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MEETING OF THE LICENSING AND APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE

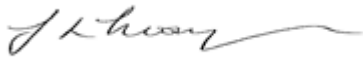
to be held in the

**THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES,
GERNON ROAD, LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY SG6 3JF**

On

WEDNESDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 2018 AT 7.00 PM

Yours sincerely,



Jeanette Thompson
Service Director – Legal and Community

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Agenda Item 1

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL LICENSING ACT 2003 HEARING PROCEDURE

1. Chair's Welcome Introduction of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Councillors sitting on Sub-Committee (Sub-Committee);• legal advisor;• licensing officer;• officers of responsible authorities;• other persons (objectors); and• the applicant.	
2. The Chair will outline the procedure for the hearing	
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<u>The Licensing Officer's report</u> 4. The Chair will ask the Licensing Officer if they have anything to add to their report to the Sub-Committee; if there has been any changes to the application, and if so, if all other persons and responsible authorities have been made aware of the changes 5. The Chair will ask if there are any questions of fact of the Licensing Officer from the applicant, responsible authorities or other persons 6. The Sub-Committee may ask questions of the Licensing Officer	
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<u>The Applicant's case</u> 7. The Chair will ask the applicant to present their submissions to the Sub-Committee 8. The Chair will ask if there are any questions of fact of the applicant from the responsible authorities or other persons. 9. The Sub-Committee may ask questions of the applicant	
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<u>The responsible authorities submit their case</u> 10. The Chair will ask the responsible authorities, in turn, to present their submissions to the Sub-Committee 11. The Chair will ask if there are any questions of fact of the responsible authority from other persons or the applicant 12. The Sub-Committee may ask questions of the responsible authority The above process will be repeated if there is more than one responsible authority	
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The other persons submit their case

13. The Chair will ask the other persons, in turn, to present their submissions to the Sub-Committee
14. The Chair will ask if there are any questions of fact of the other persons from the responsible authorities or the applicant.
15. The Sub-Committee may ask questions of the other persons

Closing statements

16. The Licensing Officer may make final submissions to the Sub-Committee
17. The other persons, in turn, may make final submissions to the Sub-Committee
18. The responsible authorities, in turn, may make final submissions to the Sub-Committee
19. The Applicant may make final submissions to the Sub-Committee

Conclusion

20. The Legal Advisor will summarise any legal points that have arisen during the hearing and will answer any legal questions from the Sub-Committee.
21. The Sub-Committee will close the hearing and retire to make a decision.
22. Where possible, the Chair will announce the Sub-Committee's decision and will give reasons for the decision.

LICENSING AND APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE
Wednesday 19 December 2018

*PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT

AGENDA ITEM No.

LICENSING ACT 2003

APPLICATION BY HITCHIN TOWN CRICKET GROUND LTD
FOR THE GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE IN RESPECT OF
HITCHIN TOWN CRICKET GROUND, LUCAS LANE, HITCHIN,
HERTFORDSHIRE, SG5 2JA

REPORT OF THE SENIOR LICENSING OFFICER

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 No premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 ("the Act") is currently in place for the proposed venue.
- 1.2 The premises previously held two club premises certificates for the clubhouse that has been demolished to make way for the new premises to be built. One club premises certificate covered October to March of each year in line with the hockey season and the other April to September in line with the cricket season.
- 1.3 Both club premises certificates were surrendered in August 2018.
- 1.4 A copy of both surrendered club premises certificates have been included within this report to assist the Members in deciding how much weight to apportion to some representations which refer to previous experiences of activities at the club.
- 1.5 Both previous club premises certificates are attached as **Appendix A**.
- 1.6 Members are reminded that this application for a premises licence should be determined on its own merits and previous licences should not be seen as setting a precedent

2. APPLICATION

- 2.1 The application is for the grant of a premises licence under section 17 of the Act.
- 2.2 The original licensable activities, hours applied for and supporting documentation is attached as **Appendix B**.

3. APPLICATION PROCESS

- 3.1 On 24 October 2018, Hitchin Town Cricket Ground Ltd made an application for the grant of a premises licence.
- 3.2 The application was received electronically so copies were served by the Council to Hertfordshire Constabulary and the other responsible authorities.

- 3.3 A public notice was displayed on the premises for a period of not less than twenty-eight (28) consecutive days in accordance with the requirements of the Act.
- 3.4 A newspaper advertisement was placed in The Comet in accordance with the requirements of the Act.
- 3.5 Hertfordshire Constabulary had initial concerns with the application and entered into negotiations with the applicant during the consultation period. The applicant subsequently amended the application to include additional operating schedule conditions which resolved the officer's concerns. The amendments made following negotiations with Hertfordshire Constabulary are attached as **Appendix C**.
- 3.6 NHDC Environmental Protection had initial concerns with the application and entered into negotiations with the applicant during the consultation period. The applicant subsequently amended the application to include additional operating schedule conditions which resolved the officer's concerns. The amendments made following negotiations with the environmental protection officer are attached as **Appendix D**.
- 3.7 To assist the sub committee, a revised application including all of the conditions agreed with the responsible authorities is attached as **Appendix E**. It is this revised application in **Appendix E** that the sub committee are being asked to determine.

4. REPRESENTATIONS

- 4.1 No representation was received from Hertfordshire Constabulary following amendments to the application to incorporate additional conditions.
- 4.2 No representations were received from any other responsible authorities following amendments to the application to incorporate additional conditions.
- 4.3 Forty (40) representations objecting to the application were received from 'other persons' but five (5) were deemed as not relevant in their entirety. The remaining thirty-five (35) are attached as **Appendix F**.
- 4.4 Seventy-eight (78) representations supporting the application were received from 'other persons' but twenty (20) were deemed as not relevant in their entirety. The remaining fifty-eight (58) are attached as **Appendix G**.
- 4.5 The Councils Scheme of Delegation requires the licensing officer to determine whether a representation is relevant as specified within the Act. Where representations include paragraphs that are not relevant to the Act, these paragraphs have been clearly crossed through and marked as '*not relevant*' by the licensing officer and should not be considered as part of the determination process. **Other persons must not refer to these paragraphs in any oral presentation at the hearing.**
- 4.6 Where the licensing officer has determined that the representations are relevant, it is for the sub-committee to determine what weight to apportion to each representation.
- 4.7 The applicant has been served with a copy of all representations by way of this report.

- 4.8 The applicant, and the 'other persons' making relevant representations have been invited to attend the hearing to present their cases respectively. They have been advised that they may be legally represented and of the hearing procedure.

