

Linda Newton

From: Linda Newton
Sent: 20 October 2025 13:50
To: ENV LICENSING
Subject:

Application 110574, Shaw Cricket Club application for a Premises Licence – Objection submitted 20.10.2025

I should like to object to the application for a Premises Licence by Shaw Cricket Club for the following reasons:

Prevention of crime and disorder – In recent years I have witnessed men urinating on the field, especially around the tackle sheds and among the bushes and trees just beyond our garden fences, which is a boundary we share with the cricket club. In addition, I have seen drunkenness, and experienced people entering my garden without permission, and those of other neighbours, and I object to having this happen in full view of my house and garden.

Public safety – Regarding the provision of late-night refreshments, according to Planning Application 343856 19-AMENDED PLAN PL01 REV B 'single storey side extension' passed October 2019, the kitchen in the clubhouse measures 2.8 metres by 2.69 metres, which sounds rather small for the provision of a commercial refreshment service, with all the hygiene conditions which will need to be met. Previous experience of catering at the club suggests there would be a likelihood of more litter and discarded food around bins as well as in them, increasing the vermin problem in the area. Cans, plastic, glass and food wrappers already create an eyesore as well as a health hazard on the cricket field and in the local area after a Shaw CC event.

Another aspect of public safety is caused by inconsiderate parking, particularly in the passing places on the single-track section of Mark Lane leading up to the club's small car park, as well as up to people's homes. Also, I have seen cars parking not just on local roads but on pavements, too, and have experienced having access to our drive blocked during cricket club events. This season, as usual, the lights in the changing room adjacent to the clubhouse have regularly been left on for days at a time; the balcony door to the upstairs changing room has been left open overnight or longer on a number of occasions, both of which add to the feeling the club lacks the care and attention to detail required to competently run licensed premises. It seems the club has breached its current club premises certificate on numerous occasions so I'm not confident of it adhering to any conditions attached to a premises licence were it to be granted.

Prevention of public nuisance – It's not clear from the application what area is meant by 'outdoors': is it the decking area and the immediate surroundings of the clubhouse building or the whole cricket field, a much larger area to supervise effectively. Whichever it is, the extended hours for the clubhouse to be open and for potentially noisy activities outdoors are given too early a start and too late a finish time, considering its close proximity to family homes. The club would open 3 hours earlier every morning. In the evenings, the club would be able to play live and recorded music, show films, serve alcohol and food for consumption outdoors every night till 11pm, extended to half past midnight on Friday and Saturday, an extra hour compared to now, which would be unacceptable and I object to. The current club certificate has a condition of no alcohol outdoors from 10pm and no use of the decking area from 10pm, also no clubhouse music noise to be heard outdoors from 9pm and this is appropriate for a quiet residential area. The decking area and indoor music restrictions seem to be carried over to the new application, but not the no alcohol outside after 10pm rule, and outdoor late-night food would be an added source of noise and nuisance. Also, this licence application doesn't appear to contain any specific restrictions relating to outdoor music, film noise and the potential consequent nuisance to neighbours, particularly those of us who share a common boundary with the club. Holebottom Clough is bowl-shaped with natural acoustics that amplify sound in the area, so restrictions on outdoor activities and noise would definitely be needed if the licence were to be granted.

The earlier opening time for the clubhouse and the request for regulated entertainment to be possible from 8am are troubling. Hopefully this would not happen every day, but I object to the potential for occasions when we're subjected to over 16 hours of music, live or recorded, or both together (an example of both together was the outdoor karaoke in May) along with the noise of funfair rides (e.g.

bonfire night), compressors for bouncy castles (at multiple daytime events) etc, plus the noise of potentially thousands of people in a small, bowl-shaped area.

Unfortunately, the club doesn't set a good example regarding behaviour towards its neighbours and can be very hostile towards us; the last two times I've spoken to anyone from the club they've been extremely rude to me. The online link talks of regular consultation with a Resident Liaison Group but there is almost no communication from the club at the moment and no consultation regarding its activities and events. I object to the club being given yet more scope for longer and noisier events when its representatives/members treat neighbours with contempt.

Protection of children – During many club organised activities and events, children are left unsupervised on the field while adults sit on the decking, go to the bar etc. This includes on children's training evenings when children who are not part of organised activities play around the edges of the field totally unsupervised. I've been involved in helping a child down who was stuck up a tree shouting for help, and seen children running wild, climbing onto both tackle shed roofs, onto and under covers, damaging trees and shrubs, play-fighting and even fighting. I object to this culture of lack of supervision of children, both by parents and by the club, and the consequent danger to them. Hiring the clubhouse seems to give customers and their children the feeling they can do what they want anywhere on the field, and I have seen them causing damage to the club's equipment and to the natural setting of the area, but to intervene is to invite abuse and I have given up on that.

