From:

C Abbott

Sent:

12 August 2024 13:44

To:

Licensing

Subject:

Bowdon Cricket Squash and Hockey Club Premises Licence Application

Categories:

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Dear Trafford Council Licensing Team,

I wish to lodge a representation AGAINST the application of Bowdon Club for a premises licence.

Application number PL 091393

I am a close neighbour living in York Drive.

First, the application would permit music outdoors until very late weekdays and on Saturday (1am), and I am very concerned about the noise impact.

Bowdon Club already on many occasions when it has outdoor events plays the music very loud.

This affects my children doing their homework, interferes with their preparation for exams and stops them sleeping. Whenever the weather is nice, the loud music effectively drives us indoors which is unfair and spoiling our ability to enjoy being outdoors.

Second, with this new licence I expect more traffic to and from Bowdon Club.

This is a major problem as Bowdon Club has limited car parking spaces and no proper traffic management in place eg a turning circle.

The Cub directs traffic out of their "unofficial exit" back-gate down York Drive which is a privately maintained road with no safety features to protect pedestrians eg lights, pavements, road signs, barriers, speed limits.

I believe this is a major safety risk to the many pedestrians and children using our private road and the passageway adjacent to the Club.

Also we suffer from the road being used as an overflow car park for Club which, with this licence, will only become worse.

Finally, we have had a lot of anti-social behaviour in York Drive driven by visitors to the Club. Aggression towards the residents over parking and the dumping of litter. This licence will very likely make it worse.

Yours faithfully

Mr C R Abbott

York Drive Bowdon Altrincham Cheshire WA14 3HF

From:

noreply

Sent:

14 August 2024 15:53

To:

Licensing

Subject:

Bowdon Club-Premises Licence Representation

Attachments:

Re_ Bowdon News.rtfd.zip; Re_ Response Letter Dated 27th July.rtf; Re_ Response

Letter Dated 27th July.rtfd.zip

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Full name:

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Telephone number:

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Against

Bowdon Cricket Hockey and Squash Club

South Downs Road, Bowdon, Altrincham,

Greater Manchester, WA14 3DT, UK

Licensing

Licensing Authority

Anthony Hughes

South Downs Road, Bowdon,

Greater Manchester, WA14 3DR, UK

We object to the application being granted at all

On the evening of Bowdon fireworks I often have people enter my garden with a view to access the current fireworks event illegally, more events will make the potential for this to occur more

often.

Cars at current events both sporting and other often park and block the entire pavement on South Downs Road. Pedestrians walking then have to enter the road to be able to pass. This is extremely dangerous as in the areas where parking takes place the footpath is only available

on one side of the road.

After the Bowdon firework event when driving back to my home I have encountered numerous

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Give any suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy the cause of your representations, or other considerations you would like the Licensing Sub-Committee to take into account.:

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people walking in the middle of the road, no doubt intoxicated, this is a public nuisance and liable to potentially lead to a serious incident.

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A limit on the number of events to no more than 4 per annum

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From: anthony hughes

Subject: Re: Response Letter Dated 27th July

Date: 4 August 2023 at 08:48:20 BST

To: Development < Development@bowdonclub.com >

Ηi,

Thanks for the below, the incident took place during the football season two police officers attended the incident and the individual then proceeded to watch their child play football.

I disagree with your statement on parking as the pavement is blocked and a health and safety hazard, there have been no issues since the football has ended.

Once the season starts again I will happily supply pictures of the issues, but this by no means resolved and is an ongoing issue.

The addition of the grass for matches is what has amplified the issues. As in my view that plus the Astro turf usage will mean substantially more footfall and thus traffic which the club carpark clearly cannot accommodate.

I would be interested to understand what risk assessments the club undertook to accommodate the additional footfall as the ongoing traffic situation on a Saturday is not acceptable.

Best regards

Tony Hughes

Sent from my iPhone

On 4 Aug 2023, at 08:29, Development < Development@bowdonclub.com > wrote:

Dear Mr Hughes

Thank you for your note supporting the proposal to replace the elderly Metal Halide lights with LED lights. I will email you with details of how to support our application on the Trafford web site.

