchpin of village life, it exceeds it in relative importance. We felt no issues whatsoever with safety or any kind of nuisance during our attendance. My hope is that I can join soon and participate in the many good charitable works the club undertakes. Also, I would hope it maintains a dynamic range of events to help us integrate socially into the village and share these experiences with friends and family visiting our home.

Best regards,
Steve Haynes

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From: Steve Whitehead
Date: 2 October 2025 at 16:03:14 BST
To: licencing@woodhousescc.co.uk
Subject: Licencing

To whom it may concern,

My address is 20 Withins Hall Road, Woodhouses, Manchester M35 9SA, United Kingdom.

I am a member and also a resident of Woodhouses. I have other roles at the club including playing, parent of player and also am an active member of the club.

The club is a great community asset which is welcoming and friendly to the whole community, young and old.

Additionally I have the role of Cricket and Junior Cricket Lead.

We have circa 90 to 100 junior players ranging from 5 to 18 years olds and take great pride in not only developing cricket skills, but also life skills that will serve these young people well in the future. We have also extended our junior section this season to include a girls squad for the first time in our history and we plan for this to be a growth area in the future.

Additionally the club places great store in developing facilities to safeguard both current and future generations ability to play cricket to a high standard. This requires continuous funding and investment in order to maintain high standards.

The club is a cornerstone and hub of the local community throughout the year. The club raises significant revenue which in turn funds sporting activities across a wide spectrum of ages. The licence is vital for this.

The club also raises significant revenue for sporting reasons as already stated. Additionally there are numerous non-cricket community events which raise funds for other causes and charities. At a personal level I am currently in the Himalayas trekking to Everest raising sponsorship funding under the auspices and with the backing of WCC, funds raised will also be going to other worthy charities (mental health). I believe this is a strong sign of the significance the club plays as a rallying point for people and community of Woodhouses and surrounding areas.

I can also account for the fact that the club is run by a steadfast and hard working group of volunteers and is held in high esteem across Greater Manchester from all visiting teams and their supporters, which is a direct result of the the work put in.

I have never experienced or witness problems with nuisance or safety at the premises of WCC

Yours Faithfully,,

Steve Whitehead

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From: steven.howard
Sent: Wednesday, October 8, 2025 4:47 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses CC Licencing Review Support Email

To whom it may concern,

Please accept this email as my 100% support of Woodhouses Cricket Club and their current licencing review process.

I joined WCC in April 2025 as a 57 year old experienced cricketer and I cannot thank them enough for their acceptance and support of both myself and my son since that time.

I had experience of the club already from attendance of various functions over a number of years, but they are an extremely well run and professional operation in comparison to the other cricket clubs that I have been part of over my 40+ years as an active cricket club member.

They are a very family orientated and welcoming club and form an integral part of village life in Woodhouses being at the heart of that community. They offer support across a wide age range of members with excellent facilities and community functions being offered throughout the whole year.

In conclusion, I can say that my experience of WCC as both a player and a visitor has always been positive and can confirm that the club is a wonderful, safe and vibrant place to play and visit.

Regards,

Steven Howard

14, Oak Dene Close, Greenfield, Oldham, OL3 7JN

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From: Steven Todd
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 5:39 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses Cricket Club

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to support Woodhouses Cricket Club in response to a recent complaint regarding licensing issues.

As a member of the club and a resident of Woodhouses for over 29 years, I believe I have a comprehensive understanding of its operations and the positive impact it has on the area.

I have never witnessed any problems at the club and it is a safe environment for families and children with a wide range of organised activities.

The club serves as a community hub offering cricket sessions and coaching for young children who may not have access to quality coaches grounds or a safe environment. It also hosts an active senior citizens coffee morning which is well attended.

I am confident that any reported issues can be resolved amicably without affecting the club, its residents or the individuals who dedicate significant time and effort to its success.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Steven J Todd

26 Marston Close

Woodhouses

Failsworth

Manchester

M35 9TJ

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From: Sue Carroll

Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 11:19 AM

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Woodhouses Cricket Club

We have lived in the Village for over 45 years and we are also social members of the Cricket Club which is very much a part of our Village. The Club is ran professionally and is a friendly place to visit. They also organise many events for the wider community and support our Village Church for which we are extremely grateful. I also attend a weekly Coffee Morning at the club which is and again ran by dedicated and enthusiastic friendly team which has been a life saver for so many.

Church Warden (Sue Carroll)

56 Ashton Road Woodhouses Failsworth Manchester M35 9WL

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On Fri, 3 Oct 2025 at 14:16, Sue Hep

Message to LICENSING AUTHORITY

From Mrs S Heppell

1 Atherton Close

Woodhouses

M35 9WZ

I have been a life long member of the cricket club.

I am a local resident and live opposite the club have done for nearly 30 years and in the village for 40 years. I can assure you I have never

Had an issue or problem with any event held at the club.

My husband played for the club for many years. My son played and now my grandson plays for the juniors.

I have attended many events over the years and can assure you they are all very well organised and always considerate to neighbours.

They are family friendly club.

The cricket club plays a very important role in the community. Offers the opportunity to play cricket from five year olds and onwards.

To children who may not have the opportunity otherwise in a safe and fun environment.

The club also has other roles holds a coffee morning every Wednesday for pensioners not just from the village but the wider community in failsworth.

Has a mother and baby class every Tuesday.

Also holds other fund raising events for charities. Just held a McMillans coffee morning over 100 attendees raising lots of funds for the charity.

There are many events for local charities.

The club is run entirely by volunteers and for no profit.

It has been part of the community for over 100 years and because one family

Buys a house in recent years next to the ground and then complains about every aspect of cricket is outrageous.

If the club lost the events license it would be a major loss to the woodhouses and failsworth communities.

