

From: Karen Alexander [mailto:karen.alexander@trafford.gov.uk]
Sent: 24 February 2020 20:41
To: Licensing <licensing@trafford.gov.uk>
Subject: LA0035/20 Objection to license

Representation 1

Hi

I live with my elderly mother at number 4 Tivoli house, 12 Denmark St Altrincham

Further to the application for a license I would like to object to the approval for these reasons

Quiet enjoyment of our property will be impacted by

- noise from venue that is not sound proofed as noise will carry over at a time when my 91 year old mother is trying to get her sleep
- noise from Tesco car park that undoubtedly will be used by attendees and as the car park will be utilised more on side our flat overlooks (we are on the ground floor) there is potential for additional noise and antisocial behaviour as venue empties and return to their vehicles so close to our flat
- car noise will increase and no consideration of that aspect has been taken into account
- potential for people leaving the venue to also stay behind as groups especially in the summer and increased noise will disturb us as both mum and I go to bed well before 11.

It is disappointing to hear that this application could be approved and I ask the council to view how close the venue which was supposed to be temporary, is to residential homes. Not just our home but many others, including the yet to be built flats that will be immediately adjacent, who may not be aware of this situation and will no doubt be very disappointed.

Best regards
Karen

Pickup, Jade

From: len.davies
Sent: 25 February 2020 15:14
To: Licensing
Subject: License Application No. LA 0035/20

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I wish to object to the proposals put forward by Altrincham Ice Rink for a Permanent Late Licence on the following grounds:-

1. Their building was only intended for temporary use as an ice rink and is constructed of materials wholly unsuited for containing noise emanating from hosting any other sporting events and live/recorded music
2. The building is close to residential properties which have already suffered from noise, parking chaos and anti-social behaviour before, during and after boxing events hosted by the ice rink. It will of course be even closer to residents of the Altair development.

I am effected by this application as I live close to the ice rink. My name and address details are :-

Leonard Davies
Apt 7, Tivoli House
12 Denmark St
Altrincham
WA14 2YE

Sent from Samsung tablet.

Pickup, Jade

From: Fraser Heywood <
Sent: 25 February 2020 17:17
To: Licensing
Subject: Licensing application: LA0035/20

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Categories: Licensing Act 2003 - General

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing with regard to the licensing application, LA0035/20, to extend the range and times for events held at Silverblades Ice Rink. As a resident of Stamford House for the last three years, I would like to express my great concern with granting this application. Currently, there is already a high level of noise from the ice rink due to the regular ice hockey events. With the granting of an extension to the range of live events, this level of noise will only increase to a level inappropriate to the nearby residential areas.

There is also a concern about the increase in footfall that would result from the increase in range of events offered. I can see that there are potential economic gains to be made to the local shops/bars/restaurants from an increase in traffic, however, these properties are still only small and don't seem fit to be able to cope with the regular increase in traffic that would follow. From the number of opening/closing bars and restaurants, over the last few years, in Altrincham, it seems apparent that Altrincham is currently at capacity.

I understand that there are many elements that need to be considered with regard to this application, but I hope you will also give due concern to the thoughts of the local residents of Altrincham, in and around the Silverblades site.

Yours Faithfully,

Fraser Heywood
Flat 20
Stamford House
9 Moss Lane
WA14 1BA

Pickup, Jade

From: Norman Anderson <
Sent: 26 February 2020 16:35
To: Licensing
Subject: Application LA0035/20

To whom this may concern.

I write with grave concerns about the above application for a permanent late licence for the Altrincham ice rink.

In July & December last year there were events held at these premises & both times this caused loud noise nuisance as the building is a temporary structure with no sound proofing.

This also caused lots of illegal parking due to inadequate parking supply spilling over into resident only parking bays which caused residents issues & lack of good quality parking control.

The nuisance of on street Alcohol consumption again un policed & illegal in this area.

Youth disruption & crowd dispersal disruption after the events.

Also event support services loading & removing from the site after event till the early hours again causing disruption & noise nuisance.

The building & parking availability is not fit for purpose causing a real nuisance for the local residents & therefore I would ask you to reject the application on the grounds above & that the building is at present unsuitable.

Regards N A ANDERSON.
85 Oakfield street WA15 8HQ.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

Pickup, Jade

From:
Sent: 28 February 2020 09:00
To: Licensing
Subject: Re: Application LA0035/20

On Thursday, 27 February 2020, 13:52:49 GMT,

As two Altrincham residents, living in proximity to Altrincham Ice Rink, we write to register our objection to the new/extended licences under consideration for this structure, which was built and approved for use only as a TEMPORARY Ice Rink and Ice Hockey venue.

It is NOT a Sports Stadium...If Altrincham needs or wants one, then this should be purpose-built.

It is NOT a Restaurant/Club/Pub...Altrincham has plenty of such purpose-built and licensed venues already.

