

RE APPLICATION PL0439

AVKO FC

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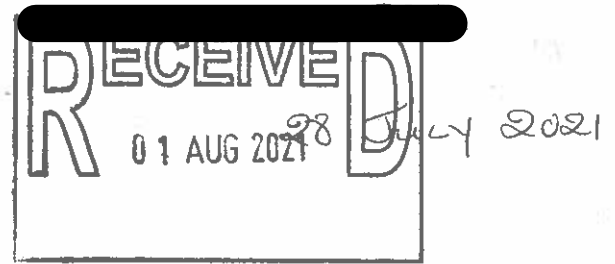
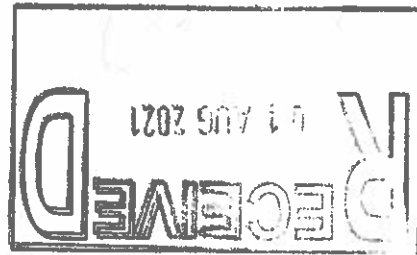
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Dear Sirs

With reference to the application PL0439 for a variation of premises licence at AVKO to provide alcohol and refreshments 11.00am to 11.00pm Monday to Thursday, 11.00am to 12.00pm Friday to Saturday and 10.30pm Sunday, we strongly oppose this application.

Whilst we have no problem with the existing licence held by AVKO for the original clubhouse, the noise and music was contained within the premises, our objection is based on concerns this new application is for a pitchside/VIP bar constructed out of porta cabins with double doors which are left open to the external seating and a food wagon with external seating, both of which provide no soundproofing and the amplified music and general noise from patrons is audible from our home.

Both these facilities have been open since 28 May 21 under temporary events notices and I have messaged the club chairman numerous times re loud music and anti-social behaviour:-

1<sup>st</sup> May - party held around mid afternoon 3.00pm, loud music and general noise until 10.30pm, audible from our home. Would have probably gone on longer if I hadn't contacted Paul Armstrong member of staff. at 10.15pm.

2<sup>nd</sup> May - party at Maces food wagon, loud music 12 noon text chairman 12.50pm, he had music turned down. But we still had noise from partygoers.

Same night 11.00pm to 11.50pm over 20 people congregating

on carpark waiting for taxis, shouting, arguing between themselves and generally causing a public nuisance with their drunken anti-social behaviour. Emailed chairman the following day, his reply and I quote "Unfortunately with alcohol comes stupidity".

Sun June - 11:00pm ground evacuated due to fire, no emergency lighting to be seen, no assembly point, all patrons congregating on Whitebank Road, utter chaos, some anti-social behaviour as previous week, young girls so drunk they had to literally be man handled into taxis. Plastic glasses and litter left behind

3rd July - Two young boys aged about 7 years had tried to gain entry to the ground but were refused by staff, so they played football on the car park, they kicked the ball on the clubhouse roof and then scaled the high perimeter fence approx 15/20 foot to retrieve it. No member of staff came out to and speak to these children even though they knew of their presence. If they have CCTV covering all areas, why was this allowed to happen, this could have turned into a nasty accident.

10th July - Messaged chairman again re loud music from Macies @ 2.10pm. Same night Junction held pitchside bar, football on till 8pm but footballs still being kicked about until 10.15pm and we can hear the thud of the ball being kicked each time.

11th July - Euro football final, plenty of patrons to watch the match, we made exceptions to the noise, being what it was, England in the final, but the following morning

our view was a carpark and grass verge full of plastic glasses. Why are people allowed to leave the premises with alcohol when they have registered door supervisors?

7th July - 8:50pm, gates still open, footballs still being kicked about. Two men sat in one car on carpark using silver canisters, balloons for over an hour, should have been visible on CCTV but went unnoticed. Unaccompanied and unsupervised children entering ground.

We already suffer excessive noise from the football 7 days a week from as early as 7:40am, especially at weekends, with shouting, swearing from both players and spectators. Amplified music constantly playing over the tannoy system well before matches are due to start. Car doors slamming, inconsiderate parking, headlights shining into our house.

We have endured indecent anti-social behaviour numerous times with males urinating in front of our house and footballers stripping to their underwear.

Cars ignoring the one way and no entry signs whilst children are on the carpark. Marshals only in attendance occasionally and only when cars are arriving not when they are leaving. We have seen young children climbing on an electric cable attached to the concrete fence, this is a massive public safety issue.

30 March - Two young men were cutting trees down with a chainsaw on the spare land prior to the car park/dirt track being laid. No safety protection worn, no safety goggles worn, drinking beer and posing for photographs holding the chainsaw in one hand and beer in the other. No-one came out checking on these men, surely AVBO have a responsibility for the health and safety of its employees.

This facility and carpark are approximately 50 yards from our home and this is where the patrons congregate, be it before or after football, after attending a party or function.

We have to put up with this intrusion in our lives, we cannot have windows or doors open because of the noise. We have had sleep disrupted. We cannot enjoy family time in our gardens because of the noise and foul language.

We have a basic human right to privacy in our home free from noise nuisance, light pollution and anti social behaviour all of which we haven't got with this overdeveloped, overused facility.

Granting this application for an alcohol licence that goes upto 11pm/12pm for the pitchside bar effectively negates the conditions of use of the playing amenities that state use should end 10pm week days and 9pm weekends. It would also mean at weekend we would and already have had to endure this facility being open 16 hours and all the noise that comes with it.

As you can see whilst Avilo have been operating on the temporary events licences we have had first hand experience of what it will be like if this application is passed with the above public nuisance, public safety, anti social behaviour and lone children issues

We strongly object to this application and urge you to dismiss it.

Yours faithfully

Bob + Dapper.