Regards

Sue Heppell

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From: Suzanne Langford-cooper
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2025 12:22
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Support for WCC

To Whom it May Concern,

I have been attending Woodhouses Cricket Club and been a social member for the past 20 years and in the last seven years a junior parent and volunteer in the junior section.

Over my time spent at Woodhouses CC I have attended many functions held by the club, private functions, held private functions at the club and taken part in the SITE event they hold each year for charity. I have also, in the passed been a member of the management committee.

I Would like to stress that regardless of my role within the club health and safety has always been top priority and I have never felt there is an issue. The management committee and all the many volunteers within the club work tirelessly to endure every area is discussed and issues if any are addressed.

My son has played for WCC for seven years now and absolutely loves it, he has made so many friends and this wouldn't have been possible if it wasn't for the commitment and feeling safe and secure within the club.

I would like to give my support to club whole heartedly.

If anybody like to discuss anything further, I am happy to be contacted.

Yours sincerely

Suzanne Langford-Cooper

19, Bakewell Road

Droylsden

Manchester

M43 6JU

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From: Taria Eckersall
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 7:43 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Licensing support

To Whom it may concern,

My address is:
3, Walker Avenue, Woodhouses, Failsworth, Manchester, M35 9WX

My husband has been a member of the cricket club, and I have been attending it for the last 30-plus years of my life.

Woodhouses Cricket Club has, over the many years, provided an important, safe, and enjoyable place for all residents, for as long as I can remember.

It brings the community together and has always encouraged locals to join together in sport, celebrations, fundraising for local charities with activities to suit all ages.

I personally have used it as a safe place to enjoy with my friends since the age of 18 years old. My parents were always happy to know that I was there with locals of all ages who still attend to this day, and we have all grown up together.

When we had our daughter in 2006, we would attend Cricket matches with friends, also with young children, and it was a fabulous, friendly place to enjoy, particularly in the summer months.

The Club welcomes new residents, enabling them to meet new local friends and extend the local community.

When our daughter reached the age of 18, she worked there and we were extremely pleased about this as we knew that she was working in a safe and supportive environment.

We have never experienced or witnessed any trouble or problems, including my daughter, and this is a rare occurrence in this day and age.

The members and volunteers provide excellent, safe and extremely well-organised events that provide entertainment for the community and much-needed funds for local charities.

We 100% support this rare local haven for residents of the village and the surrounding areas.

They have developed a heart-warming reputation for everything a local hub should be, from young children playing together to our local pensioners enjoying coffee mornings, providing much-needed company for the elderly who find themselves alone in later life. I truly believe this is a lifeline for many.

My husband, daughter, and I would like to express heartfelt gratitude for all that they do for our community and hope and pray that this continues throughout further generations.

Yours sincerely,

Taria Eckersall

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From: Tom T
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 10:26 AM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses CC review

To whom this may concern,

On hearing of a review on Woodhouse cricket club, I would like to share some of my experiences with you.

As a player/member/ volunteer and junior parent, I would like to stress that the club is well organised and family friendly, providing safe facilities for children and young people in the local and surrounding areas. As a volunteer on the all-stars cricket program allowing children aged 5-9 to play cricket, exercise, learn and develop together outside of schooling, the club provides an excellent opportunity for young children and their families to visit and use the club. Along side the many junior teams the club run every year.

The club plays an important role in the community from sport and events, plus lots of charity fundraising for local causes and charities. Also providing a community hub for groups such as the little stars and a weekly coffee morning for elderly residents.

The club is ran by volunteers and is a not for profit organisation. I have never experienced any problems or heard of any nuisances or safety concerns caused by the club, everything is ran very well and anything at the club is well documented for the local area in the correct manor.

The club is excellent, and personally for me and my family it really helped us settle in the area after moving, I joined the club as a player initially and now feel part of a group and family that welcomes all. And I'm concerned to hear of a review on the club. The club has our full support.

Kind regards

Tom Twibell

12 Hampton Road, Failsworth, Manchester M35 9HT

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From: Tom Lewis
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2025 22:06
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses CC Licensing Review

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you having heard that Woodhouses cricket club is undergoing a licensing review and would like to highlight my shock and surprise that this is happening.

Since my son joined the cricket club as a junior player in 2020, it has become a hugely important part of our lives - and not just for me and Stanley but for my wife and daughter (and dog) too.

The club, ground and everyone involved in running the clubhouse and bar offered the most wonderful welcome to us and we soon realised we had made a great decision in choosing Woodhouses as the place for my son's cricket-playing future. Not only that, it is a great hub for the local community and we have attended many non-cricketing functions there which have always been well attended, brilliantly run and without a single hint of trouble, antisocial behaviour or anything else negative.

The staff who run the bar have always been incredibly friendly and the whole place has a very welcoming atmosphere. Since joining in 2020 my son has made many friends for life and it's always such a pleasure to see the team get back together each season. We tried other clubs in the local area but they just didn't seem to be run as well as Woodhouses. All of the young people involved with the club are thoroughly well supported and cared for and other events we have been involved with at the club have always made us feel safe and secure in the way they are managed and in the attitudes of the people who run them.

I hope this goes some way towards showing how much this club means to people, particularly those in the local community. I really cannot praise the coaching staff, bar staff and volunteers involved with Woodhouses CC highly enough

Yours faithfully,

Tom Lewis (parent of an Under 15s player)

33 Maple Avenue, Audenshaw M34 5SR.

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From: TOM MCKERNAN

Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 18:16

To: admin@woodhousescc.co.uk <admin@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: Licence review

Dear Woodhouse Cricket Club,

We hope this message finds you well.

We have lived directly across the road from the club for twenty years plus.

Although we are not currently members of the club, and never have been, we would not rule out joining in the future. We wanted to take a moment to share our appreciation for the role that Woodhouse Cricket Club plays in our community.

The club is clearly well organised and welcoming, with a strong family-friendly atmosphere. It provides safe facilities for children playing ball, training youngsters in cricket and provisions for young people which is of great value to local families. Beyond sport, the club makes an important contribution to the wider community, not only through cricket but also by hosting events and raising money for local charities and good causes.