The site of the Ice Rink is currently a 'bottle-neck' for traffic. Oakfield Road is becoming more and more congested and increasingly dangerous.

As the Ice Rink is not sound-proofed to EVENTS standards, and therefore large crowds attending and then leaving this site, after midnight and into the early hours of the morning, mean that the noise pollution and the disturbance to local residents is a serious invasion of their privacy and of the quiet and safe enjoyment of their homes.

Accordingly, we urge the Council NOT to grant the extended licenses applied for by this 'Tin Shed', which the Council, by now, should really have under its consideration for removal and/or replacement.

Sincerely,

Eric & Tricia Baggaley- 27 OAKFIELD STREET ALTRINCHAM WA15 8HQ

Pickup, Jade

From: Sarah - OA
Sent: 29 February 2020 11:07
To: Licensing
Subject: Representation - LA0035/20

Categories: Licensing Act 2003 - General

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to object to the licensing application LA0035/20 from Altrincham Ice Rink.

I have been a resident of Oakfield Road in Altrincham since 1997, and since then, the quality of my life has diminished substantially due to increased noise disturbance, particulate pollution, light pollution and parking difficulties.

One of the major contributing factors has been the arrival of Altrincham Ice Rink in what is a temporary structure with no sound proofing. The venue was only given permission to operate ice events because of the recognition that the building structure was not designed to host noisy events. Despite this, local residents are disturbed by loud noises from the venue, mostly generated by the playing of drums and loud music during ice hockey matches, but also my loud music played for ice disco and dance events.

Parking for local residents is also impossible in the area when large crowd events are hosted such as ice hockey matches and ice dance events. Crowds fill Oakfield Road Car Park with their vehicles, often dangerously, and also surrounding Residents Permit parking schemes because they only operate from Monday to Friday until 5pm.

Despite this disturbance and inconvenience, local residents have tolerated the Ice Rink. We have had issues, but we also understand that the venue is quite popular.

Residents' acceptance of the situation certainly changed when the Ice Rink started hosting Boxing Events.

Firstly, residents were unaware that the Ice Rink had been given a Premises Licence allowing them to hold events other than ice events. This is largely due to the site being subject, for the last 15 years, to planning notices for the Altair development. Notices have often been attached to lamp posts for this purpose so residents have clearly not seen new notices printed on what is a very pale blue coloured paper regarding a Premises Licence application. As you know, these notices are all that is required, unlike Planning Permission notices which have to be directly delivered to affected properties. That's why I have asked the Licencing Department to review the existing Premises Licence as I feel that the venue is demonstrably unsuitable for events other than those which the ice rink was constructed for – i.e. ice events.

The Ice Rink has now hosted two boxing matches ending very late at night. The December 2019 event had an even bigger negative effect on residents than the July 2019 one did, despite the Ice Rink management's promise to mitigate. In fact, they did not even adhere to the measures they said they would in order to be granted one-off permission for the December event. There was no traffic management which resulted in large scale chaos both from illegal and dangerous parking but also disturbance from vehicles left for long periods with their engines running, opposite our homes on Oakfield Road.

In addition, the Ice Rink failed to locate their 'smoking area' at the Moss Lane end of the venue which should have resulted in less noise disturbance. The reality was that the doors opposite our homes were opened and close frequently, but left open for long periods while people smoked outside. These people were very noisy whilst they were outdoors and with nothing to obstruct the sound waves in between them and us, this resulted in disturbance.

Residents should not have to feel unsafe in or near their homes either, but unfortunately, we had large groups of men drinking alcohol in front of our homes and behaving boisterously. The evidence of how much alcohol was consumed on the car park and in surrounding residential streets was evident by the number of cans and bottles which were deposited on the ground. There are no litter bins on the car park and also none on the pavement along Oakfield Road where people mostly gather to meet each other before entering the venue.

By far the most disturbance came when the crowds, largely fuelled by alcohol and an exciting demonstration of an aggressive sport, left the venue. There was a lot of shouting and whistling, and vehicles sounding their horns and banging doors shut. From the end of the entertainment, it was about an hour before the noise died down.

The only noise disturbance mitigation that did work was having supplier and broadcasting vehicles collect their equipment from the car park itself, close to the entrance doors instead of from the lower car park which is close to our homes. Aside from a noisy lorry sitting with its engine running opposite our homes on Oakfield Road for about half an hour after midnight, ensuring that noisy vehicles were kept at a distance was an improvement.

