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To Whom it may concern.

With regards to the ongoing Review of a Premises Licence for the above, I'd just like to pledge my support for what is a well organised and family friendly club which provides people of all ages with opportunities to exercise, socialise and develop community relationships. It should be noted that the club has been operating for almost 120 years with an unblemished record and is operated entirely by volunteers on a not-for-profit basis.

As a local resident, former player and now member and volunteer myself I am familiar with the selfless people who run the club, all of whom are of the highest calibre in terms of character - they are solely concerned with the best interest of the club, village (and it's residents) and the wider community which stretches far beyond the environs of Failsworth. I know for a fact that the club have players (both junior and senior) and members who come to the club from various inner-city areas who are welcomed with as much enthusiasm as people from the village itself, and as demonstrated by Freddie Flintoff's recent Field of Dreams series, it is vital that such opportunities are maintained.

There are various initiatives run by the club to the benefit of the community, from Little Stars Toddler Groups, weekly coffee mornings (where the attendance has grown from a handful of elderly people to a significant number now), to the junior cricket programmes which are run during the Summer, literally hundreds of people are positively impacted by the club throughout the year. It should also be considered that profits made by the club are distributed to local charities and good causes in addition to helping to develop the cricket club itself.

In conclusion, the club is a much loved and vital part of the fabric of the area with a proud history, not just on the field, but also in the way it interacts with the local community - it is held in the highest esteem by the numerous cricket clubs who visit and helps to make North Manchester / Oldham an attractive place for visitors and businesses alike.

Kind regards,

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