It is also clear that the club serves as a genuine community hub. Groups such as the toddler group and the weekly coffee mornings for elderly residents show how inclusive and supportive the club is. That all of this is achieved through the dedication of volunteers, and with no profit motive, is truly commendable.

We would also like to note that in the past we have not experienced any problems in relation to noise, nuisances or safety connected to the club. On the contrary, the presence of such a well-run organisation is a real asset to the area.

Thank you for all that you do for our community.

Kind regards,

Tom and Jackie McKernan
207 Medlock Road,
Woodhouses,
Failsworth,
Manchester.
M35 9NQ

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From: victoria akin
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2025 3:45 PM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Victoria Akin 179 Medlock Road

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the Woodhouses Cricket Club. As a long-standing resident living just 100 yards away from the club, my partner and I have had the pleasure of enjoying the beautiful space that the club provides. For 35 years, we have witnessed firsthand the joy and community spirit that the club brings to the area.

The club is a treasured gem, adding significant value to our community. It provides a welcoming space for people of all ages to come together, play sports, and build lasting relationships. The cricket club's commitment to promoting physical activity, teamwork, and social interaction is truly commendable.

Regarding the recent complaint about noise, I must say that my partner and I have never experienced any issues with the club's activities. In fact, the noise level from the club is hardly noticeable from our home. We believe that the benefits the club brings to the community far outweigh any minor disturbances that may occur on occasion.

We urge you to consider the positive impact that the Woodhouses Cricket Club has on our community and to dismiss the one-off complaint. The club is a vital part of our area's fabric, and we are grateful for its presence.

**Miss Victoria Amanda Akin
179 Medlock Road
Woodhouses
Failsworth
M35 9NQ**

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From: Warren Todd
Sent: Sunday, October 12, 2025 11:07 AM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Woodhouses Cricket Club

To Oldham Council licensing panel members

I write in support of Woodhouses cricket club as you consider at your panel meeting how to deal with alleged breaches relating to a recent event.

I live in Woodhouses (2 Marston Close) and have done so for 30 years. I am also a member of the cricket club.

My reason for writing in support is to ask that you take into consideration the critical importance of the club to our community as you make your decision.

As a hub for children's and adult's cricket, it has been responsible for engaging many thousands of young people in productive and healthy sporting activity over several generations. It is a safe space - well managed, family friendly and run entirely by volunteers. At a time when council budgets have been cut to the bone, it provides a brilliant community hub raising funds for good causes, looking after and out for our residents especially those who are most vulnerable.

In the 3 decades I've lived close by, there has never been a problem with nuisance or safety.

We're very proud of our club - it is deeply rooted in our community.

I would urge that you are measured in any action you might consider and that you don't take action which puts the future of our club in doubt.

Yours

Warren Todd

2 Marston Close

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From: Woodhouses Village
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2025 20:46
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: WCC event licence

Dear Sirs.

I am chairman of Woodhouses Village Association and we write to you in support of the community work that Woodhouses Cricket club carry out in our community.

The Woodhouses Village association are deeply involved with the village of Woodhouses and have never received any complaints from village residents in relation to any event held at Woodhouses Cricket club.

We have always found the events held there have been professionally organised and to our knowledge there has been no anti social behaviour relating to events.

After the events crowds have left in an orderly manner and they have always finished at the allotted times with ample security provided.

They also arrange for a rubbish collection through the village the following morning of any event.

The cricket club provide a vital link to the community of Woodhouses and Failsworth helping foster good relationships between residents and local businesses.

A particular success which demonstrates the importance of the community spirit in the surrounding area is the coffee morning which over the last 4 year's regularly attracts in excess of 80 people over the age of 60 but all are welcome.

The success of Woodhouses Cricket club should be supported and applauded for the community support they provide.

Yours faithfully

Duncan Prince

Chairman of Woodhouses Village Association

C/o 163 Medlock Road

Woodhouses

Failsworth

Manchester

M35 9NP

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From: Zoe Knight
Sent: Sunday, September 21, 2025 8:56 AM
To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>
Subject: Licence

I am a resident that lives a facing the cricket club and would like to note the positives.

Woodhouses cricket club is the only venue I can take my two boys aged 13 and 16 to watch any football matches. This simply because it's the safest and friendliest environment.

It does not have the usual clientele that you often get when football matches are on.

I have never encountered any drunken crowds leaving the cricket club and have never been disturbed by any event that has been held there.

I truly hope we do not lose a well ran pub that holds its community together.

Kind regards.

Zoe and Paul Knight.

8 Fairway Mews. Medlock road. M35 9NP

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From: Alicia
Sent: 13 October 2025 12:01
To: ENV LICENSING <licensing@oldham.gov.uk>
Subject: Licensing Act 2003 Interested Party Representation Form

Hello, I am currently on holiday so I am unable to fill out the form from my phone but have filled out and attached it on email as best I can.

Thank you

Alicia

Section 1 - Application Details	
Applicants Name	Woodhouses cricket club
Premises Name	Woodhouses cricket club
Premises Address	Medlock road
Type of Application	Type of Application Review of a Premises license

Section 2 – Details of Person making Representation <i>(if you are a representative for an objector please use the next section)</i>	
Title <i>(Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other)</i>	Miss
Full Name	Alicia matthews
Telephone	
Email Address <i>(we will use this to correspond with you unless you notify us otherwise)</i>	
Full Address <i>(Including postcode)</i>	232 medlock road. Woodhouses village, Manchester M35 9NG

Please note that a full copy of your objection (including your name and address) will be sent to the applicant and will be a public document at any hearing of this matter.

