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From: Rosette Richards [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 August 2021 16:39
To: 'Ian Rushton'; Licensing
Subject: RE: The Stick and Wicket Club

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Hi Ian,

Thanks for the reply.

Yesterday I compiled all the points you made including the letter and sent it to all my residents.

Due to the late reply I haven't been able to get all my residents views after letter and I am breaking off today for a week.

I have spoken to some of the residents today and a few are choosing to give the club the benefit of doubt but some aren't due to past experience.

Your letter mentioned 10:30pm finish for Live Music but to some residents this hasn't been the case especially when live music is on. Residents who live in the complex next to your main entrance have reported Music on weekends being on until midnights and some times further than that and them not being able to sleep or even watch their own television. I know this could be out of your control but there is always outside drinking after and alcohol bottles get left lying around on our grounds. So they are dreading the fact that you will be able to do this on any day of the week if you wishes.

Other residents have reported swear words being used by the person who is on a speaker who I would assume would be someone on the organising team?

Two residents in particular have reported being so "feed up" with the noise that they came to your premises to ask for the music base to be lowered due to the constant bang and they were sworn at and ageist abusive remarks were shouted out by your revellers who seemed to be in their teens and 20s.

Old Rectory is a retired complex for over 60s and this does worry me when my residents feel the need to come to your complex and confront your revellers we have all known or read about such incidents where things can turn out for the worse.

I know the decision is on the 25th.August but at the moment I cannot conclude where we stand due to the fact that I haven't had time to consult all the residents after your response especially when there are still objectors in the ones I have spoken to.

I keep hearing, "what will stop the club to organise as many events however loud they will be when they have got a licence that enables them to so everyday if they wish" I have no answer for that question.

Kind Regards,

Rosette Richards
Scheme Manager



Please note: my working hours are Mon-Fri- 09:00-4:30pm.



From: Ian Rushton [Redacted]
Sent: 16 August 2021 17:41
To: Rosette Richards; 'Licensing'
Subject: RE: The Stick and Wicket Club

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Hi Rosette

Thanks for your emails and apologies for not replying sooner.

The club has a main room and a function room – and they both have a capacity of 60 people as per the Fire Service.

The club is currently licensed to provide entertainment such as live and recorded music from inside the premises. This will continue, moving forward, and the new licence application also seeks to provide some live music inside.

I can assure you that the club will continue to operate in a responsible way to ensure that the local community isn't disturbed. I think it's unlikely that anyone at the Old Rectory would be disturbed by music from inside the club.

Hope that helps.

Any queries please let me know.

Regards, Ian

Ian Rushton
JL Licence and Retail



Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Rosette Richards](#)
Sent: 16 August 2021 14:23
To: 'Licensing'; [Redacted]
Subject: RE: The Stick and Wicket Club

Hi,

Is it possible to get a response (if you are able to) early this week as I am on A/L next week?

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

Rosette Richards
[Scheme Manager](#)



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From: Rosette Richards
Sent: 12 August 2021 12:39
To: 'Licensing'; [Redacted]
Subject: RE: The Stick and Wicket Club

Hi Rebecca,,

I appreciate the response thank you.

Ian, can you please advise if the indoor events are likely to include live music? If yes, will the music be likely to be heard outside the club building and further to Old Rectory?

You have stated that the field events will hold over 500 plus, what is your sitting safety for the indoor events please?

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

Rosette Richards
Scheme Manager
Old Rectory Gardens (Aldridge)



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From: Rebecca Dangor [Redacted] **On Behalf Of** Licensing
Sent: 10 August 2021 15:16
Subject: The Stick and Wicket Club

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your representation expressing your concerns about the premises licence application for The Stick and Wicket Club.

We have been asked by the applicant to forward you the attached information.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards

Rebecca Dangor (née Clark)

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From: dave wheeler [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 August 2021 14:25
To: Licensing
Subject: Re: Objection to application for premises licence for the Stick and Wicket Club, The Green, Aldridge, Walsall, WS9 8NH

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Dear Rebecca

Thank you for a copy of the letter from Mr Ian Ruston on behalf of SWCC.

