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To: ENV LICENSING <licensing@oldham.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection for a Licence for Vestacare Stadium, Whitebank Road

To Whom It May Concern

I would like to contest the licence application for the above.

Firstly I would like to object on the grounds that the original plans for the Vestacare Stadium was for children and young adults to play football at. Therefore, why would a licence be needed? Am I to draw to the conclusion that Avro FC would be selling alcohol to under age children? Is this why they are applying for a licence? Even if alcohol might not be sold to underage children, then it would be sold to the "responsible" adults, who would be spectators. Surely this is still not ideal, as then Avro would be encouraging parents/relatives to drink alcohol, whilst being responsible for a child/children, whilst spectating. As we are all aware alcohol changes any person who consumes it, therefore Avro FC/Oldham Council would be responsible for every adult at that ground, who had consumed alcohol. They would also therefore be responsible for their behaviour. They would be held accountable if anything was to happen to any child/children who happens to be in the care of a "drunken" adult. Who could become aggressive, abusive, controlling and violent.

Currently alcohol is being sold on the grounds and there is a "makeshift" outside bar that has been built. This bar is a fire hazard as it is clad in wood.

Avro FC have broken many laws and not adhered to the original plans that they submitted 5 years ago. They have utter disrespect for the surrounding area and neighbourhood. They have destroyed badger setts, trees and the lives of people who live near the ground. The noise level from the ground is constant, there is no let up at all. The lights on the ground are on till gone 10pm each and every night. This Sunday 31st January, Oldham Rugby played a match, even after they had been evicted from the ground, for £120,000 rent arrears. The noise was unbelievable, swearing, shouting, jeering and cheering. This could be heard from my house, through double glazing and in the middle of a storm. This totally ruined the peace of a Sunday evening, thank you very much Oldham Council. If the club got a licence this destruction of quality of life will only get worse, as alcohol will be involved.

The stress and strain on my family life over the last five years has been unbelievable. We cannot even sit out in our garden on a summers evening, without having to hear cheering, jeering, screaming and swearing will 10pm each and every night. This is having an impact on our mental health. I have lived here for 22 years and the last 5 have been horrendous, no thanks to Avro FC.

Avro FC and Oldham Council have also committed a crime against the badgers that have lived here for years and years. The badgers are protected, and you have no regard for this and the law. Badger setts have been destroyed, along with other wildlife habitats. One of the setts that have been destroyed has now got a "makeshift" marque on top of it, which Oldham Council have now given planning permission to for the next 3 years. This marque was put up illegally and houses boxing. This boxing can be heard all around, the grunts the groans, the shouts and foul language. The lights are also left on 24/7, again affecting the badgers and the wildlife.

I am totally opposed to the licence planning for Avro FC and this should not be passed under any circumstances. Noise pollution, light pollution, constant disturbance to the badgers and the wildlife. Constant disturbance to the local residents, ruining there everyday lives. Causing mental health and distress at all levels.

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I would like to be kept updated with all plans and applications for the Vestacare Whitebank Stadium, as I feel sure that Avro FC will continue to make illegal changes to their original plans, supported by Oldham Council. They have already made illegal changes and seem to be above the law. Everyone has to adhere to the law, you as a council are not above it and neither is Avro FC.

Yours faithfully