

From: Alicia
Sent: 13 October 2025 12:01
To: ENV LICENSING <licensing@oldham.gov.uk>
Subject: Licensing Act 2003 Interested Party Representation Form

Hello, I am currently on holiday so I am unable to fill out the form from my phone but have filled out and attached it on email as best I can.

Thank you

Alicia

Section 1 - Application Details	
Applicants Name	Woodhouses cricket club
Premises Name	Woodhouses cricket club
Premises Address	Medlock road
Type of Application	Type of Application Review of a Premises license

Section 2 – Details of Person making Representation <i>(if you are a representative for an objector please use the next section)</i>	
Title <i>(Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other)</i>	Miss
Full Name	Alicia matthews
Telephone	
Email Address <i>(we will use this to correspond with you unless you notify us otherwise)</i>	
Full Address <i>(Including postcode)</i>	232 medlock road. Woodhouses village, Manchester M35 9NG

Please note that a full copy of your objection (including your name and address) will be sent to the applicant and will be a public document at any hearing of this matter.

Section 3 – Details of Representative	
Title <i>(Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other)</i>	
Full Name	
Telephone	
Organisation	
Email Address <i>(we will use this to correspond with you unless you notify us otherwise)</i>	
Full Address <i>(Including postcode)</i>	
Please state nature of representation: <i>(residents association / ward councillor / MP / trade association)</i> As a user of facilities for my horse on the village and the impact relating to the safe housing of that horse.	
Section 4 – Representation Details	
You need to complete the boxes below as fully as possible. If you do not, then the Licensing Panel may not understand why you have objected. Try to be as specific as possible and give examples such as <i>“on 1st February 2021 I could hear loud music from the premises between 10pm and 1am. I am concerned that if the premises is allowed to open until 2am this will cause further public nuisance to me and other residents on the street”</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I object to the application being granted at all
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I object to the application being granted in its current form*

Licensing Objectives

The Prevention of Crime & Disorder

Please state the reasons you believe granting the application will undermine this objective

- While this is not the primary issue in my case, it's worth noting that unexpected loud noises such as fireworks can cause unpredictable behaviour in animals and even in members of the public. In rural areas, startled animals may break through fencing, potentially entering public roads and causing traffic incidents, which then become a matter of public order and safety.

Public Safety

Please state the reasons you believe granting the application will undermine this objective

- Public safety is significantly compromised due to the effect of the firework displays on horses kept in nearby yards. Horses are highly sensitive animals that can easily panic when startled by loud or sudden noises. On multiple occasions, my horses have become dangerously agitated due to the fireworks. I've had to sedate them to prevent injury — to them and to handlers — which is a considerable cost and carries its own risks.
- More seriously, sedation prevents us from being able to travel the horses in an emergency (such as colic or an injury), because sedated horses cannot be safely transported. This could have life-threatening consequences.
- In addition, because some of my horses cannot cope at all with the fireworks, I am forced to transport three of them an hour away to a friend's yard each time a display is scheduled. This is extremely stressful, both for the horses and myself, and puts unnecessary strain on our time, finances, and wellbeing. It is not a sustainable or acceptable solution.
- Further, I would like to raise a serious incident involving a helicopter landing on the cricket ground without warning. On its first landing, the noise and downdraft startled my horse whilst I was injecting his medication so badly that I was injured in the result. The helicopter landings have since been stopped, and must never be allowed to resume. They represent a major, uncontrolled hazard to equestrians and the local community, especially when there is no prior warning.
- Additionally, the volume of traffic and lack of suitable parking during events creates further safety concerns within the village. Narrow rural roads become heavily congested, limiting access for emergency vehicles and putting pedestrians, cyclists, and local drivers at risk. Vehicles frequently park irresponsibly — on verges, across driveways, and even in front of field gates — obstructing both private access and emergency routes. This is not only inconsiderate to residents, but dangerous in an area where livestock or horses may need to be moved quickly in response to noise-related distress or injury. The infrastructure of the village simply cannot cope with the increased demand caused by these events.

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

Please state the reasons you believe granting the application will undermine this objective

- The ongoing fireworks are a clear public nuisance to those of us who keep horses in the area. Horses are not just pets — they are large, powerful animals that, when frightened, pose risks to themselves, handlers, and property. Every fireworks event brings enormous stress and danger. I spend days preparing around the display date, moving animals, purchasing sedation, and altering their routines, only to face the same disruption time and again.
- The explosions are deeply distressing to the horses, who often sweat up, attempt to bolt, or break fencing in panic or in the worst case can get colic. This is not a minor inconvenience — it creates genuine risk and disturbance to nearby landowners, residents, and the horses themselves.
- The problem is intensified when no notice is given about two display times, or when they overrun. This unpredictability makes it impossible to prepare effectively.

Section 5 – Suggestions

(please provide any suggested conditions that could be added to the licence if granted which would remedy the cause of your representation, or other suggestions you would like the licensing panel to consider)

1. All future firework displays should be completely prohibited as a condition of the licence.
2. The licence should be amended to formally exclude the use of fireworks at the premises or surrounding grounds, regardless of time or occasion.
3. The panel should consider the proximity of livestock holdings and equestrian facilities in its long-term licensing decisions and take into account the repeated and predictable harm caused by these events.
4. Public entertainment at this venue should focus on non-disruptive alternatives that do not endanger animals, public safety, or local residents.
5. Measures must be introduced to address the significant increase in traffic and unmanaged parking during events, including the enforcement of clear access for emergency vehicles, restrictions on verge and gate parking, and a cap on attendee numbers if adequate infrastructure is not available.

Section 6 – Signature

Sign:

A.matthews

Date: 13th October 2025