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From:

Sent: 21 July 2020 08:12
To: Licensing
Subject: OBJECTION TO LICENSING APPLICATION

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to object to the licence application by Shobnall Sports and Social Club, Shobnall Road, Burton upon Trent, DE14 2BB.

We have an interest in this application that is greater than the general public's because the Shobnall Sports and Social Club and grounds back onto the estate that we live in.

We object on the following grounds:

Objection: Prevention of Public Nuisance

Reasons for Objection – The Shobnall Sports and Social Club is extremely close to quiet residential housing. There is already a noise disturbance from the premises while it is open and if the premises were allowed to stay open any longer this would go on until an unacceptably late time, well into the early hours of the morning. Dispersal of people would take place at a much later time, which is already a public nuisance for the neighbours living in the surrounding residential areas. We already suffer noise disturbance when customers arrive at and leave the club so any extension of opening hours will significantly increase this. This will also increase the parking on our estate, which is already at a dangerous level as we enter the estate.

The premises do not have sound-proofing or noise-limiting devices. We already suffer the nuisance of music being played after 11pm which, we understand is in contravention to their current licence. It is an old building that was not designed to contain modern levels of sound and vibration with noise inevitably escaping from the premises and affecting us. We already have to take a number of measures to address this noise disturbance. Keeping windows closed, wearing earplugs to sleep and turning the television up. In the summer months having to keep windows closed is extremely uncomfortable, particularly when it is warm and muggy, specifically at bedtime. This often disturbs our sleep and general well-being.

The proposal to add outdoor music to the licence will have a significant negative effect on neighbouring houses. We already have to take measures to minimise the noise disturbance from inside music, so outdoor music will spiral this to an unacceptable level. We are already severely restricted in the use and enjoyment of our garden during the spring and summer months because of the noise nuisance. Customers often congregate outside, smoking, shouting and singing late at night. People have been known to camp overnight in the grounds too.

It is inevitable that any increase in the hours that alcohol can be purchased and consumed will impact negatively on the wider community, on crime and disorder, and anti-social behaviour.

Objection: The protection of children from harm

Reason for objection – This is a particular concern in a family residential area. Families of all ages live here and many have young and/or school age children who need to have established sleep patterns uninterrupted by noise. Any extension of opening hours would further impact negatively on these children regardless of the days of the week, not just school days.

Objection: Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Reason for objection – Looking at the crime statistics for the past 12 months for the local area it is evidence that the biggest proportion of crimes statistically relate to anti-social behaviour. It seems inevitable that any increase in opening hours allowing extra consumption of alcohol may well contribute to further anti-social incidents ie disorder and fighting. Generally any activity involving increased numbers of people, vehicles, music and alcohol after 11pm at night is not appropriate for a residential area and it increases the possibility of becoming a public nuisance and significantly raises the risk of criminal and disorderly behaviour.

There are a significant number of licensed premises within the vicinity and given that Shobnall Sports and Social Club already operates from 10am until 11pm Monday to Saturday and 12pm to 11pm on Sunday we feel that these hours are more than adequate and should not be increased for the reasons given above.

Finally, we would urge you to consider the responsibilities of the council under the Human Rights Act in particular **Protocol 1, Article 1** which states that a person has the right to peaceful enjoyment of all their possessions which includes the home and other land. We believe that the granting of any extension to the opening hours at the Shobnall Sports and Social Club would have a dominating impact on us and our right to the quiet enjoyment of our property.

Article 8 of the Human Rights Act states that a person has the substantive right to respect for their private and family life. Any further extension of the clubs licence to operate and sell alcohol beyond existing hours will be in direct opposition to this right.

We would be grateful if the council would take our objections into consideration when deciding this application. Based on the contents of this email we respectfully request that this application is **refused/declined**.

Yours sincerely

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