Section 3 – Details of Representative	
Title <i>(Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other)</i>	
Full Name	
Telephone	
Organisation	
Email Address <i>(we will use this to correspond with you unless you notify us otherwise)</i>	
Full Address <i>(Including postcode)</i>	
Please state nature of representation: <i>(residents association / ward councillor / MP / trade association)</i> As a user of facilities for my horse on the village and the impact relating to the safe housing of that horse.	
Section 4 – Representation Details	
You need to complete the boxes below as fully as possible. If you do not, then the Licensing Panel may not understand why you have objected. Try to be as specific as possible and give examples such as <i>“on 1st February 2021 I could hear loud music from the premises between 10pm and 1am. I am concerned that if the premises is allowed to open until 2am this will cause further public nuisance to me and other residents on the street”</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I object to the application being granted at all
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I object to the application being granted in its current form*

Licensing Objectives

The Prevention of Crime & Disorder

Please state the reasons you believe granting the application will undermine this objective

- While this is not the primary issue in my case, it's worth noting that unexpected loud noises such as fireworks can cause unpredictable behaviour in animals and even in members of the public. In rural areas, startled animals may break through fencing, potentially entering public roads and causing traffic incidents, which then become a matter of public order and safety.

Public Safety

Please state the reasons you believe granting the application will undermine this objective

- Public safety is significantly compromised due to the effect of the firework displays on horses kept in nearby yards. Horses are highly sensitive animals that can easily panic when startled by loud or sudden noises. On multiple occasions, my horses have become dangerously agitated due to the fireworks. I've had to sedate them to prevent injury — to them and to handlers — which is a considerable cost and carries its own risks.
- More seriously, sedation prevents us from being able to travel the horses in an emergency (such as colic or an injury), because sedated horses cannot be safely transported. This could have life-threatening consequences.
- In addition, because some of my horses cannot cope at all with the fireworks, I am forced to transport three of them an hour away to a friend's yard each time a display is scheduled. This is extremely stressful, both for the horses and myself, and puts unnecessary strain on our time, finances, and wellbeing. It is not a sustainable or acceptable solution.
- Further, I would like to raise a serious incident involving a helicopter landing on the cricket ground without warning. On its first landing, the noise and downdraft startled my horse whilst I was injecting his medication so badly that I was injured in the result. The helicopter landings have since been stopped, and must never be allowed to resume. They represent a major, uncontrolled hazard to equestrians and the local community, especially when there is no prior warning.
- Additionally, the volume of traffic and lack of suitable parking during events creates further safety concerns within the village. Narrow rural roads become heavily congested, limiting access for emergency vehicles and putting pedestrians, cyclists, and local drivers at risk. Vehicles frequently park irresponsibly — on verges, across driveways, and even in front of field gates — obstructing both private access and emergency routes. This is not only inconsiderate to residents, but dangerous in an area where livestock or horses may need to be moved quickly in response to noise-related distress or injury. The infrastructure of the village simply cannot cope with the increased demand caused by these events.

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

Please state the reasons you believe granting the application will undermine this objective

- The ongoing fireworks are a clear public nuisance to those of us who keep horses in the area. Horses are not just pets — they are large, powerful animals that, when frightened, pose risks to themselves, handlers, and property. Every fireworks event brings enormous stress and danger. I spend days preparing around the display date, moving animals, purchasing sedation, and altering their routines, only to face the same disruption time and again.
- The explosions are deeply distressing to the horses, who often sweat up, attempt to bolt, or break fencing in panic or in the worst case can get colic. This is not a minor inconvenience — it creates genuine risk and disturbance to nearby landowners, residents, and the horses themselves.
- The problem is intensified when no notice is given about two display times, or when they overrun. This unpredictability makes it impossible to prepare effectively.

Section 5 – Suggestions

(please provide any suggested conditions that could be added to the licence if granted which would remedy the cause of your representation, or other suggestions you would like the licensing panel to consider)

1. All future firework displays should be completely prohibited as a condition of the licence.
2. The licence should be amended to formally exclude the use of fireworks at the premises or surrounding grounds, regardless of time or occasion.
3. The panel should consider the proximity of livestock holdings and equestrian facilities in its long-term licensing decisions and take into account the repeated and predictable harm caused by these events.
4. Public entertainment at this venue should focus on non-disruptive alternatives that do not endanger animals, public safety, or local residents.
5. Measures must be introduced to address the significant increase in traffic and unmanaged parking during events, including the enforcement of clear access for emergency vehicles, restrictions on verge and gate parking, and a cap on attendee numbers if adequate infrastructure is not available.

Section 6 – Signature

Sign:

A.matthews

Date: 13th October 2025

From: joanne hankinson
Sent: 13 October 2025 22:40
To: representations@oldham.gov.uk
Subject: Woodhouse Cricket license review

Dear Oldham Licensing,

I'm writing as a local resident to raise serious concerns about the ongoing noise and disruption caused by events held at Woodhouses Cricket Club.

On 24th August, the club hosted an event called Venture Fest. The music from this event was extremely loud, we could hear the lyrics word for word inside our living room, even with the windows closed and the TV on. It also appeared to continue well past the permitted licensing hours, I tried to ring the cricket club but got answered with ignorance and then the phone down. We were looking after our granddaughter that evening, and the constant noise made it impossible for her to sleep. In the end, we had to ask our son to come and collect her, as it was simply unfair on her.

I wasn't initially going to send this email, but after seeing that the cricket club is now advertising another bonfire event, I felt I had to speak up. The last two years of bonfire events have been very disruptive for nearby residents, and we aren't even immediate neighbours, as we live over the fields at the back of the cricket club.

I actually struggled to find a contact to email my concerns, I got told from a friend that there was notices around woodhouse regarding this review but after travelling up to see them it appeared they had all been taken down, this shows to me again the pure ignorance and disrespect the landlords have to the neighbours!

The fireworks go on for around half an hour and are extremely loud, with no advance warning for local residents. We are not on social media, so we only find out about these events when we hear them. Additionally, the smoke from the bonfire events completely fogs our street and house, which causes significant discomfort.