5. OBSERVATIONS

- 5.1 In determining this application, the sub-committee must have regard to the representations and take such steps, as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.
- 5.2 In making its decision, the sub-committee must act with a view to promoting the licensing objectives. It must also have regard to the licensing authority's Statement of Licensing Policy and National Guidance.
- 5.3 The sub-committee has the following options when issuing the Decision Notice:
- i) Grant the application as made
 - ii) Grant the application with conditions and/or amendments to the licensable activities and/or timings (conditions should only be added where they are appropriate to promote the licensing objectives).
 - iii) Refuse the application.

6. LICENSING POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 The following paragraphs from the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy 2016 may be relevant to this application. This section does not prevent the sub-committee from considering other paragraphs of the Statement of Licensing Policy where they deem it appropriate:

B6

Our vision is:

"To ensure that North Hertfordshire continues to offer a diverse range of well managed entertainment venues and community and cultural activities within a safe and enjoyable environment."

B7

The Council is committed to the continued promotion of the diverse cultural and community activities within the district and providing a safe and sustainable night-time economy for residents and visitors alike. Licensing Policy will be approached with a view to encouraging new and innovative forms of entertainment that promote this vision and are consistent with the four licensing objectives.

B8

The Council encourages greater live music, dance, theatre and other forms of entertainment for the benefit of the community. Where activities require a licence, the Council will seek to balance the potential for disturbance of local residents and businesses against the wider community and cultural benefits.

D1.5

The Council expects applicants to address the licensing objectives in their operating schedule and have due regard to this Policy. To achieve this, the Council supports the principles set out in sections 8.33 – 8.36 of the Statutory Guidance which state:

8.33

In completing an operating schedule, applicants are expected to have regard to the statement of licensing policy for their area. They must also be aware of expectations of the licensing authority and the responsible authorities as to the steps that are

appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives, and to demonstrate knowledge of their local area when describing the steps they propose to take to promote the licensing objectives. Licensing authorities and responsible authorities are expected to publish information about what is meant by the promotion of the licensing objectives and to ensure that applicants can readily access advice about these matters. However, applicants are also expected to undertake their own enquiries about the area in which the premises are situated to inform the content of the application.

8.34

Applicants are, in particular, expected to obtain sufficient information to enable them to demonstrate, when setting out the steps they propose to take to promote the licensing objectives, that they understand:

- the layout of the local area and physical environment including crime and disorder hotspots, proximity to local residential premises and proximity to areas where children may congregate;
- any risk posed to the local area by the applicants' proposed licensable activities; and
- any local initiatives (for example, local crime reduction initiatives or voluntary schemes including taxi-marshalling schemes, street pastors and other schemes) which may help to mitigate potential risks.

8.35

Applicants are expected to include positive proposals in their application on how they will manage any potential risks. Where specific policies apply in the area (for example, a cumulative impact policy), applicants are also expected to demonstrate an understanding of how the policy impacts on their application; any measures they will take to mitigate the impact; and why they consider the application should be an exception to the policy.

8.36

It is expected that enquiries about the locality will assist applicants when determining the steps that are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. For example, premises with close proximity to residential premises should consider what effect this will have on their smoking, noise management and dispersal policies to ensure the promotion of the public nuisance objective. Applicants must consider all factors which may be relevant to the promotion of the licensing objectives, and where there are no known concerns, acknowledge this in their application.

D1.6

Applicants should be aware that if they fail to have due regard to this Policy it is more likely that the licensing authority or responsible authorities may deem it appropriate to make a representation. If representations are made as a result of the applicants' failure to address this Policy in its operating schedule, the Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee may take this into consideration when determining the application.

D1.8

Whilst there is no requirement for applicants to consult with the responsible authorities prior to submitting an application the Council encourages pre-application dialogue to take place.

D2.1

Each licence application will be decided by reference to this Policy, the National Guidance issued by the Secretary of State, relevant legislation and to the individual circumstances of the particular application. The Council may depart from the Policy where the individual circumstances of any application merit such a decision in the interests of the promotion of the Licensing Objectives. Full reasons will be given for decisions taken by the Council when undertaking its licensing functions.

D2.4

In determining applications, the Council will focus primarily on the direct impact of the proposed activities on persons that may be adversely affected in relation to the licensing objectives. The scope of those persons that may be affected will be determined on a case by case basis taking into account all relevant factors.

D2.5

The Council acknowledges that the licensing process can only seek to impose conditions that are within the direct control of the licence holder. The Council does not consider that the term 'direct control' can be generically defined and will consider its definition relative to the specific circumstances of each application. For example, licensed premises at the end of road leading to a car park may be able to control its patrons leaving the premises and using the car park. In general terms, to be considered to be under the 'direct control' of a licence holder, there will need to be a direct causal link between the problems or likely problems and the specific premises.

D2.6

Where problems with a direct causal link to premises exist in relation to the promotion of the licensing objectives but they cannot be mitigated by the imposition of appropriate conditions, a Licensing Sub-Committee will seriously consider refusal of the application. For example, patrons from a licensed premise that are causing disorder in a town centre after leaving the premises cannot be controlled by conditions, however the problem may be resolved by the refusal of the application or revocation of the licence.

D2.8

The Council recognises that the exercise of its licensing function is only one of a number of means of securing the promotion of the licensing objectives. The exercise, by the Council, of its licensing function should not be seen as a panacea for all problems within the community. The Council will encourage co-operation between its licensing function, planning function and environmental health functions to ensure that any problems are addressed using the most appropriate means and that its licensing function does not duplicate any other statutory responsibilities.

D2.9

The Council will carry out its licensing functions in the promotion of the licensing objectives and, in addition, will support the stated aims of the Act which are as follows:

- (i) protecting the public and local residents from crime, anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance caused by irresponsible licensed premises;
- (ii) giving the police and licensing authorities the powers they need to effectively manage and police the night-time economy and take action against those premises that are causing problems;
- (iii) recognising the important role which pubs and other licensed premises play in our local communities by minimising the regulatory burden on business, encouraging innovation and supporting responsible premises;
- (iv) providing a regulatory framework for alcohol which reflects the needs of local communities and empowers local authorities to make and enforce decisions about the most appropriate licensing strategies for their local area; and
- (v) encouraging greater community involvement in licensing decisions and giving local residents the opportunity to have their say regarding licensing decisions that may affect them.

D6.2

The Council recognises that each application must be considered on its own merits and any conditions attached to licences and certificates must be tailored to the individual style and characteristics of the premises and activities concerned. This is essential to avoid the imposition of disproportionate and overly burdensome conditions on premises. A standardised approach to imposing conditions must be avoided and conditions will only be lawful where they are deemed appropriate to promote the licensing objectives in response to relevant representations.

D6.3

Conditions will only be imposed when they are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and will focus upon matters within the control of the individual licensee such as the premises, places or events being used for licensable activities or the surrounding areas of the premises, places or events. Conditions are likely to be

focused towards the direct impact of those activities on persons living in, working in or visiting areas affected by, or likely to be affected by, those activities.