However, we are concerned with your report regarding dangerous parking and abusive behaviour. The cricket outfield has hosted seasonal football activity (Hale Utd) for over ten years, which ceased on April 2 this year and will not start again until September 23. This means that for the past four months, no "pavement parking" should be attributable to activity at Bowdon. We do know that there have been several events at the Grammar School in the past few months and that these have caused congestion and parking issues. As I hope you can see from what follows, we are not trying to transfer blame!

We have had problems with dangerous or illegal Saturday morning parking on York Drive, Nields Brow and directly opposite the entrance to our club on South Downs Road. We started to attack these problems in October 2022.

- 1. We employ a traffic officer (on-site at 08:30) who deploys cones on South Downs Road and Neilds Brow. (see photograph).
- 2. The officer is then stationed (from 08:45) at the bottom of York Drive, directing people away from York Drive to Marlborough Road.
- 3. At 10:00, the officer opens our gate onto York Drive and creates a one-way system, exiting down York Drive.
- 4. Until 13:30, the traffic officer controls our main South Downs Road entrance and advises traffic to leave via the York Drive gate. Our concern is safety at the entrance and parking on the pavement. The pavement is very narrow here and was being blocked by inconsiderate drivers.

We feel that we have arrived, eventually, at a system that works as far as Nields Brow, York Drive and the immediate vicinity of our main entrance. We have limited clout Outside the coned area, but drivers seem to respect the cones. There is some pavement parking, but not to the extent the pavement is blocked.

We have already discussed next season with Hale Utd, and they plan to play some matches at another pitch. This move should reduce the number of cars using our car park and thus improve the parking arrangements.

Abuse is another matter; if we can identify any culprits, we will deal with them. Our experience is that timely reports with information, and number plates, for example, that support an allegation is vital. Our action would be through our club disciplinary procedures or the procedures in place for Hale Utd, their opponents or the local football league.

We have a dialogue with our local PCSO and will raise this matter with him at our forthcoming meeting. If you can let me have further details of your report to the police, that would be very helpful.

We do respond to complaints or suggestions that enable us to have better relations with our neighbours. Please use this email address or phone the office on 0161 928 1358. Although the office isn't always open, you will get a speedy acknowledgement.

Regards Mike Egerton Chair - Bowdon Cricket Hockey and Squash Club

-----Original Message----From: anthony hughes

Sent: Monday, July 31, 2023 8:43 PM

To: Development < Development@bowdonclub.com >

Subject: Response Letter Dated July 27

Dear Bowdon Cricket, Hockey and Squash club,

Further to your letter of the July 27, II, am a resident of South Downs Road and my property is situated between Marlborough Road and York Drive and I do not have any fundamental objections to the installation of the LED lighting.

I have been meaning to write the the club for a number of weeks to highlight a number of serious concerns I do have with activities at the club, predominantly on a Saturday morning when football takes place. At this time numerous examples of illegal and dangerous parking take place along South Downs Road, on many occasions my wife and I have had to walk down the road with our dogs as the pavement is completely blocked and I have seem no evidence from the club to stop this illegal activity.

I would be interested to understand what planning and and health and safety reviews took place prior to agreeing for football to be allowed on the cricket pitches and the output on the required number of car parking spaces. In one significantly bad incident I called the police as a lady was verbally abused when she requested somebody move a car as it was blocking her drive, this gentleman then became abusive towards myself and my wife and other passers by.

As above I am supportive of the LED light change but based on my experience from the additional people attending the club when multiple sports are taking place; I would like to understand how the club intends to manage the dangerous parking behaviour taking pace currently and ensure this not a problem moving forward.

