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From: Sarah
Sent: 10 November 2019 22:30
To: 'Licensing'
Cc: 'Ali, Nasreen'; 'Michael Welton'; 'Coggins, Geraldine'; 'Jerrome, Daniel'
Subject: Licensing application LA0317/19 - Silver Blades Ice Rink - objection

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object to Licensing Application LA0317/19 and have sent this objection to the Licensing Section's postal address as instructed.

It should be noted that I have already made a complaint about the late ending of a boxing event at Altrincham Ice Rink this year due to excessive noise and disturbance caused to residents on Oakfield Road. It was dealt with by Nasreen Ali. The event on that occasion finished just after midnight and the boisterous crowd took at least an hour to disperse which meant people were shouting to each other, sounding car horns and banging car doors. The crowd was fuelled not only with the excitement of an aggressive sporting event but also very clearly with alcohol which made them extra loud. My house has triple glazing at the front and back but even this was insufficient to allow me to get to sleep.

My objections to the above application are as follows, based on the fact that the venue is located in a residential neighbourhood and is surrounded on three sides by residences in apartments and terraced houses:

1. I believe it would be severely detrimental for local residents for the venue to be allowed to serve alcohol so late into the night (midnight), particularly as alcohol causes people to become very loud, irrational, emotional, inconsiderate and sometimes physically violent.
2. I believe it would be unreasonable to allow the venue to host large crowd events until the early hours of the morning (12.30am) as it will result in more noise and disturbance for residents lasting, based on previous experience, for at least an hour after the event finishes (1.30am), possibly longer.
3. I understand that the Ice rink has recently been made a lawful building rather than a temporary one, but this does not negate the fact that it is just a tin shed and has no sound proofing like other purpose-built venues. The result is that residents are always going to be disturbed by crowd and entertainment noise within the building. It is therefore unreasonable to allow the venue to host large crowd events 365 days a year, and particularly with the time extensions requested above in points 1 & 2. Residents are already disturbed by the ice rink's normal events (ice hockey matches and ice dance entertainment) but at least these events end at a generally reasonable time. Giving the venue free reign to disturb residents 365 days a week into the early hours is just not acceptable.

Residents already have to put up with a lot being so close to the town centre. I appeal to the Licensing Committee not to make it impossible for them to live without unreasonable disturbance.

Yours faithfully,

The Hon. Sarah E Walmsley
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