D6.7

The Council strongly believes that a carefully considered operating schedule that fully considers the impact of the proposed activities in relation to the promotion of the licensing objectives, having regard to this Policy and the Guidance, is less likely to result in the imposition of conditions by a Licensing Sub-Committee following representations.

D6.8

It is the Council's view that the imposition of conditions should be restricted to those that are proportionate in addressing any concerns in relation to the promotion of the licensing objectives. Conditions should not be used as a tool to attempt to mitigate every possible scenario; this will serve only to place undue burden on applicants and is not consistent with the general principles of the Guidance.

D6.9

Operating schedules and licence conditions should be drafted in such a way that it is clear to licence holders exactly what is required of them and these requirements should be concise and well-worded to assist the licence holder in managing their premises. The Council is strongly of the view that the imposition of a substantial list of conditions in order to grant an application calls into question the suitability of the applicant to hold a licence. Where a Licensing Sub-Committee determines that it is appropriate to impose a substantial list of conditions to the extent that they are effectively determining the day-to-day management of the premises, they will give serious consideration to refusing the application.

D8.1

The Council recognises the need to encourage and promote live music, dancing and theatre for the wider cultural benefit of the community.

D8.2

Only appropriate, proportionate and reasonable licensing conditions will be imposed on licences so as not to discourage the promotion of entertainment. Conditions will relate to the minimum needed to ensure the promotion of the licensing objectives.

D8.3

The Council will ordinarily avoid any measure which deters live music, dancing and theatre by imposing indirect costs of a substantial nature (for example, noise limiting devices for smaller or community premises). The Council acknowledges, however, that on occasions the imposition of appropriate conditions with cost implications may be the only alternative to refusing an application where there is sufficient evidence in relation to the effect, or likely effect on the licensing objectives.

E2.1

The Council recognises that the public safety objective is concerned with the physical safety of the people using the relevant premises and not with public health, which is dealt with in other legislation. Physical safety includes the prevention of accidents and injuries and other immediate harms that can result from alcohol consumption such as unconsciousness or alcohol poisoning.

E2.4.1

"Safe capacities" should only be imposed on licences where necessary for the promotion of public safety or the prevention of disorder. If a capacity has been imposed through other legislation it would be unnecessary to reproduce it as a licence condition. It would also be wrong to impose conditions that conflict with other legislation. If no safe capacity has been imposed by other legislation, however, a responsible authority may consider it necessary for a new capacity to be attached. For example, a capacity limit may be necessary to prevent disorder as overcrowded premises can increase the risk of crowds becoming frustrated and hostile.

E2.7.1

The Council expects premises licence holders and applicants to undertake a public safety risk assessment to ensure the safety of persons using their premises. The assessment should consider issues such as, but not limited to:

- safe capacities in identifiable areas of the premises that can be evacuated quickly in the case of an emergency*
- policies in relation to persons wishing to smoke at the premises, including provision of identified areas and separation from admission queues*
- policies in relation to admission and readmission particularly control of capacity and queuing*
- policies in relation to the safe dispersal of patrons from the premises and locality*
- sufficient basic first aid provision and responsibilities for contacting the emergency services.*

E3.1.1

Licensed premises may have significant potential to impact adversely on communities through public nuisances that arise from their operation. The Council interprets 'public nuisance' in its widest sense and takes it to include such things as noise, light, odour, litter and anti-social behaviour, where matters arising at licensed premises impact on those living, working or otherwise engaged in activities in the locality. Ordinarily, the Council's Environmental Protection & Housing Team, in their role as a responsible authority, would take the lead in respect of nuisance issues.

E3.3.1

This may include noise and disturbance from customers on the premises and customers in outdoor areas such as terraces, beer gardens and smoking areas. It will also include noise, disturbance and obstruction from customers in the vicinity of premises smoking and/or drinking and customers arriving at, leaving or queuing outside premises. Measures to prevent a public nuisance may include, but are not limited to:

- use of time restrictions on specified areas of the premises (different times can apply to different areas);*
- cessation of the use of certain areas of the premises;*
- supervision of outdoor areas, entrances and exits;*
- suitably worded, clear and prominent signage;*
- restriction of seating in outdoor areas of the premises;*
- restriction of times that drinks can be taken in specified outdoor areas of the premises;*
- restriction of the number of customers permitted in specified outdoor areas of the premises, including time.*

E3.8.1

Measures to prevent a public nuisance may include:

- entering into a waste contract agreement;*
- provision of external litter bins for customers;*
- regular litter picks in the immediate surrounding area of the premises.*

E3.8.2

The Council is aware that it would be unreasonable and disproportionate to require licence holders to be responsible for littering associated with their products when patrons have gone beyond their control. The Council will, however, expect licence holders to take responsibility for ensuring that the immediate surrounding area is regularly cleared of litter associated with their business operation.

E3.9.1

The Council is fully aware of the nuisance that can be caused by poorly managed or inappropriately located premises, however will seek to strike an appropriate balance with its vision of promoting a diverse and vibrant night-time economy.

E3.9.2

The provision of well-managed and controlled entertainment will be encouraged to promote the vision, however the potential disturbance to residents and businesses will need to have been adequately considered by applicants as part of their operating schedule

E4.1

The Council recognises that the protection of children from harm objective relates primarily to children accessing or using licensed premises, or being exposed to activities taking place without having to access the premises (for example, underage alcohol sales, exposure to performances or advertising of an adult nature whether within or outside a premises).

F4.1

In order to avoid duplication with other regulatory regimes the Council will not, as far as reasonably possible, attach conditions to licences unless they are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and inadequately covered by other legislation. Ordinarily, conditions will be considered unnecessary if they are already adequately covered by other legislation.

F4.2

Notwithstanding the above, it is the responsibility of the applicants to ensure that they have all necessary consents, whether statutory or otherwise, and it should not be assumed that an authorisation under the Licensing Act 2003 removes this responsibility.

F4.3

The decision of one statutory authority (for example, the licensing authority or the planning authority) is no indication of the likely decision of the other. Indeed, statutory authorities may make representations to each other under each authority's legislation.

F8.1

The Council acknowledges that conditions cannot be imposed on an authorisation where it would be either impracticable or impossible for the licence holder to comply with such conditions when customers have left the premises and are beyond the control of the licence holder.

F8.2

That said, if behaviour of customers beyond the control of the licence holder can be causally linked to a specific premises and it is causing crime and disorder or a nuisance it is wrong to assume that the Act cannot address this; section 4 of the Act gives the Council a positive duty to deal with it proportionately. Whilst conditions would be inappropriate in these scenarios, the Council is strongly of the view that activities and/or operating times of an authorisation should be restricted, or an authorisation refused or revoked, where appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

F8.3

The Council recognises that initiatives are available that assist with calming or reducing the incidences of disorder or nuisance as customers leave a premises and expects these to be fully considered in the operating schedule.

