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1/8/2023

To whom it may concern,

**Objection to Application to vary Licence by Pelsall Cricket and Sports Club**

I write to object to all aspects of the application to vary the premises licence of Pelsall Cricket and Sports Club.

I live at the above address, my family has been here for 40 years; the cricket club is behind us. The Cricket and Sports Club is part of Pelsall community and as such we accept the general noise that comes from the club.

However, it is not uncommon for late night disturbance which has on many occasions resulted in me having to ring the club and go around to speak to them about the noise.

It is commonplace when they have an event on for them to open the doors which face toward our property, the music from event is then clearly audible inside our home with the doors and windows shut.

It is also common to be disturbed by the clean up afterwards with the sound of glass bottles being emptied into the metal bins outside often well after 11pm.

On a number of occasions, they have had events outside, in particular, one night I was disturbed by what sounded like scaffolding being dismantled in the early hours approx. 1.30am, the people involved were laughing and joking. Further they had a fireworks display outside of the generally allowed dates/hours, it went on very late maybe 11pm. When I went round to complain, the fireworks came to an end, but then as I left, I heard that I thought to be a lawn mower. I went back in and was told it was in fact a leaf collector getting up the fireworks debris. This is completely unreasonable.

The above demonstrates their general lack of consideration towards the neighbours and inability to manage the premises to minimise noise nuisance.

When the club closes there is often noise from the patrons leaving, with them shouting on the carpark and the sound of their cars including papping of horns.

If they are allowed to open late no doubt all of the above disturbance will be pushed an hour later into the night.

In relation to large scale events on the field outside, I raise the following objections.

The existing club has its own number limits I believe to be 200. I assume these will be added to those requested for the outdoor events, making 699. As there is only one entry/exit route this should be taken into consideration. What are the intended limits in relation to three events of over 499 (699).

The onsite carparking is inadequate, there is already significant issues relating to visitors to the club parking on the main road and often on the common. In the time I have lived here I am aware of two serious car accidents involving cars travelling towards Rushall have hit vehicles parked on the road or attempting to pull out from the pub (now closed) where visibility is blocked by parked cars. This objection is in relation to public safety on the main road.

The common is protected by local by-laws preventing vehicles driving or parking on it. This objection is in relation to crime and disorder.

Further it is completely unreasonable to expect the residents of Walsall Road / Bush Grove to tolerate outdoor events involving the use of loudspeaker systems at any time of the day with nothing to mitigate the noise.

I also question the need for off sales.

This is a sports club and sports ground not an outdoor event space.

Yours sincerely,

William Humphries

On behalf of my family, 5-86 years old.

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21.7.2023

To Whom it may concern,

**Re: Variation to licensing hours, Pelsall Cricket and Sports Club, Walsall Rd, Pelsall**

As a local resident, who's private dwelling boundaries the above site, I am writing to raise my formal objection to the proposal for the Cricket and Sports Club to vary their hours from 11:00pm to 00:00 daily and to allow the use of the club and its facilities no more than 10 times per year for events; 3 being allowed to have in excess of 499 people.

The Cricket Club already enjoys a licence which permits the sale of alcohol until 23:00 hours and hosts various events throughout the year, many of which already create significant uplifts in traffic and local noise. This noise is especially noticeable during the summer months when the fire exit is often opened to allow cool air in.

The Cricket Club does have its own private, off road parking for vehicles. However, there is no designated, demarcated parking spaces and attendees park freely and often without consideration; there are no stewards or wardens on these occasions controlling access or egress of traffic. Large scale events very often result in traffic being forced to park outside on the main Walsall Road.

My objections on this matter are four fold:

- 1) 500+ people events would inevitably lead to traffic parking on Walsall Road outside resident's properties. Those of us residents that have off road driveways will be forced into higher risks when exiting our own properties as visibility from oncoming traffic will be significantly reduced. As 'The Club' is in a conservation area, we are greatly concerned that people may park their vehicles on 'The Common' opposite and around the area. The Commons are protected and local by-laws prevent the use of vehicles on these areas.
- 2) Many of the residents (especially those of us who boundary onto 'The Club') are either elderly or have young children. Clearly, due to our close proximity, the uplift in noise that would occur, especially at weekends, could very well disturb the peace which we are rightly entitled to during the very late evening and early morning hours.
- 3) Later opening hours and larger scale events will increase the likelihood of anti-social behaviour after midnight as alcohol will be allowed to be served for longer. This would clearly have an impact, not just on immediate residents, but in a wider context within the village surroundings.
- 4) Clearly, if any permission is granted to allow the variation of the licensing and entertainment hours to operate longer than is currently permitted, it sets a precedent for further applications to be approved.

I urge you to consider all these points when making your decision on this important matter.

Yours sincerely

  
Mr A Forrest