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OBJECTION

In September 2021 the Licensing Committee heard the cricket club's application for an increased license as there had been many objections.

The committee decided to only partially grant their request on the basis of protecting the local community. They also included conditions on which the license had to operate.

SINCE THEN, THE CLUB HAS IGNORED THOSE CONDITIONS:

- They have had all-day outside events with live music (not licensed).
- They continually play recorded music outdoors which can be heard over the clough (no license).
- They serve and drink alcohol outside the clubhouse (license breach).
- In the summer they use the balcony in the evening well beyond the 10pm deadline (breach).
- The license they have is a members license, but they commercially advertise the clubhouse (breach).
- They have events selling alcohol with more than 499 people on site (breach).

Why should they be rewarded with an extended license when they ignore conditions imposed?

The license they are now requesting will create more inconvenience and disturbance for the local community.

- I do not understand why they want an outside music license from 8am to 11pm. This will have a massive effect on their neighbours. The cricket club lies at the top of a valley which means the lay of the land transmits any noise down the valley so that any noise can be heard over the rest of the Clough Estate. If they are playing music from 8am it means their set up will start even earlier, disturbing everyone's sleep.
- The transfer to a pub license means the club's control over anti-social behaviour and security will be reduced, as they have no comeback against people as they are not members of the club.
- Serving drinks till 12:30 at the weekend will mean people will be leaving the club every weekend after 1am. There is only one main exit from the club and that is down the lane onto Mark Lane. Cars and taxis leaving at this time are a big nuisance but the biggest problem is people leaving on foot. It is well known that intoxicated people tend to be louder than normal and they are passing people's bedrooms. We are often woken up by people leaving the club (including the weekend just gone), so to take this beyond 1am regularly will have a serious effect on people's health in the area.

In conclusion, this license extension would be a change too far for the local community. The cricket club needs to learn to operate within its existing license and look after the community it operates within, rather than ignoring them.

Thank you

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