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Gemma Knipe  
Licensing Officer  
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Dear Gemma

**Re: Fareham Working Mens Club – License Variation Application**

I am writing to make a representation regarding the application of Fareham Working Men's Club to extend their licensing hours from 10.00 to 00.00 on Saturdays and Sunday' and to add Monday to Friday 10.00 to 23.30 in the Concern Hall.

I would like to express my concerns about this application and how this will negatively impact the quality of my home life and that of my family. Our house is located directly behind the club backing onto the rear of their car park. The bedrooms of my two children are at the back of my property directly overlooking the club's car park.

We have already experienced significant disruption due to noise from people and cars and I fear that extension of the licensing hours will see this disruption extended even later into the early hours of the morning and throughout the week. In particular, the issues we have experience to date include:

- Excessive noise from both people and cars as they vacate the car park after the club closes. This is typically after the licensing hours are customers finish their drinks and leave and is already between 23:00 and 00:30 depending upon the day and when any particular event finishes.
- Excessive noise from the "beer garden" which seems to be operating around the smoking shelter. In the summer months in particular this is frequented by customers drinking, shouting and swearing, and we have witnessed on a number of occasions customers fighting in the car park, presumably through the over consumption of alcohol.
- During the summer months, younger customers of the club using the car park as play area to play football and other such games well into the night.
- Excessive noise from the air conditioning units that seem to run constantly right through the night causing a constant and extremely annoying "hum".
- Glass beer bottles and cans being thrown over our fence and into our garden.

My 6-year-old daughter and 17-year-old son who sleep in our back bedrooms are already woken frequently during the night and into the early hours of the morning by the noise of customers talking shouting and swearing as they vacate the premises. This is exacerbated during the summer months when the "beer garden" and car park are fully utilised by the club's customers too during the evening and night.

We were fully aware of the club's presence when we purchased our property in 2014 but were assured that there would be little noise as all doors and windows had to be closed during events, no alcohol was permitted outside, the car park was not a play area and the club was supposed to make all reasonable efforts to keep noise to a minimum. Unfortunately, none of this has proven to be true over the past two years and has resulted in us having to make numerous complaints to Fareham Council over excessive noise late into the night.

I fear any extension to the licensing hours will only see our misery continue even later into the night and more frequently during the week. Therefore, I urge you to reject the request to extend the licensing hours.

Yours sincerely

*Gary Carter*

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