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Subject: Shaw Cricket Club new licence application

Application 110574.

Hello,

As a long standing resident of the Clough Estate I wish to voice my concerns about Shaw Cricket Club wanting to change their alcohol licence from a club licence to a premises (pub) licence. The cricket club is a member's club and has always been so. It shouldn't be primarily a drinking venue . In 2021 the club applied to increase licensing hours and outdoor music hours . This was partially accepted but with some conditions to protect residents.

The club have in no respect made life easy for the residents - no communication i.e. flyers posted to their neighbours about forthcoming events and activities. There are many older residents on the estate who do not use the internet and as many things are posted on the club's Facebook site are non the wiser . Communication between the club and residents is practically non existent.

As I've pointed out before on numerous occasions to the licensing department the noise from the club has spoilt a fine summer's day enjoyment in the garden. A day when it's warm and there is an event on means staying indoors with the doors and windows firmly closed . When there is a charity event on or similar the noise of the music can be heard indoors and the incessant noise of the base is enough to drive anyone mad. This tends to go on for hours. Due to the topography of the land any noise can be heard very clearly. The thought that the area could be impacted by more hours of noise is intolerable.

Anti social behaviour is already a problem. At a family based charity event I had to 'call someone out' for urinating against a tackle shed close to our property. No one should have to put up with this.

Sharing a boundary line with the club is challenging! Bad language is often heard and is not acceptable to everyone.

Litter on Mark Lane is an ever increasing problem . I've been so fed up of seeing water bottles , cans , beer bottles and vapes left here after events I've collected the rubbish myself and taken it to the club for them to dispose of. No street cleaner is capable of shifting bottles and cans left on neighbours' garden walls. The thought of more hours for visitors to eat equates to more rubbish and the estate looking like a tip.

Another example of public nuisance is cars parked half on and off the pavement on match days and when other events are taking place. It's difficult for pedestrians some using mobility equipment and others pushing prams to pass. This forces people to walk in the road which is dangerous particularly on the corner of Hampden Road and Mark Lane. An accident is waiting to happen here. The club's car park is not big enough and people who don't know the area drive much too fast on the estate. The passing places on the single track lane are often blocked by people parking in these bays leading up to the club making it difficult for some residents to reach their properties.Increased hours will only lead to more patrons leaving their vehicles for longer on the estate.

Breaching of the licence has occurred many times. The last time the club applied for a TEN's was early 2023 yet they have had numerous events open to the public since then ,some with over 500 people. They have also advertised on community forums(social media) the clubhouse for hire for birthday celebrations,baby showers etc and on some of them mentioned the sale of alcohol which I understand is not permitted.

Finally in these straitened times people only have a certain amount of money to spend and the increase in hours will mean people loitering for longer and more of a risk in anti social behaviour for us the residents.

Therefore for the above reasons I object to this new licence.

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