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4th August 2021

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to make a representation objecting to the licence application for the Variation of a Club Premises for Shaw Cricket Club, Mark Lane, Shaw, OL2 8QG dated 15th July 2021. This application is to extend the permitted hours to supply and sell alcohol both on and off the club premises and to provide entertainment, including playing live and recorded music, to beyond 12 hours a day, every day of the year.

I am writing as an interested party. I grew up in the Clough neighbourhood and am a regular overnight (often staying for a week or more) visitor to my elderly parents who have lived in the same house for 44 years. I support my mother in caring for my father who has had to shield during the past 18 months.

In recent years, I have witnessed increasing anti-social behaviour during events at the cricket, including loud drunken behaviour, swearing, littering (including beer cans and bottles on Mark Lane and Hampden Road), and men urinating in the bushes outside my parents' and their neighbours' back gardens. On a recent visit during the late May Bank Holiday, specifically on the afternoon and evening of Sunday 30th May, the noise from the recorded music being broadcast from the pavilion and the accompanying shouting and drunken singing was so extreme it meant that my parents and I could not sit in the back garden and talk. This noise continued late into the night, meaning we were unable to sleep with our windows open during the hot weather.

More recently, a large beer tent was erected outside the back gardens of, again, my parents and their neighbours at the top of Clough Road for the Euros tournament. It was left up after the end of the tournament despite the chairman reassuring my mother that it would be taken down immediately after the last match. It was left unsecured and unattended, and two weeks later, on the night of 23rd – 24th July, it blew over and ended up impaled on my parents' back garden fence and on trees, causing us anxiety but, thankfully, little damage to my parents' property. The club chairman expressed his annoyance to my mother for being disturbed by her call about this just after 8am (though he had already been called by another neighbour earlier that morning about it), despite the health and safety risk the tent posed. He also disregarded the Tree Protection Order by cutting off a branch from a tree on the boundary with my parents' land to help recover the tent.

These are not isolated incidents and demonstrate that the cricket club cannot manage their current alcohol and entertainment licence and clientele adequately enough to prevent anti-social behaviour and unnecessary disturbance and nuisance for their neighbours, especially those neighbours who directly back on to the cricket field. Extended hours for supplying and selling alcohol on the club premises and providing entertainment would essentially make the cricket club a late-night club (on greenbelt land) which would attract late-night drinkers to a quiet, residential area and, based on previous and current experience, result in late-night disturbance for the Clough estate residents. Extended hours for supplying and selling alcohol off the premises would essentially make it a late-

night off-licence which would likely lead to more drinking and anti-social behaviour in the residential streets of the Clough estate.

There has been no effort made by the cricket club's chairman or committee to consult with their neighbours about this licence application. In the past, relations between the club and its neighbours were very positive and friendly, with many of the longer-term residents having supported the club financially. Unfortunately, the new chairman and committee do not consult or communicate with the Clough residents about plans for the cricket club which would directly impact them.

I strongly believe that this licence application for the Variation of a Club Premises would negatively and substantially impact the character, safety and security of this quiet, residential area and greenbelt land, and also the health and wellbeing of the residents, many of whom have lived in the area and supported the cricket club for many years.

Yours faithfully,

Hazel Newton