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**Subject: Woodhouses Cricket Club**

I am writing to express my support for our wonderful Cricket Club in Woodhouses, having seen the blue notice stating that the license is to be reviewed.

Our Cricket Club is a huge part of life in Woodhouses village and the surrounding areas. It is an amazing not-for-profit facility, run by selfless volunteers who work tirelessly to keep everything running smoothly and safely, whilst maintaining the clubhouse, changing rooms and grounds in perfect condition.

The Club is a hub for folks of all ages to socialise. For the very youngest, a toddler group is hosted here regularly. At the other end of the scale, I am in my seventies and attend the Coffee Club which is held every Wednesday. Our oldest members are in their nineties! Again, this is run by amazing volunteers who started it as a place for older people, who may otherwise have been at home on their own, to come and chat and make friends. This has grown into a thriving event, enjoyed by all and giving rise to lots of new great friendships. We also have fundraisers for charities at some of our meetings, including our Mc Millan Coffee Morning and a Poppy selling event for the British Legion in the next few weeks. We also have a qualified Yoga teacher who gives us a weekly Chair Yoga session, which is very helpful for keeping older folks fit and the joints moving. We all so look forward to our meetings.

On the cricket side, I have a grandson and son in law who play cricket for Woodhouses and it gives my husband and myself great pleasure to come and sit in such beautiful surroundings to watch teams play. The club provides cricket training from about five years upwards for boys and girls, led by trained volunteers who provide a very safe, caring environment. It is so good to have a safe venue for the young ones to play and learn new skills. Then they can progress on through the junior teams. A wonderful family friendly place which is thoroughly enjoyed by all ages. Good for physical and mental health.

The Cricket Club has regular fundraising events for many different charities. These are extremely popular and, due to restrictions on numbers, they are usually sold out well in advance. Everything is well planned and organised for safety and I have never seen, or heard of, any problems or trouble. I live in Woodhouses, in Withins Hall Road which is very close to the Cricket Club. I have never had any worries about safety or nuisance or noise as the club is so well run.

It is such a vital part of our community life here that we must ensure that it continues to thrive. Keeping the license is vital to the Club being able to continue providing the wonderful facilities which are greatly appreciated by so many.

**Regards Joan Lewis**

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