

From: Ben Wait

Sent: Sunday, October 12, 2025 4:06 PM

To: licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk <licensing@woodhousescc.co.uk>

Subject: My support for Woodhouses CC

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing as a dedicated member, fan, and local resident who has been supporting the club since the mid-1990s, having played against them during my boyhood. Currently, I serve as the Manager and Coach of Failsworth United Under 13s, a role I have held since the team was under 5s. Over the years, the club has hosted our presentation evenings, parties, and evening entertainment, consistently providing a safe, family-friendly venue.

Upon entering the club, I am always moved by the pictures of past teams adorning the bar's walls and the references to the Atherton family. Mike Atherton, the former England captain, played for the club, as did his brother, and his parents remain associated with it. The significance of this club to our village, underscored by a street named in Mike's honour, must not be underestimated.

I am personally acquainted with many of the support staff, coaches, bar staff, and management, many of whom are volunteers. This attests to the strong sense of community that the club fosters in our village. It is genuinely difficult to comprehend why the club's licence is under threat.

For decades, the club has been a central hub for community events, hosting them year after year without incident. It has always provided safe and secure facilities for both indoor and outdoor events on the cricket pitch. As a resident, I have never encountered any issues related to nuisance or safety during this time. The events are always well-managed, sufficiently staffed—often by volunteers—and bring immense joy to our village and community.

Yours faithfully,

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