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Subject: Review of License

Good morning

I am writing to add my support to the team at Woodhouses Cricket Club and the fantastic job they do in our village.

The club has to my knowledge never been subject to a licensing review before and in my time living in Woodhouses I have never had any cause to complain about any activity organised by the club.

My name is Peter Bailey , I live in the village at 22 Withins Hall Road M35 9SA and I have an affiliation with the cricket club that stretches back nearly 40 years.

I am a former player , the parent of 2 former players and at the same time I am a local resident - as many of the former players are.

I have always found the club to be an extremely safe environment, especially for the younger players who attend the weekly coaching sessions at the club and then graduate to the Under 9s, Under 11s, Under 13s, Under 15s teams and eventually into the adult teams.

The club is run on a not-for-profit basis and a lot of the manual work done at the club is done on a volunteer basis by members of the community for the benefit of the community.

But the club is about much more than cricket . It provides a centre for village life on a weekly basis with the regular coffee mornings for local residents. In addition the club has become a go-to location for Christenings , Birthdays, Engagements ,Weddings and sadly Funerals, providing a fantastic, affordable local venue for friends and families to celebrate and raise a glass to their loved ones.

All this has been made possible by the tireless work of the staff and it would be a tragedy if the Licensing Authority decided to make changes to the existing licensing position.

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However you should not be under any illusion, the lifeblood of any local cricket club is the income that is produced by the bar that serves the players, supporters, local residents and visitors. A club cannot survive without the income generated by the bar There is a limited amount of sponsorship and charitable donation that is increasingly being squeezed and reduced, it is only through the funds generated through the bar that any club survives.

Woodhouses cricket club was founded in 1908- one hundred and seventeen years ago

, before the First World War!

There would be a very real threat to the clubs existence if the primary channel for income is cut off by a change in the licensing.

I know the licensing authority will make the right decision.

Warm regards

Peter Bailey