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Subject: Objection to Licence Variation – Shaw Cricket Club

Dear Sir or Madam,
I am writing to formally object to the application submitted by Shaw Cricket Club to change its current **club licence to a public house (pub) licence**.

As a long standing resident of Millbrook Close, I already experience significant disturbance from the venue under its existing licence conditions. Loud music is frequently played well beyond the permitted hours, and visitors' vehicles often obstruct the entrance to the close by double parking. The noise and behaviour of guests returning to their cars late at night are a recurring nuisance, showing little regard for neighbouring residents.

I wish to object to this application for the following reasons:

- **Noise Pollution:** Music is often played at a volume where vibrations can be felt inside our property. Extending their operating permissions would inevitably worsen the disturbance and make residents' lives intolerable on weekends and event nights.
- **Anti-Social Behaviour:** Intoxicated behaviour and the use of foul language are already common as guests leave the premises. Increasing public access will likely amplify such issues.
- **Public Safety and Access:** Parking congestion regularly blocks driveways and restricts entry to Millbrook Close. On several occasions, the double parking has been severe enough that emergency vehicles would struggle to gain access.
- **Crime and Disorder Concerns:** The lane leading to the club is poorly lit and secluded, which could easily encourage anti-social behaviour such as drug use or dealing. Granting a public licence would remove membership restrictions, attracting larger, less regulated crowds and increasing the risk of nuisance, vandalism, or even burglary in nearby residential properties.
- **Litter and Environmental Impact:** Empty cans, bottles and other waste are already left along the lane and surrounding streets following events. An increase in customer numbers will only exacerbate this problem, creating ongoing safety and cleanliness concerns.

In conclusion, Shaw Cricket Club has consistently failed to manage noise, parking and behaviour issues within its existing conditions, demonstrating a clear inability, or unwillingness, to enforce its current licence responsibly. Granting a pub licence would significantly worsen the situation and have a detrimental impact on the peace, safety, and wellbeing of the local community.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the licensing committee to refuse this application.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Melanie Whittaker