Whilst this gives some reassurance for events with attendances of 500 and over being limited to six per annum, there is no mention of the number of events for attendances of 499 or fewer whether outdoors or indoors. This is a real concern to us as there could be any number of licensable events of 499 or fewer with the licence application as it stands at the moment. This is certainly not acceptable to us.

The club should be allowed to continue with its Club Premises Certificate with the outdoor events restricted as they are presently and the club should find other, more appropriate ways to increase its income.

We still maintain our very strong objections on the basis that SWCC is a village cricket club and the expansion of their licence on the basis stated would take their status to a social/night club with very detrimental impacts on the local residents as well as the ambiance of the cricket club and its grounds as they are today. There is significant sports activity with young children throughout the week and weekends and the expansion of the licensable activities can only interfere with this and raise parents' concerns regarding the impact on their children and well as their safety.

We have been social members of the club for over forty years where we and our children have enjoyed the benefits of the SWCC in terms of its sports, social and community activity and we see no reason to change the current arrangements. We are sure that the existing licensing arrangement will generate sufficient sustainable funding to cover the ongoing running costs and investment needs of SWCC.

SWCC has to be commended for the efforts made during the last 18 months to upgrade and improve the facilities which has seen a massive improvement in the ambiance of the club both inside and the garden areas outside, as well as a significant increase in membership. The activity has certainly increased with the lifting of covid restrictions and has no doubt impacted on increased revenues for the club.

The huge benefits of the sports related activities for young children particularly, in terms of cricket and football, is very important for the community and we feel that expanding into other entertainment areas on the scale suggested would mean that the fundamental and long standing sports activities of the club would not be sustainable.

Kind regards

Dave and Judy Wheeler

On 4 Aug 2021, at 16:57, Licensing <Licensing@walsall.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Dave and Julie,

Thank you for your email expressing your concerns about the premises licence application for The Stick and Wicket Club.

This email is to acknowledge receipt and confirm that having received an objection, the application will now be determined at a hearing of the Licensing Sub-Committee.

Your representation will be included in the committee report and you will be invited to attend the hearing and deliver your representation in person, should you wish to do so.

A Democratic Services Officer will contact you in due course with details of the time and date of the committee hearing, however please note that you will not receive any correspondence until after the close of the consultation period on 26 August 2021.

Regards

Rebecca Dangor (née Clark)

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From: dave wheeler [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 August 2021 14:13
To: Licensing <Licensing@walsall.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to application for premises licence for the Stick and Wicket Club, The Green, Aldridge, Walsall, WS9 8NH

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Dear Sir/Madam

We wish to object to the licence application from the Stick and Wicket Cricket Club for an indoor and outdoor music, film and entertainment (and other entertainment related activities) licence for 7 days and nights every week.

The current practice of the Stick and Wicket Cricket Club in terms of running events at bank holidays and when special sports events are televised such as the recent Euros we are happy to continue to tolerate, but to extend this to a much more flexible and wider licensing arrangement 7 days and nights per week is not in anyway acceptable and the reasons for our strongest objections follow below.

Our very strong objections are on the basis that this is a village cricket club and the expansion of their licence on the basis stated would take their status to a social/night club with very detrimental impacts on the local residents as well as the ambiance of the cricket club and its grounds as they are today. There is significant sports activity with young children throughout the week and weekends and the expansion of the licensable activities can only interfere with this and raise parents' concerns regarding the impact on their children and well as their safety. The general safety of the public is also a matter that needs to be considered. It is my understanding that during the recent Euros screening by the cricket club that these events were staffed mostly by volunteers and one has to question whether all the safety protocols had been observed as well as staffing events with suitably qualified personnel and completing the appropriate risk assessments. This also begs the question that how can they resource and run safely the scale of events indicated in this licence application.

The cricket club has to be commended for the efforts made during the last 18 months to upgrade and improve the facilities which has seen a massive improvement in the ambiance of the club both inside and the garden areas outside, as well as a significant increase in membership. The activity has certainly increased with the lifting of covid restrictions and has no doubt impacted on increased revenues for the club.