I hope you will take into account this personal experience of living adjacent to the club for almost fifty years: the earlier years harmoniously, but not recently. As its name demonstrates, Shaw Cricket Club is a sports club and should, at most, only have a club certificate, with its focus remaining on cricket.

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From: Linda Newton
Sent: 24 October 2025 14:58
To: ENV LICENSING
Subject: Fwd: Complaint 117704 - CPC058 - Shaw Cricket Club, Off Mark Lane, Shaw - Breach of Condition.

For the attention of Elise Brophy re application 110574
Hello Elise

I am emailing you separately from **[redacted]** response that you sent to me yesterday 23rd October 2025, as I do not wish you to take this email as an indication of withdrawal of objections; my objections still stand.

Rather, this email is to address two of the most erroneous comments in her response for Shaw CC to the objections you have received.

She states in the final paragraph that 'there have been no reported incidents since our last Licence change to yourselves'. However, the email trail below shows that last year I reported noise from the decking well after 10pm, which was causing a public nuisance (Licensing Objective 3). I sent a recording of it. I'm surprised **[redacted]** doesn't remember this as someone so involved with the running of the club.

I, and I know other residents too, am not on any neighbourhood social media groups, neither Facebook nor WhatsApp so putting information there won't reach everyone. There are only sixteen Clough/Hampden Road houses that share a boundary with the club, and not that many more if you count the houses opposite these, so why couldn't flyers have been put through the doors, just black ink on white paper and nothing expensive, to tell us of this application?

Also, why can't the sixteen neighbours who share a boundary with the club be informed in this way of forthcoming events, so we can choose to go out or be prepared for the possible inconvenience

involved? If there are three local residents (I don't know who they are) on the main committee, why couldn't they come around and tell us in person about this licence application?

Their claim that 'we have tried to do everything we can to engage with the neighbours and neighbourhood' by trying to get **[redacted]** to put **[redacted]** response (I presume) on the Clough Neighbourhood Facebook page just isn't enough.

I spoke to **[redacted]** a few weeks ago about a different matter but she didn't mention the club or the licence application to me then and could have done. Even a flyer to everyone on this small, discrete estate wouldn't really be a 'bulk' communication effort. Also, **[redacted]** and others associated with the club have my email address, and by now could have fostered friendly relations with the neighbours by sending us emails regarding important news or events. In reality we have hardly any contact from the club.

These are the two most important comments regarding the representation supporting Shaw Cricket Club that I think should be noted by Licensing at this point.

Kind regards
Linda Newton

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From: Linda and Steve Newton

Date: Mon, 20 May 2024, 10:00

Subject: Re: Complaint 117704 - CPC058 - Shaw Cricket Club, Off Mark Lane, Shaw - Breach of Condition.

To: Mike Robinson (licensing)

Hello

Thank you for taking this matter up. It was much quieter on Saturday evening and the decking was almost clear soon after 10pm. There was an incentive to go inside as the Club was showing the Fury vs Usyk boxing match from 11pm, but hopefully it will continue to follow the conditions of its licence more closely.

Kind regards
Linda Newton

On Fri, May 17, 2024 at 4:41 PM Mike Robinson (licensing) wrote:

Dear Mr & Mrs Newton,

Thank you for your email below regarding the above. The matter you have raised has been allocated to me for investigation.

I have contacted the Treasurer of the Cricket Club by telephone and discussed the complaint. She will discuss the matter with the bar manager and take the appropriate actions.

I would be grateful if you could monitor the issue over the weekend and let me know if this resolves the matter or whether further action is required.

Regards,
Mike.
Michael Robinson
Licensing Officer

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From: Linda and Steve Newton
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 11:41 AM
To: Nicola Lord
Subject: Shaw Cricket Club License CPC058

Hello

I'm writing to you as I remember that you dealt with Shaw Cricket Club's license application a few years ago. This Saturday, 11th May, was the first Saturday of the new season's cricket being played at Shaw C C and on Saturday evening they certainly broke Annex 2, condition 7 'use of the decking area must cease at 22.00 hrs'. There were people on the decking talking loudly, laughing, shouting, singing and drinking, definitely at 22.40 and 23.00 as I recorded them on my phone at those times. We went to bed at 23.30 and there still seemed to be activity on the decking.

I know they'll respond that neighbours are killjoys, but perhaps just a gentle reminder from Licensing that they must adhere to the conditions of their license at all times will help stop this happening repeatedly during the season.

I've attached links to what I recorded on my phone. I'm not sure they'll come through, but I hope so.
Kind regards
Linda Newton