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Dear Sir,

I am writing in regard to the outstanding application for a licence extension to state my support for it and explain why.

I am the Head Coach for the Junior section where we have 56 local youngsters signed on with between 40-50 training each week - we are a vibrant small club and one which seeks to serve the community and provide a facility to match.

I am also the Coach of the Ladies section which we set up 3 years ago and which is enabling female players to learn the game.

Why do I mention this? For several reasons. Firstly because we are looking to grow and improve ourselves in terms of playing standard by attracting more players to the club. Secondly, we need to constantly work on our facilities to cater for these players and new teams as we are committed to providing cricket for as many people as possible - boys, girls, men and women alike. Finally, we aim to be a key part of the community and provide a sporting outlet for local people of all abilities as well as providing a welcoming and safe place for families to come and spend an afternoon watching the cricket.

To do this we need to be able to self fund and invest in our facilities both on and off the field and having improved our clubhouse it is clear that our current licence is inappropriate for a club such as ours. In addition, Covid has hit us hard with no social activity at all in 2020 for obvious reasons and we need to re-establish ourselves and maintain our not for profit approach to running the club.

One major issue we are dealing with is the state of the drains on the outfield and the significant investment that is required there alongside the need for better and safer practice facilities for all of our players in the form of a new nets complex.

We are a responsible club and Committee and want to and do work with our neighbours respecting their needs and situation and have recently spend significant sums on re-housing bins, putting signage up to protect the lane and parking facilities as well as setting up communication links.

I hope that you will take my points into consideration.

Thanks

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