The parking situation at the December event presented clear and present dangers as well as being illegal. Residents of 39-47 Oakfield Road were blocked in because cars were parked entirely on the pavement in front of their gates. It was not possible to walk past. The same occurred on Thomas Street where the pavement was entirely blocked. Cars were also parked on double yellow lines along Oakfield Road, on corners and on the grass-covered surrounds of Altrincham Leisure Centre. Inside the car park itself, people parked on hatched areas and blocked access points around the car park. They also narrowed emergency access routes by parking in areas that are not marked out for parking, so that emergency vehicles would have found it very difficult if not impossible to attend if required. In some places, they were double parked on these 'no parking' areas. It is very clear that if any future events were to occur, Trafford's highways contractor should be involved to prevent vehicles stopping/waiting on Oakfield Road opposite our homes and to prevent/tow away any vehicles which compromise access in the car park or in the surrounding area.

All this said, I fundamentally object to the Ice Rink's application being granted because it would give them carte blanche to cause disturbance to residents as frequently as they like into the early hours of the morning. The previous two boxing matches have demonstrated what kind of crowd they attract and how they behave. The consumption of alcohol on the streets is of great concern as is the issue of intimidating groups of men. The lawless parking behaviour is another issue which endangers everyone and inconveniences residents. Finally, the noise disturbance is just not acceptable on a frequent basis. I had recording equipment in my property in December and I have triple-glazed windows which remained shut as the weather was cold. However, it is reasonable to expect residents to have their windows slightly open in warmer weather and therefore, events which take place all year round are bound to disturb residents to a far greater degree.

Until the ice rink is encapsulated inside a sound-proofed envelope, and they refrain from letting people congregate outside during the event, disturbance is going to continue. Also, the sheer number of people attending these proposed events has a long-lasting effect on residents' ability to 'peacefully enjoy their properties' as the exodus from the area is inevitably a noisy one.

Once again, I wish to be present at any subsequent committee hearing and to be granted permission to speak to committee members. I trust you will keep me informed about when and where this will take place.

Kind regards,

Sarah Walmsley
75 Oakfield Road, Altrincham, Cheshire WA15 8ER

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Pickup, Jade

Representation 7

From: Liz Clough <liz.clough@trafford.gov.uk>
Sent: 02 March 2020 10:04
To: Licensing
Subject: Re: Licensing application no LA0035/20

Elizabeth Clough

Apartment 28,
Tivoli House
12 Denmark street.
Altrincham wa14 2ye

Sent from my iPhone

> On 2 Mar 2020, at 08:53, Licensing <licensing@trafford.gov.uk> wrote:
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> Dear Elizabeth,
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> Unfortunately I cannot accept your representation without your full address, please re-submit with your full address.
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> Yours sincerely,
> Jade Pickup
> Licensing Officer
> Place Directorate - Regulatory Services Trafford Town Hall Talbot Road
> Stretford
> M32 0TH.
> Telephone: 0161 912 4242
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Liz Clough [mailto:liz.clough@trafford.gov.uk]
> Sent: 01 March 2020 11:22
> To: Licensing <licensing@trafford.gov.uk>
> Subject: Licensing application no LA0035/20
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> To whom this may concern,
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> I'm writing regarding the plans to give Altrincham ice rink a permanent late licence.
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> Both the events in July & December caused disturbance to me at home. Heavy thudding of music and noisy crowds leaving the ice rink kept me up until 1am when I had to be up for work at 7am. I work weekends so this worries me that this commotion could potentially go on every weekend.
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> Recently, I have found a lot of youths hanging around Altrincham and various incidents have happened which have caused me concern to my welfare. One of which made the news; a teenage boy having part of his ear bitten off walking through goose green. Being a 31 year old woman living alone, I don't like to feel intimidated and I feel the ice rink holding various events will also attract even more of this type of crowd to the area. I don't think this benefits anybody and it's a disaster waiting to happen with potential fights etc.
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> Regards,
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> Elizabeth Clough

Pickup, Jade

Representation 8

From: Tina Green
Sent: 02 March 2020 10:28
To: Licensing
Subject: Licensing application LA0035/20

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I wish to register my concern about the proposed application for a permanent late license for the Ice Rink in Altrincham.

I am a resident close by and will find this very disruptive as will the rest of us who live in the immediate area.

Noise disturbance.

This was obviously a problem last summer. The Ice Rink isn't sound proofed and the noise can easily be heard. On a summer night when we have windows and doors open it is awful.

If this was being caused by a house resident we would apply to the Council to have it stopped!

Are there imminent plans to have the Rink soundproofed? Because that needs to be done before you think of any noisy applications.

Parking problems.

Already there isn't enough space for people to park, and according to plans, this adjacent rough area is to be built on anyway, so where do people park?? probably on every road they can find near, regardless of the residents. Will there be Marshals always on duty for the Ice Rink to supervise parking for these large Events? Will the council have Traffic Wardens patrolling on these days and nights??? I think not, that might cost you money.

The state of the road leading to the Ice Rink is full of potholes already and will worsen very quickly with more traffic on it. Is there any chance of the road being resurfaced in the near future? The extra cars and coaches will also cause traffic jams and make it more difficult for residents to get out of side roads or even cross the road on foot.