This is a cricket ground, and in our view, it should not be used for these kinds of large-scale events and rave-style parties.

We kindly ask that the council reviews the club's event permissions and licensing conditions and considers whether these types of activities are appropriate for a venue in a residential area.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for any action you can take to address the issue.

Kins Regards
Joanne & Steve Hankinson
Leicester road
Failsworth

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James Matthews

Meadowcroft Farm

M35 9NG

Date: 13 October 2025

Licensing Service Oldham Licensing Office Sir Robert Peacock House Oldham OL1 4LA

Subject: Review of Premises Licence for Woodhouses Cricket Club

This representation is submitted under the Licensing Act 2003 and directly relates to the following licensing objectives:

- Prevention of public nuisance
- Protection of children from harm
- Public safety
- Prevention of crime and disorder

Dear Members of the Licensing Sub Committee,

1. Introduction and Standing

I am writing as a neighbour who lives beside the cricket ground and cares for horses at Meadowcroft Farm right next door. For more than seven years I have watched events that frighten our animals, disturb families, and put people at risk. At night our horses are in their stables. When fireworks or loud events start, it is my family and friends who help, and sometimes a vet if needed. There are no staff here — just people who love these horses and do their best to keep them calm and safe. This representation is my chance to place on record what we have lived with and to ask the Council to put fairness and safety back at the heart of this place. Silence has not worked. Action is now required.

Please hear this as a person who loves his horses and home.

2. The Outcome We Seek

We are not asking for the end of cricket or community gatherings. What we are asking for is safety, respect, and responsibility.

The actions required are simple and fair:

- A **total ban** on fireworks and pyrotechnics at the premises, including any organised or supplied by **outside companies, private individuals, or hired event organisers.**
- A **total ban** on helicopter landings or take-offs at, from, or connected with the premises — including any arranged by **outside companies, private individuals, or**
- **hired event organisers.** This ensures there are no loopholes or excuses that allow the same harm to continue under a different name.
- Clear limits on non-cricket events that create noise and nuisance unrelated to cricket.
- Enforceable noise and event conditions that genuinely protect residents, livestock, and public safety.

A cricket club should be for cricket. Nothing more, nothing less.

Keep cricket, remove the harm.

3. Why This Matters: What Fireworks and Helicopters Do to Horses

Fireworks bring sudden, violent bangs and flashes of light. Horses have far more sensitive hearing than humans, so every sound is amplified for them. Even when safely in their stables at night, the sudden noise and bright flashes cause panic. Horses will kick at stable doors, rear up, sweat heavily, and try to escape. They can injure themselves by striking walls or metal fittings, or by falling as they spin in fear.

Some refuse food for hours after the noise has stopped. Others tremble or shake. In serious cases, stress like this can trigger colic, a painful digestive condition that can be fatal if not treated quickly.

There have been times in recent years when our vet has had to sedate the horses before an event to try to keep them calm. Even this does not remove the fear or the stress. It brings its own danger, because if anything went wrong and the horses needed to be evacuated, we could not move them safely while sedated.

Helicopters cause similar distress. When one approaches or lands nearby, the deep vibration of the ground and the rush of air from the rotors sends horses into panic. They rear, kick, and can injure anyone close to them. The first time a helicopter landed at the cricket ground, no warning was given by the club or organisers. At that moment one of our horses was being given an important injection. The sudden arrival caused the horse to panic and the handler was injured and taken to A&E.

Every explosion and every landing forces these animals into survival mode, a natural instinct in prey animals that rely on flight to stay alive.

This is not an isolated problem. Across the UK, horses and other animals have suffered or died after being frightened by fireworks, as documented by the British Horse Society, Horse & Hound, and national media. These tragedies show that what happens here is part of a wider pattern of preventable harm.

Every bang and every landing is a roll of the dice with life and limb.

4. Lived Experience on This Boundary

I have lived beside this cricket ground long enough to know the pattern. Each year promises are made that things will be better, but they never are. The same issues keep returning and the same disregard continues.

One year the club's bonfire got out of control and the fire service had to be called. It took them more than twenty minutes to get it under control, and they instructed the club to close the event down. Yet once the fire service left, fireworks were set off anyway. That single act said everything about how little regard there is for safety or for the authority of those who try to protect it.

The problems do not stop at noise and fire. On event days, cars are parked along the narrow village roads and all around the entrance. I have personally watched a fire engine take over fifteen minutes to travel a distance of roughly one kilometre because the roads were blocked. The cricket ground has only one entrance and one exit. If an emergency happened during one of these events, there would be no safe or fast way for people or vehicles to get out. The same blockage would also stop a horse box from reaching or leaving my property in an emergency, leaving us completely trapped.

These are not rare or unlucky moments. They are the result of choices made without care for the people living beside this ground or the safety of those who might one day need urgent help. They also show a clear

pattern of the club operating outside the boundaries of its licence, year after year. It has become routine rather than exceptional, and enforcement has been almost non-existent.

When access is blocked, lives are left waiting.

5. A Pattern of Disregard and Missing Accountability

What has happened at this ground is not new and not accidental. It is a pattern that has continued for years. Fireworks, helicopters, loud music, and late-night events have all taken place far beyond what was ever intended or allowed by the licence. Each time promises have been made that things would change, and each time those promises have been broken.

If the club had acted within its licence in previous years, we would not be here again. The same problems that I raised years ago are still happening now. Back then I questioned why important safety documents such as Event Management Plans, risk assessments, and traffic plans were missing. The same question still stands today.

If those documents were ever submitted, the Council should already hold them on record. If they were not, then the Council must ask why. Either way, there is no public record of them, even though every large event is required to have these plans in place and available for inspection. This lack of transparency alone shows a breakdown in process and in oversight.