7. RELEVANT EXTRACTS OF STATUTORY GUIDANCE

- 7.1 The following paragraphs from the Guidance issued by the Home Office under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (April 2018 version) may be relevant to this application. This section does not prevent the sub-committee from considering other paragraphs of the Guidance where they deem it appropriate and the determination should be based upon consideration of the full document:

1.3

The licensing objectives are:

- *The prevention of crime and disorder;*
- *Public safety;*
- *The prevention of public nuisance; and*
- *The protection of children from harm.*

1.4

Each objective is of equal importance. There are no other statutory licensing objectives, so that the promotion of the four objectives is a paramount consideration at all times.

1.5

However, the legislation also supports a number of other key aims and purposes. These are vitally important and should be principal aims for everyone involved in licensing work.

They include:

- *protecting the public and local residents from crime, anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance caused by irresponsible licensed premises;*
- *giving the police and licensing authorities the powers they need to effectively manage and police the night-time economy and take action against those premises that are causing problems;*
- *recognising the important role which pubs and other licensed premises play in our local communities by minimising the regulatory burden on business, encouraging innovation and supporting responsible premises;*
- *providing a regulatory framework for alcohol which reflects the needs of local communities and empowers local authorities to make and enforce decisions about the most appropriate licensing strategies for their local area; and*
- *encouraging greater community involvement in licensing decisions and giving local residents the opportunity to have their say regarding licensing decisions that may affect them.*

1.16

Conditions on a premises licence or club premises certificate are important in setting the parameters within which premises can lawfully operate. The use of wording such as "must", "shall" and "will" is encouraged. Licence conditions:

- *must be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives;*
- *must be precise and enforceable;*
- *must be unambiguous and clear in what they intend to achieve;*
- *should not duplicate other statutory requirements or other duties or responsibilities placed on the employer by other legislation;*
- *must be tailored to the individual type, location and characteristics of the premises and events concerned;*
- *should not be standardised and may be unlawful when it cannot be demonstrated that they are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives in an individual case;*
- *should not replicate offences set out in the 2003 Act or other legislation;*
- *should be proportionate, justifiable and be capable of being met, (for example, whilst beer glasses may be available in toughened glass, wine glasses may not);*
- *cannot seek to manage the behaviour of customers once they are beyond the direct management of the licence holder and their staff, but may impact on the behaviour of customers in the immediate vicinity of the premises or as they enter or leave; and*
- *should be written in a prescriptive format.*

1.17

The licensing authority should only impose conditions on a premises licence or club premises certificate which are appropriate and proportionate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. If other existing law already places certain statutory responsibilities on an employer at or operator of a premises, it cannot be appropriate to impose the same or similar duties on the premises licence holder, or club. It is only where additional and supplementary measures are appropriate to promote the

licensing objectives that there will be a requirement for appropriate, proportionate conditions to be attached.

2.1

Licensing authorities should look to the police as the main source of advice on crime and disorder. They should also seek to involve the local Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

2.15

The 2003 Act enables licensing authorities and responsible authorities, through representations, to consider what constitutes public nuisance and what is appropriate to prevent it in terms of conditions attached to specific premises licences and club premises certificates. It is therefore important that in considering the promotion of this licensing objective, licensing authorities and responsible authorities focus on the effect of the licensable activities at the specific premises on persons living and working (including those carrying on business) in the area around the premises which may be disproportionate and unreasonable. The issues will mainly concern noise nuisance, light pollution, noxious smells and litter.

2.16

Public nuisance is given a statutory meaning in many pieces of legislation. It is however not narrowly defined in the 2003 Act and retains its broad common law meaning. It may include in appropriate circumstances the reduction of the living and working amenity and environment of other persons living and working in the area of the licensed premises. Public nuisance may also arise as a result of the adverse effects of artificial light, dust, odour and insects or where its effect is prejudicial to health.

2.17

Conditions relating to noise nuisance will usually concern steps appropriate to control the levels of noise emanating from premises. This might be achieved by a simple measure such as ensuring that doors and windows are kept closed after a particular time, or persons are not permitted in garden areas of the premises after a certain time. More sophisticated measures like the installation of acoustic curtains or rubber speaker mounts to mitigate sound escape from the premises may be appropriate. However, conditions in relation to live or recorded music may not be enforceable in circumstances where the entertainment activity itself is not licensable (see chapter 16). Any conditions appropriate to promote the prevention of public nuisance should be tailored to the type, nature and characteristics of the specific premises and its licensable activities. Licensing authorities should avoid inappropriate or disproportionate measures that could deter events that are valuable to the community, such as live music. Noise limiters, for example, are expensive to purchase and install and are likely to be a considerable burden for smaller venues.

2.18

As with all conditions, those relating to noise nuisance may not be appropriate in certain circumstances where provisions in other legislation adequately protect those living in the area of the premises. But as stated earlier in this Guidance, the approach of licensing authorities and responsible authorities should be one of prevention and when their powers are engaged, licensing authorities should be aware of the fact that other legislation may not adequately cover concerns raised in relevant representations and additional conditions may be appropriate.

2.19

Where applications have given rise to representations, any appropriate conditions should normally focus on the most sensitive periods. For example, the most sensitive period for people being disturbed by unreasonably loud music is at night and into the early morning when residents in adjacent properties may be attempting to go to sleep or are sleeping. This is why there is still a need for a licence for performances of live music between 11 pm and 8 am. In certain circumstances, conditions relating to noise

emanating from the premises may also be appropriate to address any disturbance anticipated as customers enter and leave.

2.22

The protection of children from harm includes the protection of children from moral, psychological and physical harm. This includes not only protecting children from the harms associated directly with alcohol consumption but also wider harms such as exposure to strong language and sexual expletives (for example, in the context of exposure to certain films or adult entertainment). Licensing authorities must also consider the need to protect children from sexual exploitation when undertaking licensing functions.

2.27

Conditions, where they are appropriate, should reflect the licensable activities taking place on the premises. In addition to the mandatory condition regarding age verification, other conditions relating to the protection of children from harm can include:

- restrictions on the hours when children may be present;*
- restrictions or exclusions on the presence of children under certain ages when particular specified activities are taking place;*
- restrictions on the parts of the premises to which children may have access;*
- age restrictions (below 18);*
- restrictions or exclusions when certain activities are taking place;*
- requirements for an accompanying adult (including for example, a combination of requirements which provide that children under a particular age must be accompanied by an adult); and*
- full exclusion of people under 18 from the premises when any licensable activities are taking place.*

9.42

Licensing authorities are best placed to determine what actions are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives in their areas. All licensing determinations should be considered on a case-by-case basis. They should take into account any representations or objections that have been received from responsible authorities or other persons, and representations made by the applicant or premises user as the case may be.