Best regards

Tony Hughes

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Sent:

21 August 2024 17:07

To:

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Subject:

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Full name: Job title:

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Against

Bowdon Club LTD

Bowdon Cricket, Hockey and Squash Club

Bowdon Cricket, Hockey and Squash Club, South Downs Road, Bowdon, Cheshire, WA143DT, UK

Patricia Harrison and John Evans

South Downs Road, South Downs Road, Bowdon Cheshire, Cheshire, WA14 3DR,

United Kingdom

We object to the application being granted at all

The likelihood of disorder should the application go ahead would be much increased in this locality.

The potential for rowdy behaviour and disorder would be much increased by this application.

As close neighbours of the site we are concerned that the application seeking to allow live and recorded music and other entertainments, coupled with the sale of alcohol during the whole of the week and from Monday to Saturday until 1 o'clock in the morning in a residential area which

surrounds the club, is untenable. The additional

noise and traffic in the area late at night would also be a substantial nuisance.

Young children will have their sleep disturbed with the potential negative effects on their school performance and behaviour the following day.

The protection of children from harm:

Give any suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy the cause of your representations, or other considerations you would like the Licensing Sub-Committee to take into account.:

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The application should be fully rejected in it's entirety.

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Sent:

15 August 2024 17:22

To:

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Subject:

Bowdon Club-Premises Licence Representation

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Against

Applicant's name (if known):

Jean Oglesby

Premises name:

Moss Farm

Premises address:

WA14 3DR, UK

Type of application:

Alcohol

Application or Licence number (if known):

091393

Tick appropriate box::

Licensing Authority

Full name:

Job title:

Jean Oglesby

Telephone number:

Email:

South Downs Road, Bowdon,

Address:

Altrincham, Cheshire, WA14 3DR, UK

Your representation:

We object to the application being granted in its current form*

South Downs Road, Bowdon, Altrincham, Cheshire,

We already a lot of noise and disturbance as functions are held and when people leave to go home. Litter is also a problem. Bottles and cans

To prevent public nuisance:

The protection of children from harm:

thrown over garden fences Parents use York Drive to walk their children to and

from Bowdon church school. Extra traffic to and from the the Club is now causing a problem for those

parents and children

The gate in the Club is not usually open mid week but it now is and therefore much more traffic up and down a private road. The residents paid a lot of money to have the road covered in tarmac a number

Other:

of years of ago but this is not going to last now that

there is more traffic using the road. The Club is in the middle of a large residential area and I think 1.00am is far to late to allow alcohol to be consumed with all the associated problems it brings. Particularly when children need to be up for school the next morning. The current law is till too late in my opinion. The Club is a Cricket, hockey and squash club but the plans as outlined make me think they are turning themselves into business and the sport is becoming less of a priority.

Give any suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy the cause of your representations, or other considerations you would like the Licensing Sub-Committee to take into account.:

I would like to see the bar closed at 10.30pm midweek and 11.30pm on a Saturday. Live and recorded music finishing at 10.30 midweek and 11.00 on Saturday

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15 August 2024 19:28

Sent: To:

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Subject:

Objection for Bowdon Club Licence - PL091393

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Bowdon Club Licence - PL091393

I would like to object against the application for a Late night entertainment - Outdoor Music until 1am every day. This is a very peaceful Residential area. As it is I can hear the music indoor in my house on weekends, Playing Music outdoor every night till 1am is very inappropriate for this area.

Feels like we are living very close to A Club on Highstreet, Also I am worried about extra traffic and nuisance every night because of Alcohol use.

Dr. Aswini Nichanametla

South Downs Road, Bowdon Altrincham, Grater Manchester WA14 3DR

Phone: Email:

From:

noreply

Sent:

23 August 2024 12:46

To:

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Premises name:

Premises address:

Type of application:

Application or Licence number (if known):

Full name:

Telephone number:

Email:

Address:

Your representation:

To prevent public nuisance:

Give any suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy the cause of your representations, or other considerations you would like the Licensing Sub-Committee to take into account.:

Against

The Bowdon Club

The Bowdon Club

The Bowdon Club, South Downs Road,

Altrincham, Cheshire, WA14, UK

Application No: PL091393

091393

Paul Stewart

South Downs Road,

Bowdon, Bowdon, Altrincham, Cheshire,

WA14 3HE, United Kingdom

We object to the application being

granted in its current form*

The proposed timings regarding the sale of alcohol, films, plays, live music, recorded music performance of dance and late night refreshment beyond 23.00 will have a serious impact on residential amenity. I am against any permit beyond

23.00.