I ask the Committee directly to confirm whether these documents exist for past years. If they do, please make them public and part of this review. If they do not, then it must be recognised that the club has been operating for years without the essential safety paperwork that both the law and common sense demand.

These ongoing issues cannot be blamed on error or oversight. They reflect a culture that believes the rules do not apply. It has gone beyond poor management and has become an accepted way of operating.

For too long, enforcement has been limited to words and warnings. The residents, the village, and the animals living beside this ground deserve more than empty assurances.

Seven years of the same outcome means the system is not working.

Transition paragraph: This review is not just about noise or inconvenience. It is about a long history of rules being ignored and responsibilities being passed aside. The Council has both the authority and the duty to ensure the licensing objectives are upheld. Those objectives were written to protect the public, safeguard animals, and maintain trust in local governance. If they are not enforced here, it sets the message that a licence means nothing.

Current Notice of New Event During Live Review

On 10 October 2025, I received a letter from Woodhouses Cricket Club advertising a bonfire and two separate fireworks displays to be held on Saturday 8 November 2025, despite the premises licence being under formal review by the Council. The letter details a children's fireworks display at approximately 7:00 pm and a main fireworks display at around 7:45 pm, stated to last approximately fifteen minutes. No duration is provided for the children's display, meaning the total time of fireworks activity remains unclear.

This is deeply concerning. It shows that even while a formal investigation is underway, the club continues to plan and promote high-risk events beside a live equine yard. It demonstrates a continuing lack of judgement and a disregard for the safety and welfare of animals and residents who have already raised legitimate concerns.

A fifteen-minute display of fireworks directly beside stabled horses is excessive, irresponsible, and unsafe. Government and event-safety guidance, including that referenced by local authorities and the British Horse Society, recommends that community fireworks displays should be brief, typically no more than around five minutes to limit nuisance, stress, and danger to animals and nearby residents. A prolonged display in this setting is wholly inconsistent with those standards and with the aims of the Licensing Act 2003, including: • Public Safety • Prevention of Public Nuisance • Protection of Children from Harm

National and local event-safety guidance make clear that any display should be properly risk-assessed, of minimal duration, and only conducted where it does not pose undue risk to nearby people, livestock, or property. To advertise multiple displays during an ongoing licensing review is unacceptable and shows that the lessons of the past have still not been learned.

This announcement was made publicly to neighbours without any reference to the ongoing licence review or acknowledgement that the premises are currently under investigation. That choice reflects a clear arrogance in timing and a complete disregard for the Licensing Act's objectives of public safety and the prevention of public nuisance.

This new event is yet another example of the same careless pattern of behaviour that led to this review. It undermines public trust, disrespects the authority of the Council, and continues to place both people and animals at unnecessary risk.

7. Licensing Objectives and How They Apply Here

The Licensing Act 2003 sets out four objectives that every licence must uphold. They are not suggestions or ideas; they are the law. Each one has been breached repeatedly at this ground.

Prevention of Public Nuisance: The use of fireworks, loud music, and helicopter landings has caused continuous disturbance to residents and distress to livestock. These are not minor inconveniences; they are serious, avoidable intrusions into daily life.

Public Safety: Blocked roads, poor crowd management, and frightened horses create clear safety hazards. A fire engine delayed by parked cars or a horse box unable to reach safety in an emergency are not theoretical risks. They have already happened.

Protection of Children from Harm: Families with young children have had their nights broken by noise and their pets and horses terrified. No parent should have to explain to a child why their animals are shaking in fear because of a local event that should be properly regulated.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder: Repeated breaches of the licence and continued disregard for the rules undermine public confidence. When residents feel intimidated or afraid to raise concerns, it damages the sense of community and order that local regulation is meant to protect.

If these activities do not breach the licensing objectives, then it is difficult to see what ever would.

The law was written to protect the public, not to be ignored by those who find it inconvenient. If the Council does not act on these ongoing breaches, it would be failing in its legal duty to uphold those objectives and to protect the people and animals it serves.

8. Public Confidence and Pressure

People should be able to raise concerns about their community without fear or pressure. In recent weeks I have seen posts in local groups asking the public to support the cricket club in this review and even suggesting how their letters should be worded. This kind of organised

campaigning is not genuine community support; it is an attempt to influence the process and discourage open discussion.

I was also concerned to see that a local councillor publicly posted about this matter online, sharing a representation letter with the words “who did this”. That was not an innocent post. It sent a message that those who speak up will be identified and shamed. Following that post, the comments section quickly filled with people pointing fingers, making assumptions, and placing blame. Some residents felt they had to defend themselves publicly even when they had said nothing. That atmosphere makes people afraid to take part in a fair and open process.

I have personally experienced intimidation in the past when raising these issues, which has made me think carefully before speaking up again. No one should feel unsafe for asking that rules are followed and animals protected.

A fair review depends on honest voices being heard freely and equally. When residents are made to feel afraid or pressured, the process loses its integrity and trust in the Council weakens.

A fair process listens without fear or favour.

9. Understanding and Balance

I understand that local clubs need to raise money and keep their doors open. A cricket club plays an important role in the community, and nobody wants to see that lost. The problem is not with fundraising or community events, but with the way they have been carried out. Over the years the club has chosen activities that create noise, fear, and disruption, even after knowing the harm they cause.

There are many ways to bring people together without hurting the animals or disturbing the village. Family fun days, sponsored walks, countryside fairs, horse demonstrations, craft markets, and heritage events all build community and raise money safely. These kinds of activities show care for neighbours and respect for the environment around the ground.

Fundraising should unite, not divide.

The choice of fireworks, loud music, and helicopters has divided this community. It has created harm instead of happiness and noise instead of togetherness. The club has a chance to choose a different way forward, one that brings people back together rather than driving them apart.

By helping the club find safer and kinder ways to raise funds, the Council can protect both the community and its spirit.