The huge benefits of the sports related activities for young children particularly, in terms of cricket and football, is very important for the community and we feel that expanding into other entertainment areas on the scale suggested would mean that the fundamental and long standing sports activities of the club would not be sustainable.

We appreciate the need to find sustainable mechanisms to ensure the club is viable but the draw of the upgraded facilities on the present licensing arrangements should be more than sufficient to ensure the club's viability.

We cannot afford to lose our beloved village cricket club which is so important to the local community in terms of encouraging sports activity, particularly in terms

of cricket and football , not just for young people but for those of all ages, whether as participant or spectator.

Yours faithfully

Dave And Judy Wheeler
Residents of the Granary Aldridge

Rebecca Dangor

From: Maxine [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 July 2021 11:29
To: Licensing
Subject: Re: Aldridge Stick and Wicket

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Following confirmation that the Club do not intend to host live events 7 days a week I wish to withdraw my earlier e-Mail opposing this request, however would like to know how the club have been able to host events previously if they are applying for this license now?

Kind regards

M Hammond

Sent from my iPhone

On 30 Jul 2021, at 10:46, Licensing <Licensing@walsall.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Maxine,

Thank you for your email expressing your concerns about the premises licence application for The Stick and Wicket Club.

This email is to acknowledge receipt and confirm that having received an objection, the application will now be determined at a hearing of the Licensing Sub-Committee.

Your representation will be included in the committee report and you will be invited to attend the hearing and deliver your representation in person, should you wish to do so.

A Democratic Services Officer will contact you in due course with details of the time and date of the committee hearing, however please note that you will not receive any correspondence until after the close of the consultation period on 26th August 2021.

Regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 July 2021 19:43
To: Licensing <Licensing@walsall.gov.uk>
Cc: Licensing <Licensing@walsall.gov.uk>
Subject: Aldridge Stick and Wicket

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Dear Sir

I have just noticed the attached application for a licence to allow outdoor entertainment 7 days a week at the Aldridge stick and wicket club (Aldridge cricket Club). Whilst I am a big advocate for the arts and music having a son who plays in a band , I am not a fan of having this on my doorstep. When an event is on at this venue, depending on which way the wind blows depends on how loud the noise is that we hear - we can often hear it from our home in Leighswood Avenue, which is not ideal and can affect our sleep , but at the moment this is not ideal but occasional. There are many properties within a nearer distance to this propriety, which include many bungalows and old peoples flats and homes also. This is an encroachment on theirs and our home life and possibly sanity. Not only does the noise have an affect on the surrounding properties from the outdoor entertainment , there will also be a huge impact on the traffic in the area and parking if events are more regular. With this also comes more parked cars in roads near to the the venue which disrupts traffic and also homes, with car doors opening and closing and noise from people travelling to and from their cars, which in turn attracts more undesirable behaviour.

I therefore would like to object to this being passed.

Kind regards

M Hammond
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Sent from my iPhone

Mrs R Dangor
Licensing Officer
Public Health & Regulatory Services
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Mr & Mrs ME & L Connop

■ The Granary,
Aldridge,
Walsall,
WS9 8NY
14th Aug 2021

Re; Objection to the current licensing application, Stick & Wicket Cricket Club,
(SWCC) The Green, Aldridge.

Dear Mrs Dangor,

Thank you for forwarding the letter of clarification from Mr Ian Rushton on behalf of the SWCC.

It is reassuring to note that the application for the Premises Licence is to be amended to include the restriction to six licensable events per year with more than 500 guests attending. In this limited respect only do we feel our objection to the application has been sympathetically accommodated.

However, we remain concerned that the licence, as currently applied for, *including* the restriction above, fails to address the consequences of events/functions, whether private or commercial and/or when the club has put on a smaller function of its own or hired/sub-let the premises to others. At present the Licence as applied for, if granted, will permit the Club to stage an innumerable number of events or private hire functions without restriction each year provided the numbers attending are 499 or fewer. The application seeks permission to licence and to hire out both the function room AND the field and with that also permission to play music outdoors until 10.30 pm, 365 days per year should it choose to do so.