There doesn't seem to be a delegated place for coaches to park for any of the current activities. Two can squeeze on outside the Leisure Centre if it is out of school hours, the others have to stop on the main road, more disruption. They also often keep their engines running, noise and pollution for all who live here to have to put up with, especially in the summer.

What about police control for people who have had too much to drink, either making their way on foot, acting inappropriately or driving under the Influence of alcohol or drugs.

Do you have plans for extra police for these events, and who will pay for it? We hardly ever see them around the town or in the Bus Station in the evenings these days. Are there enough to do supervise these events as well? Will there be extra buses and trams to get people to and from these events as there are for large footballing events?

I hope you will read this and take note of the problems that this venture can cause in in a venue without adequate sound proofing, parking or supervision.

Christina Green
53 Great Oak Drive
Altrincham

Sent from my iPad

Pickup, Jade

Representation 9

From: Kevin Parker
Sent: 02 March 2020 11:27
To: Licensing
Subject: Ref LA0035/20

Hi there,

Regarding the new license application submitted by Planet Ice/Altrincham Ice Ink (Ref LA0035/20), I would like to submit the following concerns:

- The ice rink building is a tin hut with little or no sound proofing.
- Previous events have caused noise disturbance in terms of music, PA announcements, drums and general noise. Environmental health did provide audio recording equipment for the most recent Boxing event, so I have assumed they will submit their findings. I would note all double glazed windows were closed at the time of the recording. Should future events occur during warmer months, the disturbance would be greatly increased.
- At the end of the Boxing event, there was a mass of visitors leaving the event via Moss Lane and the Tesco footbridge which is close to my property. For the Boxing event specifically, the audience were mainly male and were noisy/shouting when passing my property.

I fully support the business for their original purpose of being an ice rink, but I believe the new application could be unrestricted in terms of regularity with the potential to create regular noise disturbances.

Best Regards
Kevin Parker
13 Ashcroft House
Denmark Street
Altrincham
WA14 2WE

Pickup, Jade

Representation 10

From: Welton, Michael
Sent: 02 March 2020 23:32
To: Licensing
Cc: Jerrome, Daniel; Coggins, Geraldine; Hinchliffe, Keiran
Subject: Representation ref. LA0035/20

Categories: Licensing Act 2003 - General

Dear Keiran,

I would like to make a representation regarding licensing application LA0035/20.

My concern is that extending opening hours until midnight seven days a week will place a significant burden on the residents living in the nearby houses, particularly if this includes significant numbers of special events beyond the normal working of the ice rink. Given the risk of noise disturbance from the venue itself, and the later movement of people and traffic, consideration should be given to rejecting the application on public nuisance grounds given the potential negative impact on the local community.

I'm concerned there is no detail in the application about whether the late license will be used regularly or occasionally, or what kind of events will be held. It is noted that the Ultimate Boxer events held last year did attract some complaints from local residents regarding noise, road safety close to residential properties (primarily inconsiderate pavement parking once the car park became full), and the behaviour of a small number of the crowd as they left the event.

It is great to see Planet Ice bringing successful events to Altrincham and I welcome their written assurances on sound levels and public order. However, it would be preferable if the application was for one or two nights of late opening a week, or for a specific schedule of events, so that residents know where they stand. If the panel is minded to grant the licence I hope some conditions can be attached to minimise disruption to residents.

Many thanks for considering my comments,

Michael Welton
Trafford Councillor for Altrincham
Green Party
07971 344500
michael.welton@trafford.gov.uk

Pickup, Jade

Representation 11

From: carol simpson <
Sent: 03 March 2020 11:57
To: Pickup, Jade
Subject: Re: Application LA0035/20

My address is 63 oakfield road
Altrincham
Wa15 8er

Thank you

On Tuesday, 3 March 2020, 09:37:47 GMT, Pickup, Jade <jade.pickup@trafford.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Ms Simpson,

Unfortunately I am unable to accept your objection without your full home address.

Please re-submit your objection with your full home address.

Yours sincerely,

Jade Pickup

Jade Pickup

Licensing Officer

Place Directorate - Regulatory Services

Trafford Town Hall
Talbot Road
Stretford
M32 0TH.

Telephone: 0161 912 4242

From: carol simpson [mailto:
Sent: 02 March 2020 21:17
To: Licensing <licensing@trafford.gov.uk>
Subject: Application LA0035/20

Hello I have been informed the Altrincham ice ring have applied for a late licence .

I object to this. I am a resident on oakfield road. I already get woken up from the noise that we get from the ice hockey matches. The noise from the music and from the crowds.. we have a number of families with small children and it is not acceptable having them woken up by the noise.

I look forward to your response

Ms simpson

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