10. Minimum Conditions if the Licence Remains

If the Council decides not to revoke the permissions that allow these events, then the very least that must happen is the introduction of strict, enforceable conditions that protect residents, animals, and public safety. These conditions must be meaningful and must be followed.

The minimum requirements should include:

- **A total ban on fireworks and pyrotechnics** at the ground, including any organised or supplied by outside companies, private individuals, or hired event organisers.
- **A total ban on helicopter landings or take offs** at, from, or connected with the premises, including those arranged by outside parties.
- A restriction limiting events to those directly related to cricket and community sport.

- Outdoor areas closed by 9:00 pm to prevent late-night disturbance.
- Independent noise monitoring with clear, enforceable limits.
- Advance written notice to neighbours before any event that goes beyond a normal match day.
- A formal review checkpoint within six months to assess compliance, with further action if the club has failed to meet these conditions.

Conditions without enforcement are only words on paper. For them to mean anything, they must be checked, measured, and acted upon.

A condition you cannot measure is a condition you cannot trust.

11. Closing Statement

This review is the Council's opportunity to put things right. It is a chance to restore trust, to protect both people and animals, and to remind the community that rules and fairness still matter. What has happened here should never have been allowed to go on for this long.

I am not asking for special treatment or attention. I am simply asking for the same protection that every resident and every animal is entitled to under the law. The issues described in this letter are not about opinions or personal preferences. They are about safety, welfare, and respect.

The power to stop this harm rests with the Council. You have the authority to act and the responsibility to ensure that the licensing system means something. Please use that authority to protect this village and to bring peace back to the community that surrounds the cricket ground.

Please act with conscience, not convenience.

Yours faithfully, James Matthews

Supporting References

The following organisations and reports support the factual and legal information contained in this representation:

- **The British Horse Society** – Effects of fireworks on horses and owner guidance.
- **RSPCA** – Animal welfare impacts of fireworks on horses and livestock.
- **World Horse Welfare** – Statement on fireworks and equine safety.
- **British Horse Society & GOV.UK** – Guidance on low-flying aircraft and their effects on horses.
- **UC Davis Center for Equine Health** – Veterinary findings on colic and stress in horses.
- **Licensing Act 2003, Section 4** – Licensing objectives in law.
- **Home Office Section 182 Guidance** – Review powers and possible outcomes under licensing law.
- **Oldham Council** – Event and fireworks guidance and community safety expectations.
- **Horse & Hound (2017)** – “This has broken me: horse ‘frightened to death’ by fireworks.” (Solo case) horseandhound.co.uk

- **Horse & Hound (2023)** – “Horse terrified by fireworks breaks his leg in the stable.”
horseandhound.co.uk
- **BBC News (2023)** – “Owner issues firework warning after death of horse.” bbc.co.uk
- **Bishop’s Stortford Independent** – “Horse put down after being frightened and stuck in stable.”
bishopsstortfordindependent.co.uk
- **The Independent (2019)** – “Horse impaled itself on fence after being startled by fireworks.”
independent.co.uk
- **Redwings Horse Sanctuary** – “Three resident horses died in recent years in proximity to fireworks.”
horseandhound.co.uk
- **British Horse Society (2024)** – “Four horses already killed this year due to fireworks displays.”
yourhorse.co.uk
- **The Guardian (2024)** – “Fireworks blamed for death of baby red panda in Edinburgh Zoo.”
theguardian.com
- • **The British Horse Society** — Fireworks page: “Firework season can be a difficult time for horses and owners.” The British Horse society
- • **RSPCA** — Fireworks Evidence Submission: horse injuries, deaths, impacts. GOV.UK
- • **Redwings Horse Sanctuary** — “Fireworks and horses” campaign: deaths and serious harm from fireworks. Redwings Horse Sanctuary
- • **Health and Safety Executive** — Guidance on organising firework displays (site safety, risk assessment, emergency access, etc.). HSE
- • **GOV.UK “My safety: fireworks” page** — general public & animal safety guidance around fireworks.
GOV.UK

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The Licensing Act 2003

Interested Party Representation Form

The Licensing Act 2003 (the act) makes local authorities responsible for the licensing of pubs, clubs, theatres, cinemas, restaurants, takeaways and so on. Some premises may apply to extend their hours or add some form of regulated entertainment and this is where interested parties can have their say by making relevant representations and objecting to the proposals.

Interested parties

As well as Responsible Authorities, any other person can play a role in a number of licensing processes under the 2003 Act. This includes any individual, body or business entitled to make representations to licensing authorities in relation to application for the grant, variation, minor variation or review of premises licences and club premises certificates, regardless of their geographical proximity to the premises. Any representations made by these persons must be 'relevant'. For a representation to be relevant it must:

- relate to the likely effect of the grant of the licence on the promotion of the licensing objectives
- be made by an interested party or responsible authority
- not have been withdrawn
- not be 'frivolous' or 'vexatious' or, in the case of a review, 'repetitious' if made by an interested party

In the case of variation applications, the representation must be confined to the subject matter of the variation.

What are the Licensing Objectives?

- **The prevention of crime and disorder**

(Examples of representations relevant to this objective are illegal drugs, sex related activities, violent behaviour, anti-social behaviour, drunkenness, drug dealing, underage selling, however, guidance issued under Section 182 of the Act states that beyond the immediate area surrounding the premises are matters for the personal responsibility of individuals under the law)

- **Public safety**

(Examples of representations relevant to this objective are lack of adequate lighting, unauthorised alterations to property and so on)

- **The prevention of public nuisance**

(Examples of representations relevant to this objective are noise nuisance, noxious smells, anti-social behaviour, litter in the vicinity and so on)

- **The protection of children from harm**

(Examples of representations relevant to this objective are underage selling, sexual activities, access to premises, drugs use and so on)

The Section 182 Guidance is a valuable source of information that interested parties may wish to consult when considering making a representation and can be found online on this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/explanatory-memorandum-revised-guidance-issued-under-s-182-of-licensing-act-2003>

Section 1 - Application Details

Applicants Name	Woodhouses Cricket Club
Premises Name	Woodhouses Cricket Club
Premises Address	Medlock Road
Type of Application	Review of a Premises license

Section 2 – Details of Person making Representation

(if you are a representative for an objector please use the next section)

Title <i>(Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other)</i>	Mrs
Full Name	Meryl Crummack
Telephone	
Email Address <i>(we will use this to correspond with you unless you notify us otherwise)</i>	
Full Address <i>(Including postcode)</i>	6 Wayne Close, Droylsden M43 7LQ

Please note that a full copy of your objection (including your name and address) will be sent to the applicant and will be a public document at any hearing of this matter.