The proposed timings regarding the sale of alcohol, films, plays, live music, recorded music performance of dance and late night refreshment beyond 23.00 will have a serious impact on residential amenity. I am against any permit beyond 23.00.

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18 August 2024 12:39

To:

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Subject:

Bowdon Club-Objection to NEW Premises Application

(PL091393) Bowdon Cricket, Hockey and Squash Club, South Downs Road, Bowdon,

Altrincham WA14 3DT

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I am writing to object to the NEW Premises Application (PL091393) submitted by Bowdon Cricket, Hockey and Squash Club, South Downs Road, Bowdon, Altrincham WA14 3DT on 30th July 2-24.

My objection is on the basis that this will cause a public nuisance for residents in proximity to the club.

As a resident living close to the club we accept that events with loud recorded and live music occasionally occur at the weekend and continue to a relatively late hour.

These events do cause issues for residents in particular preventing residents from sleeping, however, we are happy for this to happen occasionally as this is part of having this sporting and entertainment facility in the neighborhood.

However, the proposals in the new premises license Application (PL091393) are unacceptable. Particularly allowing live and recorded music outdoors and indoors until 1am in the morning from Monday to Saturday and 11pm on Sunday.

This will affect the sleep of residents so will affect their work during the week. It can also affect school children's sleep and affect their concentration at school.

We have not been able to find the existing license on Trafford Councils website. Please could send us a copy of the existing license for our records.

Best Regards

Martin

Martin Green

SGrange Road

Bowdon

Altrincham

Trafford

WA143EE

From:

Beverley Furness

Sent:

19 August 2024 14:10

To:

Licensing

Subject:

Bowdon Club-Representation-Licence Application No :

PL091393 Bowdon Cricket Hockey & Squash Club

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We would like to object in writing to the above application.

Our concerns are:

- 1. **Noise Levels** the licence application appears to show that by granting this licence, the noise levels will continue until the early hours of the morning which is completely unacceptable in a built up residential area. Our property is approximately 50 metres for the boundary of the club, and when previous events involving live music and performances have been held, there is a considerable increase in volume which can be heard from our house and garden.
- 2. **Traffic/Parking** we also have questions about increased levels of traffic and parking, specifically the liability associated with the heavy use of York Drive, which is a private road maintained by the residents with no pavements or street lighting

Mr & Mrs J Furness

York Drive Bowdon Altrincham WA14 3HF

From:

Keith Leggett 🖪

Sent:

20 August 2024 17:08

To:

Licensing

Subject:

Bowdon Cricket Squash and Hockey Club Premises Licence Application

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to lodge a representation AGAINST the application of Bowdon Club for a premises licence.

Application number PL 091393

We are a close neighbour of Bowdon Club and have lived at the Work Drive for 45 years. We have noticed a considerable increase in the noise and events at the Club in recent years. For example, recently the Club held an outdoor entertainment which was exceedingly loud and and we had to go indoors and could not enjoy the garden. It went on until very late and it could be heard very loudly indoors at bedtime. When the Club held Bowdonbury, it was 2 consecutive days of excessively loud music from 10am to 10pm that drove us from our garden indoors in beautiful weather. We do not agree that the Club should be able to hold such events.

With this new licence application, we are concerned that there does not seem to be any limit in the number of events per year that the Club can hold. It is a sports club and not an entertainment venue. The hours that it can have indoor and outdoor entertainment are very long and late. For example any daytime or evening event with loud music outdoors would have a considerable impact on our enjoyment of our garden and home. Bowdon Club is a SPORTS club, it is not an ENTERTAINMENT venue. We are exceedingly anxious that it has become and will become more of an entertainment venue with this licence.

