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Mr & Mrs Glennon,
28, Whitebank Rd,
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OL8 3JH. OBJECTION TO ABOVE.

We to object to the application for the alcohol licence, for the Pitch-Side bar, within the stadium OL8. My husband and I live in close proximity to the venue, and suffer the consequences of the operator's attitude towards relating activities at the site. We have lived on Whitebank Rd , for forty years ,and have co-existed with various operator's who have run licenced premises which have always been enclosed.

The application before you is retrospective with no consent in place from either Licensing or Planning Authorities . In the past five years the operators, have proven to be unreliable and unprofessional in the running of the stadium. The operators have a blatant disregard for any Regulatory permitting authorities with an attitude of act now and deal with the consequences later.

The pitch-side was created in May 2021, and decorated in April 2021, the structure has been constructed by joining four steel containers, they have covered the exterior in wooden cladding. The operators have advertised the structure on Avro's Facebook , and Twitter Account, which will provided evidence of time scale and the building process. This is a building which was built at cost, rather than a permanent structure , with inadequate soundproofing.

The chairperson in charge of the daily running of this facility , at a licencing meeting in September 2021, said ' the pitch-side bar was historic' The residents of Whitebank Rd, have spoken to Jean Stretton, Stephen Williams our Labour Councillors for Hollinwood ,who had under taken a survey of residents regarding the Pitch side bar . All residents many who lived on Whitebank Rd ,for 30 year or more all dispute the chair person claim. Jean Stretton, did relay this information in licencing meeting in September 2021.

In 2021 Avro's held a number of temporary events licence, within the stadium during Euro Football. The operators held a 30th birthday party inside the pitch side bar, the night before the fire. Patrons from the party at the stadium ,where young couples many distressed by the fire, where evacuated on to the car park in front of the old pit club. Some women needed physical assistance from another person to walk . One had to be carried by a male and place into a taxi, after she had fallen and banged her head.

The temporary events licences have provided residents with an insight in how the operators will run this bar in the future. We have had to endure foul and abusive language and boisterous behaviour from the patron who had been drinking alcohol in the stadium. Some male patrons, regardless of the time of day ,would urinate in front of our homes. This incident was reported to Jean Stretton, when a male patron had left the stadium and urinated in public in front of a young child and parent.

Whilst waiting for taxis, many patrons regularly leave empty drinking vessel on walls or throw them the objects into peoples gardens on Whitebank Rd. The patrons have been leaving food waste and empty food containers from Macey's on the car park, encouraging vermin. The operators are known for running over restricted permitted times at weekend.

The patrons egress this facility at the same point from the pitch side bar and Macey's food truck, and football stadium. When you add alcohol to this situation this will cause considerable more noise. Residents can no longer enjoy their own amenities, due to patron's of the stadium already.

My husband is a key-worker, and the noise which emulates from the ground is causing sleep deprivation. We now have a number of children who life facing this facility. Who life chances will be affected by the inability to do their homework in peace and quiet ,or unable to sleep.

Many residents are in fear of harassment and intimidation from the patrons that are using the stadium. On 29/1/22 at Avro game they have allowed a man in the ground to bang a drum during the match till 5.15pm Saturday.

When most people would expect a degree of peace and quiet after work or a weekend, the residents are bombarded , with light and noise pollution. If this alcohol licence is allowed it will increase noise and cause additional disturbance to residents.

From our experience and those of my neighbours who are affected by the patrons of the site on a daily basis. It's our view this application should be refused.

Mrs Cecilia Glennon. Mr Stephen Glennon.