9.43

The authority's determination should be evidence-based, justified as being appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and proportionate to what it is intended to achieve.

9.44

Determination of whether an action or step is appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives requires an assessment of what action or step would be suitable to achieve that end. While this does not therefore require a licensing authority to decide that no lesser step will achieve the aim, the authority should aim to consider the potential burden that the condition would impose on the premises licence holder (such as the financial burden due to restrictions on licensable activities) as well as the potential benefit in terms of the promotion of the licensing objectives. However, it is imperative that the authority ensures that the factors which form the basis of its determination are limited to consideration of the promotion of the objectives and nothing outside those parameters. As with the consideration of licence variations, the licensing authority should consider wider issues such as other conditions already in place to mitigate potential negative impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives and the track record of the business. Further advice on determining what is appropriate when imposing conditions on a licence or certificate is provided in Chapter 10. The licensing authority is expected to come to its determination based on an assessment of the evidence on both the risks and benefits either for or against making the determination.

8. LICENSING OFFICER COMMENTS

- 8.1 The comments within this section of the report are provided by the licensing officer to assist the sub-committee with the interpretation of the Act, the Guidance and existing case law. It is for the sub-committee to determine what weight they attach to this advice.

Definition of 'appropriate'

- 8.2 The previous Statutory Guidance first issued in July 2004 and subsequently updated up until April 2018, specifically required Licensing Sub-Committees to ensure that their decisions were based on measures that were 'necessary' for the promotion of the licensing objectives. This placed a burden on the licensing authority to demonstrate that no lesser steps would satisfy the promotion of the licensing objectives and any conditions imposed on a licence would only be those necessary for the promotion of the licensing objectives with no opportunity to go any further.
- 8.3 The revised Statutory Guidance issued on 25th April 2012, which is reviewed and amended regularly most recently in April 2018, has amended the 'necessary' test to one of 'appropriate'. This has changed the threshold which licensing authorities must consider when determining applications by requiring that they make decisions which are 'appropriate' for the promotion of the licensing objectives.
- 8.4 The Guidance explains 'appropriate' as:

9.43

The authority's determination should be evidence-based, justified as being appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and proportionate to what it is intended to achieve.

9.44

Determination of whether an action or step is appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives requires an assessment of what action or step would be suitable to achieve that end. While this does not therefore require a licensing authority to decide that no lesser step will achieve the aim, the authority should aim to consider the potential burden that the condition would impose on the premises licence holder (such as the financial burden due to restrictions on licensable activities) as well as the potential benefit in terms of the promotion of the licensing objectives. However, it is imperative that the authority ensures that the factors which form the basis of its determination are limited to consideration of the promotion of the objectives and nothing outside those parameters. As with the consideration of licence variations, the licensing authority should consider wider issues such as other conditions already in place to mitigate potential negative impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives and the track record of the business. Further advice on determining what is appropriate when imposing conditions on a licence or certificate is provided in Chapter 10. The licensing authority is expected to come to its determination based on an assessment of the evidence on both the risks and benefits either for or against making the determination.

- 8.5 It is anticipated that, in due course, case law will provide clarity on the meaning of 'appropriate' as referred to in paragraphs 9.43 and 9.44 of the Guidance. The sub-committee is therefore advised to give 'appropriate' its ordinary meaning, as expanded upon by paragraph 9.44 of the Guidance, subject to the over-riding requirement on all local authority decisions of reasonableness.

- 8.6 This approach, of allowing the courts to provide clarity, is reflected in the following paragraphs of the Guidance:

1.9

Section 4 of the 2003 Act provides that, in carrying out its functions, a licensing authority must 'have regard to' guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 182. This Guidance is therefore binding on all licensing authorities to that extent. However, this Guidance cannot anticipate every possible scenario or set of circumstances that may arise and, as long as licensing authorities have properly understood this Guidance, they may depart from it if they have good reason to do so and can provide full reasons. Departure from this Guidance could give rise to an appeal or judicial review, and the reasons given will then be a key consideration for the courts when considering the lawfulness and merits of any decision taken.

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Nothing in this Guidance should be taken as indicating that any requirement of licensing law or any other law may be overridden (including the obligations placed on any public authorities under human rights legislation). This Guidance does not in any way replace the statutory provisions of the 2003 Act or add to its scope and licensing authorities should note that interpretation of the 2003 Act is a matter for the courts. Licensing authorities and others using this Guidance must take their own professional and legal advice about its implementation.

- 8.7 The sub-committee should also be aware that their decision must be proportionate to the evidence received in respect of the application and representation. Proportionality is a key factor in assisting with the definition of 'appropriate'.

Case law

- 8.8 As paragraph 2.16 of the Guidance confirms, public nuisance under the Licensing Act 2003 has a wide interpretation and it is for the sub-committee to determine, based on the evidence, whether they consider these issues to be a public nuisance.
- 8.9 The Guidance states at paragraph 2.21 that conditions relating to public nuisance beyond the vicinity of the premises are not appropriate and the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy supports that view. Conditions that it would be either impracticable or impossible for the licence holder to control would clearly be inappropriate.
- 8.10 That said, if behaviour beyond the premises can be clearly linked to a premises and it is causing a public nuisance, it is wrong to say that the Licensing Act 2003 cannot address this. Whilst conditions may well be inappropriate, if the evidence deems it necessary, times and/or activities under the licence could be restricted or, indeed, the application could be refused, suspended or revoked.
- 8.11 The magistrates court case of *Kouttis v London Borough of Enfield*, 9th September 2011 considered this issue.
- 8.12 In a summary of the case provided by the Institute of Licensing it is reported that District Judge Daber considered an appeal against a decision of the local authority to restrict the hours of musical entertainment of a public house to mitigate the noise from patrons as they left the premises in response to representations from local residents. The appellant relied on the sections of the Guidance that state that "beyond the vicinity of the premises, these are matters for personal responsibility of individuals under the law. An individual

who engages in anti-social behaviour is accountable in their own right" (para 2.24). It was also suggested that, given that certain residents were not disturbed, this did not amount to public nuisance within the meaning of para 2.19 of the Guidance as approved by Burton J in the Hope and Glory case.

- 8.13 The District Judge held that there was ample evidence of public nuisance relating to the specific premises, and that section 4 of the Act gave the licensing authority a positive duty to deal with it proportionately. In this case, no less interventionist way of dealing with the nuisance had been suggested. He held that not only was the authority not wrong, but that it was in fact right to reduce the hours as it had. The appeal was therefore dismissed.