The bar licence until 12.30 am would allow late night drinkers to attend the Club after drinking hours and this leads to antisocial activity, rubbish and noise in York Drive.

We are concerned that Bowdon Club does not have sufficient parking onsite and this leads to considerable pressure on local roads. When the Club holds events, it allows people to exit along York Drive. There can be upwards of 60 vehicles in 10 mins weaving their way along York Drive, with parked cars and pedestrians in the same space and this traffic is then joining South Downs Rd, and oncoming cars and pedestrians are not expecting them. A pedestrian/child can too easily be run over especially if a pedestrian comes from the direction of South Downs Rd onto York Drive, the pedestrian cannot see the vehicle. We feel this is very dangerous and is an accident waiting to happen. Activities at the Club lead to significant parking on York Drive and cars and pedestrians are weaving in and out together in the same space.

York Drive is a private road, with no street lighting or pavements, has a large number of people and children walking on the road as there is no pavement, and we are concerned about accidents. As a resident of York Drive we do not agree with this use. How can a Club hold events when it does not have sufficient parking for them? When it holds an

event, all traffic should enter and exit from its main entrance on South Downs Road, which as a local authority maintained road, has the necessary safety features in place. It should not exit onto York Drive. On Bonfire Night, for example, the Club allows hundreds of pedestrians to arrive and exit on York Drive. There is no street lighting and no pavement, and residents still use the road. This isn't safe.

Bowdon Club is a sports club but the Club is increasing the commercial activities that take place on its grounds that do not relate to sport. It also advertises availability for weddings, parties and social events. These events have a significant impact on local residents with noise and traffic and antisocial behaviour. This licence application allows the Club to hold any number of theses activities on any day of the year.

The notice for this application is not sufficiently visible such that the residents of York Drive and Theobald Road can easily see it. Also, a lot of people are on holiday at the moment and would not see it anyway. The residents of York Drive and Theobald Road are significantly impacted by events at the Club and we feel that when licensing and planning applications are made, the Club should individually notify the neighbours.

We are exceedingly concerned about this premises licence application.

Yours faithfully,

Keith and Sonja Leggett

York Drive Bowdon Altrincham WA14 3HF

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Dear Stacey,

Unfortunately we will not be able to attend the meeting at Bowdon Cricket Club on 27th August. However please note our objection to their application.

My wife and I would like to register our opposition to the application lodged by the Bowdon Cricket Club for the following reasons:

1) This application will cause extra traffic on York Drive and also result in even more drivers parking their vehicles on York Drive.

York Drive is a narrow road and already the Bowdon Club traffic sometimes congests the road making it difficult for us to access/exit our properties.

Often Bowdon Cricket users park their vehicles on York Drive making it again difficult for us to access our properties and there has been times when they parked on both sides of York Drive making it impossible to pass through and therefore a potential health and safety issue.

I fear the license extension will cause these incidents to increase.

2) This application will cause potentially extended periods of noise.

Bowdon Cricket Club creates a lot of noise whether due to the numbers of cars driving or music and other noise when they have any functions; invariably keeping us awake until it is finished.

We live in Theobald Road which is continuation of York Drive but Cricket Cub's noise is still excessively loud. Any extension of this license will only make matters worse.

Regards,

Hilmi Erdursun and Christine Erdursun

Theobald Road, Bowdon, WA14 3HG

Licensing Act 2003 Representations Against Application by Bowdon Club Limited Application No. PL091393

By:

Mr Ian Slater & Prof. Jane Ashworth

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Applicant:

Bowdon Club Limited

Summary:

I wish to make representations against the licensing application submitted by Bowdon Club Limited [the Club] on 30th July last.

The application will create a public nuisance by allowing late night/early morning drinking with associated noise, increased vehicular traffic and rowdiness.

I understand that the cut off date for representations is 27th August 2024.

Despite the proximity of our property to the Club it is disappointing to note that to the best of my knowledge no one from the Club has ever sought to discuss the further unnecessary nuisance which these proposals will create for us and other local residents.