Section 3 – Details of Representative

Title <i>(Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other)</i>	
Full Name	
Telephone	
Organisation	
Email Address <i>(we will use this to correspond with you unless you notify us otherwise)</i>	
Full Address <i>(Including postcode)</i>	

Please state nature of representation:

(residents association / ward councillor / MP / trade association)

As a user of facilities for my horse on the village and the impact relating to the safe housing of that horse.

Section 4 – Representation Details

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I object to the application being granted at all

I object to the application being granted in its current form*

*if you choose this option remember to tell us in Section 5 what changes you would like to see

You need to complete the boxes below as fully as possible. If you do not, then the Licensing Panel may not understand why you have objected.

Try to be as specific as possible and give examples such as *“on 1st February 2021 I could hear loud music from the premises between 10pm and 1am. I am concerned that if the premises is allowed to open until 2am this will cause further public nuisance to me and other residents on the street”*

Licensing Objectives

The Prevention of Crime & Disorder

Please state the reasons you believe granting the application will undermine this objective

Public Safety

Please state the reasons you believe granting the application will undermine this objective

When planning events no thought is given to the impact of the lack of parking facilities at the club. This results in blockages at the narrowing of the road where tempers become heated and possibly needed access to properties for emergency services and local vehicles including horseboxes to safely manoeuvre off and onto property.

The annual firework display and bonfire causes issues around fire safety both on the cricket ground where there is only 1 exit and in neighbouring properties.

- There has never been an inspection of property adjacent to the club to assess the possible fire risk from hot ash and sparks from the bonfire and fireworks where significant risk to the horses who are only able to tolerate the 20 minute display by being sedated.
- There is evidence of this being a true safety risk as previously the fire brigade have been needed to dampen the bonfire as hot ash and sparks were blown across Diamond Hall Farm onto the wooden buildings causing great concern.
- Reliable information regarding times of the firework displays and the increase from 1 to 2 separate displays on the same night causes accurate sedation for the horses impossible as sedation needs 40 minutes to take effect and only lasts for 20-40 minutes depending on each individual animal.
- When trying to establish the times only 1 person has been at all helpful while others have been aggressive and at one point suggested that on the night of the display we walk the horses round the village until it was over. This would definitely be a safety issue.

On a number of occasions the ground has been used as a helicopter landing pad. This has caused distress for horses when landing and taking off with no notification being given of expected times of landing and takeoff. These events have resulted in:

- a hospital visit for one person
- a horse being injured due to fright.

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

Please state the reasons you believe granting the application will undermine this objective

The noise from

- The landing and take-off of helicopters (I believe currently suspended)
- The firework display lasting 10 minutes for the first and 20 minutes for the second (video evidence available)

Impacts the neighbouring homes with many of these homes having dogs which are unable to tolerate the fireworks especially.

Protection of Children from Harm

Please state the reasons you believe granting the application will undermine this objective

Section 5 – Suggestions

(please provide any suggested conditions that could be added to the licence if granted which would remedy the cause of your representation, or other suggestions you would like the licensing panel to consider)

2. Entertainment to be Inaudible

Noise generated by regulated entertainment, live music (amplified or unamplified), recorded music or any other type of entertainment (amplified or unamplified) must be inaudible at the nearest noise sensitive location.

This should be amended to disclose the nearest noise sensitive location.

6.

Notice to local residents

Local residents will be notified by letter at least 28 clear days before such an event. Not including the day that the notice is given or the day of the event. The letter will include details of the event and details of a point of contact for the cricket club who will be on duty on the day of the event including a telephone number.

The term local should be more specific. People living near the Dog and Partridge on Medlock road didn't received any notification of the Bank Holiday Music Festival.

2.

Number of events permitted

The number of events will be limited to 4 in total. This includes the bonfire night event which will be held on the nearest Saturday to the 5th November and the event held on the Sunday directly before the August bank holiday. Leaving the date of the 2 remaining events to be decided upon by Woodhouses Cricket Club.

I believe that the bonfire night event should be removed from the permitted events

Section 6 – Signature
Sign: Meryl Crummack Date: 21st September 2025

Guidance Notes:

Please provide all relevant information you feel is pertinent to the consideration of the application. The Licensing Authority will review all representations as they are received, and any information contained within representations that is not considered relevant for the purposes of determining the application will be highlighted.

Members of the Panel who preside over any subsequent hearing to determine the application will be alerted to the highlighted sections of representations and informed those sections cannot be considered in their decision-making process.

If you do make a representation you will be invited to attend the Licensing Panel hearing and any subsequent appeal hearings. Where you choose to attend the Panel, you may only address the panel around the relevant sections of your representation and will not be permitted to discuss the highlighted irrelevant information.

Please return the completed representation form, and any additional evidence, to the Licensing Service, Sir Robert Peacock House, Vulcan Street, Oldham, OL1 4LA or email to licensing@oldham.gov.uk

TIME LIMITS

All representations must be returned within the statutory period, generally 28 days from the date the notice was displayed on the premises or the date specified in the public notice in the newspaper.

If you are unsure of the time limit to lodge a representation for a particular application, please check with the Licensing Service by emailing licensing@oldham.gov.uk

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