Evidence not to consider

- 8.14 Some representations have made reference to the premises being a not-for-profit organisation and the importance of being able to create revenue to continue operating. Financial viability is not a relevant consideration under the Act.
- 8.15 Some representations made reference to a number of other venues within the vicinity and that there is no demand for another premises of a similar nature. This is not a relevant consideration as every application is considered on its own individual circumstances in relation to the licensing objectives; demand is not a relevant consideration under the Act.
- 8.16 Some representations have made reference to a new housing development in the immediate vicinity of the premises. The Act allows any person likely to be affected by the granting of a premises licence to make a comment. The houses in this development are either not built yet or unoccupied and therefore there are no persons to comment. Should a licence be granted, the option of a review in the future is available should issues arise.
- 8.17 There are comments made in some representations regarding the nature of the premises being a 'sports club' or 'sports pavilion'. The intended usage of the premises is not a consideration under the licensing objectives and it is a matter that could have been considered under the planning process.
- 8.18 Some representations have made reference to the premises being a 'community asset'. This is not a relevant consideration under the licensing objectives and could have been considered under the planning process.
- 8.19 There are number of other comments made in representations that have been marked as not relevant. These comments are not relevant considerations under the Licensing Act 2003 as they are considered under separate legislation. The Guidance confirms that licensing committees "*should not duplicate other statutory requirements or other duties or responsibilities placed on the employer by other legislation*".

New evidence

- 8.20 Other persons must restrict their oral submissions to the relevant issues raised within their representations, although they can expand on the representations by way of examples, further information, etc.. They cannot raise new issues not mentioned within the written representation, for example if they have only raised issues of crime and disorder, they cannot introduce issues of public safety orally at the hearing.

- 8.22 Any new documentation not circulated in advance to all parties within the hearing paperwork cannot be introduced at the hearing or presented to the sub-committee without all party consent.

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix A Previous Club Premises Certificates
- 9.2 Appendix B Application for a Premises Licence
- 9.3 Appendix C Conditions agreed with Hertfordshire Constabulary
- 9.4 Appendix D Conditions agreed with NHDC Environmental Protection
- 9.5 Appendix E Revised Application
- 9.6 Appendix F Representation from other persons objecting the application
- 9.7 Appendix G Representation from other persons supporting the application

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APPENDIX

A

Licensing Act 2003

Club Premises Certificate No: LICPR/14837/05

Blueharts Hockey Club
Sports Ground, Lucas Lane, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 2JA

Club Premises Certificate Holder

The Management Committee of Blueharts Social Club
The Pavilion, Lucas Lane, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 2JA

Authorised Licensable Activities

Section E - Performance of Live Music (Indoors)
Section E - Performance of Live Music (Outdoors)
Section F - Playing of Recorded Music (Indoors)
Section F - Playing of Recorded Music (Outdoors)
Section G - Performance of Dance (Indoors and Outdoors)
Section H - Entertainment Similar to Music or Dance (Indoors and Outdoors)
Section I - Sale or Supply of Alcohol (For Consumption On & Off the Premises)

Signed on behalf of the Licensing Authority

Date Granted: 16 August 2005

Date Revised: 14 July 2009

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Authorised Officer

Licensable Activities

Section E - Performance of Live Music (Indoors)

Saturday 19:30hrs - 23:30hrs

These hours are to apply each week of the year with the exception of:

Bonfire Night and two (2) further occasions between September and Easter

For these three (3) occasions, the premises will be permitted to open to members of the public with all membership restrictions being disapplied for that day.

On these days this activity will be permitted both indoors and outdoors between the hours of noon and midnight.

Section E - Performance of Live Music (Outdoors)

These hours only apply on the following occasions:

Bonfire Night and two (2) further occasions between September and Easter

For these three (3) occasions, the premises will be permitted to open to members of the public with all membership restrictions being disapplied for that day.

On these days this activity will be permitted both indoors and outdoors between the hours of noon and midnight.

Section F - Playing of Recorded Music (Indoors)

Saturday 19:30hrs - 23:30hrs

These hours are to apply each week of the year with the exception of:

Bonfire Night and two (2) further occasions between September and Easter

For these three (3) occasions, the premises will be permitted to open to members of the public with all membership restrictions being disapplied for that day.

On these days this activity will be permitted both indoors and outdoors between the hours of noon and midnight.

Section F - Playing of Recorded Music (Outdoors)

These hours only apply on the following occasions:

Bonfire Night and two (2) further occasions between September and Easter

For these three (3) occasions, the premises will be permitted to open to members of the public with all membership restrictions being disapplied for that day.

On these days this activity will be permitted both indoors and outdoors between the hours of noon and midnight.

Section G - Performance of Dance (Indoors and Outdoors)

These hours are to apply each week of the year with the exception of:

Bonfire Night and two (2) further occasions between September and Easter

For these three (3) occasions, the premises will be permitted to open to members of the public with all membership restrictions being disapplied for that day.

On these days this activity will be permitted both indoors and outdoors between the hours of noon and midnight.

Section H - Entertainment Similar to Music or Dance (Indoors and Outdoors)

These hours are to apply each week of the year with the exception of:

Bonfire Night and two (2) further occasions between September and Easter

For these three (3) occasions, the premises will be permitted to open to members of the public with all membership restrictions being disapplied for that day.

On these days this activity will be permitted both indoors and outdoors between the hours of noon and midnight.

Section I - Sale or Supply of Alcohol (For Consumption On and Off the Premises)

Friday	19:30hrs - midnight
Saturday	11:00hrs - midnight
Sunday	12:00hrs - 23:00hrs

These hours are to apply each week of the year with the exception of:

Bonfire Night and two (2) further occasions between September and Easter

For these three (3) occasions, the premises will be permitted to open to members of the public with all membership restrictions being disapplied for that day.

On these days this activity will be permitted both indoors and outdoors between the hours of noon and midnight.

Hours Premises Open to the Public

This club premises certificate places no restriction on the hours the premises may be open to members and guests for non-licensable activities

The premises will be permitted to open to members of the public with all membership restrictions being disapplied on the following occasions only:

Bonfire Night

Two (2) further occasions between September and Easter

On these days the premises will be permitted to open between the hours of noon and midnight.

Licence Conditions

Mandatory Conditions

- 1) No supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises may be made under this certificate unless the following three conditions are met:
 - (a) the supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises must be made at a time when the premises are open for the purposes of supplying alcohol, in accordance with this club premises certificate, to members of the club for consumption on the premises, and
 - (b) any alcohol supplied for consumption off the premises must be in a sealed container; and
 - (c) any supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises must be made to a member of the club in person.
- 2) Where the rules of a club provide for the sale by retail of alcohol on any premises by or on behalf of the club to, or to a guest of, an associate member of the club, no condition may be attached to a club premises certificate in respect of the sale by retail of alcohol on those premises by or on behalf of the club so as to prevent the sale by retail of alcohol to any such associate member or guest.
- 3) The admission of children, that is persons under eighteen (18) years of age, to the exhibition of any film shall be restricted in accordance with any recommendation made by the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) or by the Licensing Authority.
- 4) The responsible person must ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises.

