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REF: Objection to Licensing application (Sarah Gledhill) Variation of the club premises certificate for Shaw Cricket Club, Mark Lane, ShawOL2 8QG

Dear Licencing at Oldham Council,

I am emailing against the above application of extended licensing for Shaw Cricket Club.
The Cricket Club is already causing issues for residents due to the antisocial behaviour of those at or leaving the club.

I and the residents have concerns for Public and Resident Safety:

- People leaving the club are usually drunk, loud and could pose a risk for neighbours' safety.
- The extension of licence will encourage late night drinkers, this will increase safety concerns for residents and our properties.
- The club and those who use it are already impacting on our lives and sleep due to the way they act at the club and leaving the club in the early hours of the morning. This will increase if this application is passed and impact on our quality of lives, stress and safety.
- The neighbours and I are already suffering from the flouting of the license the club already holds and the noise, disruption, antisocial behaviour that is already happening into the early hours of the morning and past the clubs' present licence.

- The residents and I are already having to tolerate anti-social behaviour, smashing of glasses, people shouting, and music being played loudly outside and well past midnight.
- If this application is passed it will increase the stress levels, anxiety, and the impact on the quality of lives of the residents
- The residents and I are already having our quality of life impacted by the early morning antisocial behaviour of those who attend the club.
- The club did not communicate with residents even though I had volunteered to be the representative for the residents and have been called by the club if they have concerns such as dog fouling and tree felling etc. yet I had no phone call to update me on their intention to apply for an extended licence until they were informed the residents had found out! This does not show community involvement or any thought for the residents living in this quiet residential area.

Crime and Disorder:

- We are already and regularly woken up by those attending the Cricket Club past midnight and through to past 2am. In my view this licence application does not meet your Policy document criteria. (Section 13.6 of your policy document states: Stricter conditions with regards to licensing hours may be required for licensed premises situated in or immediately adjacent to residential areas to ensure that disturbance to local residents is avoided and also states that normal night-time sleeping periods are between 23.30 and 07.00)
 - The noise of those and when leaving is so loud, they swear loudly, Chant on the veranda outside and are smashing glasses on the lane and in neighbour's gardens.
 - People are leaving the club in the early hours and running around the residential area, onto people's properties etc.
1. I raised this with the club Chairman and was met again with negativity and when I suggested we spoke about the issue the next day due to the late hour, this was ignored, and I was woken up with a text at 1am again very negative. I was woken again with lots of noise, shouting etc, from those leaving the club which kept me awake for the next few hours. (Texts included in complaint)
- People at the club and leaving it are urinating in bushes and residents' gardens.
 - They are also using garden fence panels as a toilet.
 - Whilst at the club people are deciding not to use the club house facilities but to use bushes behind people's houses as a toilet.
 - When leaving the club in the early hours and walking down the lane those who have been using the club are urinating up neighbours' fence panels and in neighbours' gardens. This is totally unacceptable and disgraceful.
 - Neighbours have tried to raise concerns with the chairman but again have been met with negativity to the point that the elderly residents are now frightened to raise any concerns.
 - We have a number of retired, elderly residents who live on Clough and they are feeling extremely vulnerable and frightened by the noise and anti-social behaviour and are starting to feel like a prisoner in their own home.
 - We can no longer sleep with our windows open due to noise and loud music from the club
 - Residents cannot enjoy their gardens due to the swearing, noise and antisocial behaviour that is happening regularly.

- This licence is going to increase the already unacceptable anti-social behaviour and we will all be disturbed in the early hours of the morning by more instances of smashing glass, shouting, loud music, antisocial behaviour and disruption from endless taxis sat at the end of our road.
- Residents feel very vulnerable due to this and feel their quality of life is already impacted and will be increasingly impacted if this licence is passed.
- A resident was threatened on his doorstep by someone drinking at the Cricket Club and the management did nothing to help (photo included)

Public Nuisance:

- I feel there is a lack of management and flouting of the licence the club holds already holds due to the fact at last orders people are buying an increased number of drinks per person and staying on the premises until the early hours of the morning continuing to drink.
- This is also a concern with a license to sell alcohol to consume on and off the premises as they will no doubt buy drinks to take away but drink at the club or take their purchased alcohol and drink in the local residential area causing public nuisance.
- We have had instances of those drinking at the club being comatose, lied out at the far end of the ground without any consideration for their safety. When a concerned resident called the club, this again was met with negativity, but this resident was very concerned for the safety of these unconscious people but was too frightened to approach them in case they could wake up and be violent due to alcohol (photo included in email)
- The music is played so loudly outside until the early hours without any consideration for the residents sleeping and quality of life (Section 13.6 of your policy)
- People are swearing, arguing, and screaming into the early hours of the morning which is very unnerving to all residents but especially our vulnerable and elderly residents and impacts on all our sleep and a public nuisance.
- Taxis are sat waiting to pick people up at the end of my street for over 10 minutes with their engines running. There are also large groups of people on the road in front of residential properties, still drinking from glasses they have had at the club and then leaving the glasses on the road, garden walls, in gardens and smashing them before they enter their taxis. They have not thought of the residents who are trying to sleep in the early hours and have to clean up the mess they leave.
- People from the club are also urinating in gardens and up walls of neighbours' houses.
- They leave the club and smash glasses against fences and walls leaving broken glass all over the lane which is dangerous to my children and pets.
- This licence application will encourage people leaving pubs in Shaw and Moorside and further to use the Club as a late-night drinking venue which will impact residents' safety, wellbeing, and security.

I have included video, photos and copies of text messages to support my objection and would request if this goes to panel that I have the opportunity and resources to play the videos and present the photos to the panel members.

As a community and as residents we are at the point of despair with what we are having to tolerate already from the flouting of the license Shaw Cricket Club have already and are extremely concerned for our quality of life, safety, and security if this license is granted.

We are a close community with many elderly and vulnerable residents who are now living in fear and unable to enjoy their gardens or a peaceful night's sleep due to the antisocial behaviour of those using the club and also the noise, swearing and drunken behaviour at the club and on its grounds into the early hours of the morning.

I really hope you take into consideration the concerns we have all raised when making your decision.

Please confirm receipt of my email and photos.

Please note my videos have been blocked by Oldham Council but these are pivotal to my complaint and I will want to present them at panel, please advise.



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Steve >

Sat, Jun 5, 23:00

Hi Steve,

Don't want to be a kill joy but I've had a 3 phone calls re: lads leaving the cricket pissed up, screaming and arguing loudly walking round Hampden/ Clough Road (I've just been out to tell them to knock it off!) Plus the music is still playing loudly with lots of noise from the club!

I'm giving you a heads up because I expect there will



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it's the second weekend of
the same!

Give me a call tomorrow.

Lisa



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