History

Bowdon Cricket Club was formed in 1856. It is a long established community <u>sporting venue</u> [my emphasis] which brings considerable amenity to local residents of all ages.

The land upon which the Club stands was gifted to the Club in 1939 by one Helen Bickham who bought it from Lord Stamford and gifted it to the Club's predecessors in title in memory of her brother who had played cricket for the Club.

The cricket ground now sits within the 2016 extension to the Bowdon Conservation Area. The Club's Pavilion is referenced in the Bowdon Conservation Area - Supplementary Planning Document SPD5.9 (an extract from which is pasted below):

Character Zone C: The early Victorian expansion.

4.3.4 This character zone is the largest, comprising Stamford Road and the downhill sloping area to Langham Road, as well as the larger houses on the south side of Langham Road, some of South Downs Road and the historic Bowdon Cricket Club. This area is primarily residential, athough it has always had a number of schools and it now includes the historic sports club south of South Downs Road. It is characterised by the topography, with many houses designed around the views they can enjoy. There are also an unusual variety of roads, including historic footpaths, and an almost maze-like series of interconnecting small roads. Although there is a range of plot and house sizes and materials, the predominant impression is of large houses, built in Bowdon 'white' or cream brick, set in gardens with mature trees and shrubs and stone walls and gateposts. The houses built from the mid-19th century, were mainly on the Earl of Stamford's land, with the quality of the materials, density and rental income dictated in the Deeds.

It is worth highlighting a number of points from that extract which I will return to separately:

- · The area is primarily residential
- The area has a large number of schools
- · The Club is a historic "sports club"

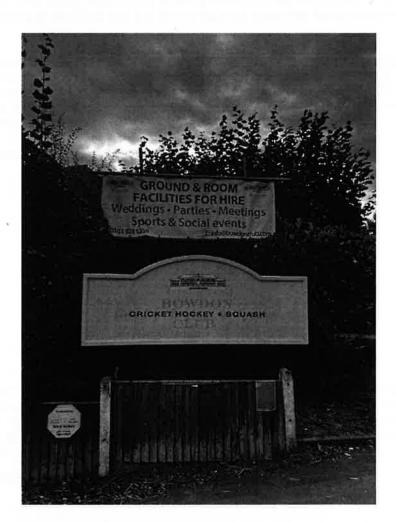
Reference to Historic England's Conservation Principle, Policies and Guidance reveals that:

The use and appropriate management of a place for its original purpose, for example as a place of recreation or worship, or, like a watermill, as a machine, illustrates the relationship between design and function, and so may make a major contribution to its historical values. If so, cessation of that activity will diminish those values and, in the case of some specialised landscapes and buildings, may essentially destroy them. Conversely, abandonment, as of, for example, a medieval village site, may illustrate important historical events.⁴

The Club is a community sporting venue of historical and well defined status. It provides cricket, hockey and squash facilities for local residents young and old.

The Application

The Application is an erosion of that primary purpose with a view towards 'sweating the assets' and repurposing the venue as, inter alia, a wedding, party and meeting venue. The sign above the entrance is clear:



Representations

 Quite why Bowdon [population 6,021 as per the 2021 census needs two such [wedding and event] venues is unclear

Bowdon Rooms (https://thebowdonrooms.co.uk/) is a well established fully functioning wedding, conference and events venue bordered by two local public houses. It is less than a mile away from the Club and according to its website it has dedicated on site wedding and event planners with years of experience.

• The Club presumably feel that extensions to their licensing restrictions will assist in setting themselves up as a rival to the established Bowdon Rooms¹ and help increase turnover regardless of the inconvenience, nuisance and harm caused to local residents

• Returning to the 2021 census it is noteworthy (no doubt due to the vast number of schools in the area) that of the 6,106 resident 22% were aged between 0 - 17 years [1,353].