In this condition, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises:

- (a) games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to:
 - (i) drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or
 - (ii) drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);
- (b) provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted price to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;

Mandatory Conditions (Cont'd)

- (c) provision of free or discounted alcohol, or any other thing, as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of twenty-four (24) hours or less in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
 - (d) selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner.
- 5) The responsible person shall ensure that no alcohol is dispensed directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than when that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of a disability).
- 6) The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.
- 7)
 - (a) The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy applies to the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol.
 - (b) The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy.
 - (c) The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under eighteen (18) years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either:
 - (i) a holographic mark; or
 - (ii) an ultraviolet feature.
- 8) The responsible person must ensure that:
 - (a) where any of the following alcoholic drinks are sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcohol drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in securely closed containers) it is available to customers in the following measures:
 - (i) beer or cider: half pint;
 - (ii) gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25ml or 35ml; and
 - (iii) still wine in a glass: 125ml;
 - (b) these measures are displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material which is available to customers on the premises; and

Mandatory Conditions (Cont'd)

- (c) where a customer does not in relation to a sale of alcohol specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold, the customer is made aware that these measures are available.
- 9) A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price.
In this condition:
- (a) "permitted price" is the price found by applying the formula
- $$P = D + (D \times V)$$
- where:
- (i) "P" is the permitted price;
 - (ii) "D" is the amount of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol; and
 - (iii) "V" is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol;
- (b) "duty" is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979;
- (c) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence:
- (i) the holder of the premises licence;
 - (ii) the designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or
 - (iii) the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence;
- (d) "relevant person" means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enable the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and
- (e) "value added tax" means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994.

Where the permitted price would not be a whole number of pennies, the permitted price shall be taken to be the price rounded up to the nearest penny.

Mandatory Conditions (Cont'd)

Where the permitted price on a day ("the first day") would be different from the permitted price on the next day ("the second day") as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax, the permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of fourteen (14) days beginning on the second day.

"Responsible person" means any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables him/her to prevent supplies of alcohol.

Embedded Restrictions

- 1) This licence is subject to all embedded restrictions on the use of the premises under:

The Children and Young Persons Act 1933;
The Cinematograph (Safety) Regulations 1955;
The Licensing Act 1964; and
The Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol) Act 1985.

The restrictions will not be attached, however, where:

- (a) The licensing authority has specified that they will be excluded;
- (b) They are inconsistent with any condition offered by the applicant in the operating schedule;
- (c) They are duplicative of existing statutory provisions; or
- (d) They restrict the conditions attached by the licensing authority.

General Conditions

- 1) This licence is issued without prejudice to any other statutory requirements of North Hertfordshire District Council.

Operating Schedule Conditions

- a) **General - all four licensing objectives (b,c,d,e)**

None

- b) **The prevention of crime and disorder**

None

- c) **Public safety**

None

- d) **The prevention of public nuisance**

None

- e) **The protection of children from harm**

None

Conditions Offered by the Applicant

1. Licensable activities shall only be permitted outdoors on three (3) occasions in any calendar year, those being :
 - (a) Bonfire Night; and
 - (b) Two (2) occasions between September and Easter;
2. Notice shall be given to the local licensing authority of the date, timings and nature of the aforementioned two (2) occasions between September and Easter. This notice must be given in writing or email format at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the commencement of any such event;
3. Full details of proposed marquees are to be provided to NHDC Building Control no later than fourteen (14) days prior to each event.
4. Suitable completion certificates are to be issued by the marquee installer(s) once the marquee is erected stating that it is fit for purpose. All such certificates shall be made available for inspection on site during each event.

Conditions attached at a Hearing

None

Licensing Act 2003

Club Premises Certificate No: LICPR/14838/05

Hitchin Cricket Club
Sports Ground, Lucas Lane, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 2JA

Club Premises Certificate Holder

The Management Committee of Hitchin Cricket Club
The Pavilion, Lucas Lane, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 2JA
Registered Number: Not applicable

Authorised Licensable Activities

Section E - Performance of Live Music (Indoors)
Section F - Playing of Recorded Music (Indoors)
Section I - Sale or Supply of Alcohol (On the Premises)

Signed on behalf of the Licensing Authority
Date Granted: 16 August 2005

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Authorised Officer

Licensable Activities

Section E - Performance of Live Music (Indoors)

Saturday 19:30hrs - 01:00hrs

Plus

Members functions in June 2006

Section F - Playing of Recorded Music (Indoors)

Saturday 19:30hrs - 01:00hrs

Plus

Members function on June 2006

Section I - Supply of Alcohol (For Consumption On The Premises)

Friday 19:30hrs - midnight

Saturday 12:00hrs - midnight

Sunday 12:00hrs - 23:00hrs

April - September - cricket season only.

Hours Premises Open to the Public

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- 2) Where the rules of a club provide for the sale by retail of alcohol on any premises by or on behalf of the club to, or to a guest of, an associate member of the club, no condition may be attached to a club premises certificate in respect of the sale by retail of alcohol on those premises by or on behalf of the club so as to prevent the sale by retail of alcohol to any such associate member or guest.
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Mandatory Conditions (Cont'd)

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where:

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None

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None

c) **Public safety**

None

d) **The prevention of public nuisance**

None

e) **The protection of children from harm**

None

Conditions attached at a Hearing

None

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APPENDIX

B

**Application for a premises licence to be granted
under the Licensing Act 2003**

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

We Hitchin Town Cricket Ground Ltd
(Insert name(s) of applicant)

apply for a premises licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in Part 1 below (the premises) and I/we are making this application to you as the relevant licensing authority in accordance with section 12 of the Licensing Act 2003

Part 1 – Premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description Hitchin Town Cricket Ground Ltd, Lucas Lane, Hitchin. Hertfordshire. SG5 2JA			
Post town	Hitchin	Postcode	SG5 2JA

Telephone number at premises (if any)	
Non-domestic rateable value of premises	£to be assessed

Part 2 - Applicant details

Please state whether you are applying for a premises licence as Please tick as appropriate

- a) an individual or individuals * please complete section (A)
- b) a person other than an individual *
 - i as a limited company/limited liability partnership please complete section (B)
 - ii as a partnership (other than limited liability) please complete section (B)
 - iii as an unincorporated association or please complete section (B)
 - iv other (for example a statutory corporation) please complete section (B)
- c) a recognised club please complete section (B)
- d) a charity please complete section (B)