The application as presently submitted is seeking to change the status of the SWCC from a village cricket club into a commercial entertainment venue by stealth. The area surrounding the club is a conservation area surrounded by private homes, does not have car parking capacity for regular events attracting large numbers attending and there exists already alternate premises nearby which are more suitable for large number gatherings.

The club should be allowed to continue with its Club Premises Certificate with the outdoor events restricted as they are presently and the club should find other, more appropriate ways to increase its income. Meanwhile, its neighbours can continue to retain the quiet enjoyment of our homes. In return, we, the club's neighbours, will tolerate the occasional noisy event, will continue to keep the streets and our gardens clear of the litter, glasses and bottles that do occasionally come into our gardens, and we will continue to ignore the occasional late night noise and general revelry as the club guests make their way home.

Yours sincerely

Mr & Mrs ME & L Connop

Rapinder Kaur Kler

From: PATRICIA BLOXHAM [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 August 2021 11:34
To: Licensing
Subject: FAO: Rebecca Dangor, Licensing Officer, Licensing unit at WCC Re: Stick & Wicket (Aldridge) Club Ltd - Representation against the application for a Premises Licence

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Dear Ms Dangor,

Further to the letter of clarification from Mr Ian Rushton on behalf of the above.

The Proposed Operating Schedule obviously centres on the premises itself and not the close-by surrounding residential areas, the Club would most likely relinquish any responsibility for any trouble that could spill beyond the premises, that coincides with an event held at the club, therefore putting the onus on the surrounding residents.

I note the point *"Notices shall be prominently displayed at appropriate points requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and businesses and leave the area quietly."*

This ONLY serves as a protection for any come back to the Club should it not be adhered to, and once again puts the onus firmly back on the surrounding residents.

I acknowledge the application for the Premises Licence is to be amended to include the restriction to six licensable events per year, with more than 500 guests attending. Clarification is needed as to what intervals these events are to occur, are they to be once a month through the summer months etc. Also, 11hrs 30mins hearing live music (11:00 to 22.30) would become unacceptable and extremely intrusive, making it impossible/unbearable to even sit in the comfort of our own homes and gardens, surely no-one has the right to take that from anyone.

On the outdoor events; sale of alcohol is to end at 22:45hrs, however, as sale of alcohol indoors can continue until 01:00hrs this will not prevent customers coming outside again!

I note the Club is applying for innumerable events or functions (whether private or commercial) to be held 365 days per year, with the proviso of no more than 499 attendees. I am extremely concerned that, as well as the 6 limited main outdoor events, they are seeking permission to licence and hire out both function room and the field, along with permission to play music outdoors until 10.30pm. Therefore, local residents will be subjected to 365 days and not just the 6 outdoor events, which is very misleading and totally unacceptable.

I acknowledge the point "*Alcohol will only be served in plastic glasses*". However, beer bottles are not made of plastic and broken ones have been thrown into our hedge and also in to our garden, which is not only unacceptable but a danger to my pet dog.

This Conservation area is a unique part of Aldridge (of which we are very proud) and we would like to keep it that way. We have a concern at the volume of music as well as to what kind of Events and customers they will attract, and the possible detrimental impact this could have to the surrounding area.

Whilst we understand they wish to make money, why should they do it showing NO consideration for Aldridge residents. They do not seem to be working with us but against us.

Surely there are other more considerate ways for the Club to increase its income.

I therefore continue to object to this application.

Mrs P Bloxham

 The Granary

Noddy Park Road

Aldridge

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Licensing" <Licensing@walsall.gov.uk>

To:

Sent: Tuesday, 10 Aug, 21 At 14:10

Subject: The Stick and Wicket Club

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your representation expressing your concerns about the premises licence application for The Stick and Wicket Club.

We have been asked by the applicant to forward you the attached information.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards

Rebecca Dangor (née Clark)

Licensing Officer

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