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Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 20:19

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Subject: Representation in Support of Woodhouses Cricket Club – Premises Licence Review

Dear Licensing Sub-Committee,

I am writing to express my full support for Woodhouses Cricket Club, whose premises licence is currently under review. I have been involved with the club since the age of 13 and now serve as its Treasurer. I have seen first-hand over many years the vital contribution it makes to our community.

The club is one of the few genuine community hubs in the village. It provides a safe, welcoming space for people of all ages and backgrounds, is not-for-profit, and is managed by volunteers. Both of my children are actively involved, and through the club they have developed confidence, teamwork and communication skills that will benefit them for life.

Beyond sport, the club supports numerous local causes and charities, regularly hosting fundraising events and community activities that bring the village together. Events are always well-organised and responsibly managed. Removing or restricting its events licence would have a serious negative impact on local residents and young people who rely on it as a positive social outlet. Restricting the ability to host events would also have a detrimental financial effect on the club, reducing its capacity to develop facilities and continue its excellent work in the local community and in supporting other charitable causes.

Whilst I understand that there has been a technical breach of licence conditions, it is clear that this was an innocent oversight rather than any deliberate disregard for the rules. The club has always sought to act responsibly and engage constructively with the council.

I therefore respectfully urge the Committee to take into account the club's long-standing community role, strong record, and commitment to working with the council to ensure compliance, and to allow it to continue holding events under fair and workable conditions.

Kind regards,

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