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From:
Sent: 21 July 2020 15:18
To: Licensing
Subject: Shobnall Sports and Social Club Extended Licence - Objection
Attachments: licensing act Shobnall Club_01.pdf; ATT00001.htm; licensing act Shobnall Club.docx; ATT00002.htm

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to object the alcohol 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 because, the Shobnall Sports and Social Club and Grounds near to our home and we can here their music being played.

For further details, please see attached 'Representation Form From 'Other Persons' and a letter outlining my objection and concerns.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours Sincerely,

Licensing Act 2003

REPRESENTATION FORM FROM OTHER PERSONS

This representation is made by an 'Other Person' in respect of the premises to be licensed as detailed below (see note 1 attached):

Your name	
Organisation name/name of body you represent (if appropriate)	/
Postal and email address	
Contact telephone number	

Name of the premises you are making a representation about	SHOBNALL SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB.
Address of the premises you are making a representation about.	SHOBNALL SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB SHOBNALL ROAD, BURTON WOOD TRENT DE14 2BB

Your representation must relate to one of the four Licensing Objectives (see note 2 overleaf)

Licensing Objective	Yes Or No	Please detail the evidence supporting your representation or the reason for your representation. Please use separate sheets if necessary
To prevent crime and disorder	YES	PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LETTER OUTLINING OUR OBJECTION
Public safety	NO	N/A
To prevent public nuisance	YES	SEE ATTACHED
To protect children from harm	YES	SEE ATTACHED

Please suggest any conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy your representation or other suggestions you would like the Committee to take into account.	WE OPPOSE ALL ASPECTS OF THIS APPLICATION ON THE GROUNDS STATED IN OUR SUPPORTING LETTER.
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Date: 21/07/2020.

Licensing Department
East Staffordshire Borough Council
The Town Hall
King Edward Place
Burton Upon Trent
Staffordshire
DE14 2EB

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Currently the license allows:

Live music indoors – Mondays to Saturday – 10 AM – 11 PM/Sunday 12 PM/12 at 10:30 PM

Recorded music – as above

Indoor dance/as above

Sale of alcohol – as above

We understand that these hours have been in operation since 2005 to comply with the licensing act 2003.

The new application is for:

Live music indoors **and outdoors** – Mondays to Saturday 11 AM – 11 PM

Sunday – 12 PM – 11 PM

Outdoor finish time 9 PM

Recorded music indoors – Monday – Saturday – 11 AM – 11 PM

Sunday 12 PM – 11 PM

Performance of dance – Monday – Saturday – 11 AM – 11 PM

Sunday 12 PM – 11 PM

Sale of alcohol – Monday to Thursday – 11 AM – 11:29 PM (11:59 PM)

Friday – 11 AM – 12:30 AM (1am)

Sunday – 12 PM – 11:29 PM (11:59 PM)

Note an additional 30 minutes is added to the sale of alcohol times to allow for 'drinking up' as shown in red.

We objected to the application on the following grounds:

Objection: Prevention of Public Nuisance

Reason 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 and any extension of opening hours will significantly increase this destructive behaviour.

The premises do not have soundproofing or noise limitation devices. We already suffer the nuisance of music being played after 11 PM which we understand as a contravention to their current licence. It is an old building that was not designed to contain modern levels of sound and vibration with noise that escapes from the premises and affects the surrounding residents. We already take a number of measures to address this noise disturbance, by keeping windows closed, wearing earplugs to sleep and turning the television up. In summer having to keep windows closed is extremely uncomfortable particularly when it is very warm and muggy, especially 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 the neighbouring houses. We already have to take measures to minimise the noise disturbance from inside music, so outside music will spiral this to an unacceptable level. We are already severely restricted in the use and enjoyment of our own gardens during the spring and summer months because of the noise nuisance. We should be able to have barbecues and sit outside without having the constant noise intrusion from the club. Customers often congregate outside smoking shouting and singing late into the night. There have been instances of people camping in the grounds as well. We know all this because our house and garden are in close proximity to Shobnall Sports and Social Club site. It is inevitable that any increase in the hours alcohol can be purchased and consumed will impact negatively on the wider community on crime and disorder and antisocial behaviour.

Objection: The Potential of Children from Harm.

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

Objection: Prevention of Crime and Disorder.

Reason for objection – looking at crime statistics for the past 12 months for the local area it is evidenced that the largest proportion of crimes specifically relate to antisocial behaviour. It seems inevitable that any increase in opening hours allowing extra consumption of alcohol may well contribute to further antisocial instances i.e. disorder and fighting. Generally any negative activity involving increased numbers of people vehicles music and alcohol after 11 PM at night is not appropriate for residential area and it increases the possibility of becoming a public nuisance and significantly raising the risk of criminal and disorderly behaviour.

It is widely acknowledged that alcohol is not an ordinary product, it is a legal drug that causes a range of harms. Alcohol plays a part in many health and social problems – not just a drinker but also those around them, including families, neighbours and the wider community. Evidence shows that the easier it is to buy alcohol the more people will drink. That is why controls are needed on how, where and when alcohol is sold. There are a significant number of licensed premises within the local facility and given that Shobnall Sports and Social Club already operate from 10 AM until 11 PM Monday to Saturday and 12 PM to 11 PM on Sunday we feel that they are 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 Shobnall Sports and Social Club would have an dominating impact on us and our right to the quiet environment of our property.

Article 8 of the human rights act states that a person has the submissive right to respect for their privacy private and family life. Any further extension of the club's licence to operate and sell alcohol behind existing hours will be in direct opposition to this right.

We would be very grateful if the council would take our objections into consideration when deciding this application. Based on the contents of this letter we respectfully request that this application be **refused/denied**, and the extended licence not given.

Yours sincerely,