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**Subject:** Support for the club

I am writing in support of Woodhouses Cricket Club and their licensing dispute. As a local resident, parent, event attendee and local business (who the club supports). I want to express how I have seen first hand the positive role the club plays in our community.

Woodhouses Cricket Club is far more than a sports club. It is run by community minded committed, committee members, as a not for profit organisation. The committee and volunteers dedicate their time to provide inclusive and safe family events. From cricket matches to community events, children's seasonal parties, to weekly activities for older residents, the club ensures that people of all ages have a secure and inclusive space to come together.

The club has always worked closely with local small businesses by involving them in events, thus helping to support and sustain the local economy. The clubs fundraising efforts regularly benefit not only the club itself but also local charities and good causes, further demonstrating their role as a genuine community hub. They host popular events that the community actually wants and it's the only place locally that manages to bring the community together in the way they do. Woodhouses cricket club manages to succeed in boosting community moral at times when I feel very strongly is needed more than ever. You can see your neighbours there, socialise with people in the community you wouldn't normally get the chance to talk to and get to know so many of our fellow Failsworth residents and their families. It's the kind of place, for me personally as single mum, knows confidently I could walk in with my daughter and we'd be welcomed and not spend the evening alone.

The club is always well organised and responsible. The facilities are safe and suitable for children, young people and the elderly. Events are run in a way that is considerate of both attendees and the wider community. I have only ever had positive experiences at the club. They give back so much by offering their premises as a place to go and also support community meetings and other community committees, as well as running events to raise for charities.

We are very fortunate to have Woodhouses Cricket Club and the team of volunteers who work to keep it running. The club brings people together, strengthens community bonds and provides a secure, welcoming and valuable service to our area.

I vehemently support the club and the important work they do for our community and truly hope it continues for generations. Failsworth needs this venue and its events to not only keep the club going, but Failsworth moral too.

Yours faithfully

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