 Sleep and rest is an incredibly important part of any young person's mental and physical development: the licensing extensions sought by the Club risk the future of a significant number of young people

Supplementary Comments

It feels that this is yet another step in the increasing commercialisation of Bowdon Bonfire² and Bowdonbury but the difference between this Application and those events is that, whilst they create disruption, noise and nuisance from stray fireworks, they are events for the whole community and, in the case of the bonfire, have been running for many many years.

This, on the other hand, is nothing other than an attempt to develop non core income streams for a sporting facility with scant regard for local residents and young people.

With no notice of, or discussion about, this Application I have not monitored or recorded the noise from [current] functions at the Club but it is fair to say that when the karaoke gets going we all know about it.

Noise from the Club's functions travels very easily to our property and, as an early morning dog walker, I regularly come across drinking glasses that someone has walked out of a bar carrying and then abandoned on their stagger home. Whether those emanate from the Club, or not, I cannot say for sure but given it is the only bar within close proximity it seems a reasonable assumption to make.

This Application should be dismissed.

Ian Slater

21 August 2024

¹ As an aside it is an interesting historical twist to appreciate that Bowdon Rooms (originally The Assembly Rooms) was gifted to the community by the Bickham family [Spencer Henry Bickham]. One wonders how that philanthropic family would feel about the sporting facility trying to muscle in on the activities of the assembly rooms: in their own minds they seem to have drawn a clear distinction between the two.

² Running since 1968

From: Sent:

27 August 2024 10:21

To:

Licensing

Subject:

Premises application PL091393

Dear Sir/Madam

Please find attached an objection to the licence application PL091393 by Bowdon Cricket, hockey and Squash club.

Michael & Nicola Crowther
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Dear Sir/Madam

Re Licencing Application PL091393

We wish to object to the recent licence application by Bowdon Cricket and Hockey club in the strongest possible terms.

We make this objection on the grounds that it will increase public nuisance for a large group of local residents through:

- Noise amplified recorded and live music. The proposed venue is unsuitable and poorly insulated there is also an external terrace which causes existing problems with noise in the local community.
- Litter there are existing issues with litter being thrown into driveways locally (cans and bottles) and this would only increase.
- Threat to community safety the potential presence of increased numbers of inebriated people on the surrounding streets in a residential area when leaving the venue will undoubtedly cause issues noise, litter, urination, leading to conflict and threat to safety of residents.

We also make this objection on the grounds that it will affect public safety in particular regarding traffic issues. The road access to the venue is not well located and is right by a pinch point. There are existing issues with fly parking on surrounding streets. The burden placed on street parking is particularly acute in this micro location given the proximity of schools. In addition, we think there is a significant risk of an increase in drink driving given the location is poorly served by transport.

The proposed operating hours of 1am Monday to Saturday and 11pm on a Sunday are wholly inappropriate for a venue operating in a residential area and more in keeping with a City Centre location. This market is already well served elsewhere.

We and many other local residents moved to this area with young children, attracted by the strong residential identity. There are lots of good local schools, which emphasises the family nature of the local area. We liked the idea of living close to a cricket club – and we think the annual fireworks event adds to the local area. However the potential for multiple late night events – weekend and midweek is not something we imagine any of the local residents envisaged and would present an intolerable situation. The provision of external events (rather than operating as a members club) also means there would be little or no control over who attends the venue – and the

'one-off' nature of the attendees means they are far less likely to respect the local area and any behavioural management tools (such as signs, bins, and the usual devices offered up with licence applications).

Increased noise pollution will impact our children's education, sleep and as a consequence, health.

The area is also home to many elderly people – again we feel their health could be affected as could their feelings of safety.

Finally we would like to raise a recent issue as an example of what could happen and why we are so fearful of the consequences of any extension to the current licence limits. On 25th July 2024 an event was held at the club – amplified music was blaring out until 11pm. There was no control over sound levels and our children could not sleep. There was clearly no consideration given to local residents. The idea that this could become a more frequent and later occurrence is not acceptable to us.

As local residents, the club has not sought to contact or consult with us prior to this application.

We strongly object to the proposed premises licence being granted.

Yours faithfully

Kind regards

Michael Crowther
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