- e) the proprietor of an educational establishment please complete section (B)
- f) a health service body please complete section (B)
- g) a person who is registered under Part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c14) in respect of an independent hospital in Wales please complete section (B)
- ga) a person who is registered under Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (within the meaning of that Part) in an independent hospital in England please complete section (B)
- h) the chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales please complete section (B)

* If you are applying as a person described in (a) or (b) please confirm (by ticking yes to one box below):

- I am carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities; or
- I am making the application pursuant to a statutory function or
- a function discharged by virtue of Her Majesty's prerogative

(A) INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS (fill in as applicable) N/A

<input type="checkbox"/> Mr	<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs	<input type="checkbox"/> Miss	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms	Other Title (for example, Rev)	
Surname			First names		
Date of birth		I am 18 years old or over		<input type="checkbox"/>	Please tick yes
Nationality					
Current residential address if different from premises address					
Post town				Postcode	
Daytime contact telephone number					
E-mail address (optional)					

SECOND INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (if applicable)

<input type="checkbox"/> Mr	<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs	<input type="checkbox"/> Miss	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms	Other Title (for example, Rev)	
Surname			First names		

Date of birth		I am 18 years old or over <input type="checkbox"/> Please tick yes	
Nationality			
Current postal address if different from premises address			
Post town		Postcode	
Daytime contact telephone number			
E-mail address (optional)			

(B) OTHER APPLICANTS

Please provide name and registered address of applicant in full. Where appropriate please give any registered number. In the case of a partnership or other joint venture (other than a body corporate), please give the name and address of each party concerned.

Name Hitchin Town Cricket Ground Ltd
Address Postal Address – Lucas Lane, Hitchin. Hertfordshire. SG5 2JA Registered Address – 11 The Ridgeway, Hitchin. Hertfordshire. SG5 2BT
Registered number (where applicable) 00389835
Description of applicant (for example, partnership, company, unincorporated association etc.) Limited Company
Telephone number (if any)
E-mail address (optional) tbc – new Contact and EPOS set up in process

Part 3 Operating Schedule

When do you want the premises licence to start?

DD	MM	YYYY
1	5	11 10 18

If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end?

DD	MM	YYYY

Please give a general description of the premises (please read guidance note 1)

The premises consists of a new Sports Clubhouse build construction for Hitchin Cricket Club & Blueharts Hockey Club of a Ground Floor of changing rooms, office and meeting room and 1st Floor of Bar, Function Room and Kitchen.

The exterior space is both natural grass and artificial grass sports grounds and practice facilities. In addition to our members and guests playing daily of the sports, we will also be hosting outdoor irregular use of the grounds eg Summer Junior Sports Programmes, Summer Cricket Festival, Benefit Days, Corporate Competitions, Summer Hockey Festival

If 5,000 or more people are expected to attend the premises at any one time, please state the number expected to attend.

n/a

What licensable activities do you intend to carry on from the premises?

(please see sections 1 and 14 and Schedules 1 and 2 to the Licensing Act 2003)

Provision of regulated entertainment (please read guidance note 2)

Please tick all that apply

- a) plays (if ticking yes, fill in box A)
- b) films (if ticking yes, fill in box B)
- c) indoor sporting events (if ticking yes, fill in box C)
- d) boxing or wrestling entertainment (if ticking yes, fill in box D)
- e) live music (if ticking yes, fill in box E)
- f) recorded music (if ticking yes, fill in box F)
- g) performances of dance (if ticking yes, fill in box G)
- h) anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) (if ticking yes, fill in box H)

Provision of late night refreshment (if ticking yes, fill in box I)

Supply of alcohol (if ticking yes, fill in box J)



In all cases complete boxes K, L and M

A

Plays Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the performance of a play take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish			
Mon			Please give further details here (please read guidance note 4)		
Tue					
Wed			State any seasonal variations for performing plays (please read guidance note 5)		
Thur					
Fri			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of plays at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 6)		
Sat					
Sun					

B

Films Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<u>Will the exhibition of films take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Mon					
Tue			<u>State any seasonal variations for the exhibition of films</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Wed					
Thur			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the exhibition of films at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 6)		
Fri					
Sat					
Sun					

C

Indoor sporting events Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<u>Please give further details</u> (please read guidance note 4)
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon			<u>State any seasonal variations for indoor sporting events</u> (please read guidance note 5)
Tue			
Wed			
Thur			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for indoor sporting events at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 6)
Fri			
Sat			
Sun			

D

Boxing or wrestling entertainments Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<u>Will the boxing or wrestling entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Mon					
Tue			<u>State any seasonal variations for boxing or wrestling entertainment</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Wed					
Thur			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for boxing or wrestling entertainment at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 6)		
Fri					
Sat					
Sun					

E

Live music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the performance of live music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 4) The extra time slot on Friday and Saturday evenings are to cover Club Social Evenings / Functions and Events / non-amplified and amplified music – ie for Friday evening’s up to 0030 Saturday morning and Saturday evening’s up to 0030 Sunday morning.		
Mon	1200	2300			
Tue	1200	2300	<u>State any seasonal variations for the performance of live music</u> (please read guidance note 5) Irregular outdoor music would only be undertaken during summer events on Friday and Saturday evening’s and only up to 23:00 latest.		
Wed	1200	2300			
Thur	1200	2300	<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of live music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The extra time slot on Friday and Saturday evenings are to cover Club Socials, Functions and Events – ie for Friday evening’s up to 0030 Saturday morning and Saturday evening up to 0030 Sunday morning. • Plus Indoor Only - on Christmas Eve, New Years Eve and Sundays of Bank Holiday Weekends – all up to 0100 latest of the following day • British Lions showing the rugby on TV from 0800 		
Fri	1200	0000*			
Sat	0000	0030*			
	1200	0000			
Sun	0000	0030*			
	1200	2300			

F

Recorded music Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<u>Will the playing of recorded music take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 4) The extra time slot on Friday and Saturday evenings are to cover Club Social Evenings, Functions and Events – ie for Friday evening's up to 0030 Saturday morning and Saturday evening's up to 0030 Sunday morning		
Mon	1200	2300			
Tue	1200	2300	<u>State any seasonal variations for the playing of recorded music</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Wed	1200	2300			
Thur	1200	2300	<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the playing of recorded music at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 6) The extra time slot on Friday and Saturday evenings are to cover Functions and Events – ie for Friday evening's up to 0030 Saturday morning and Saturday evening up to 0030 Sunday morning Plus Indoor Only - on Christmas Eve, New Years Eve and Sunday's of Bank Holiday Weekends – all up to latest 0200 of the following day		
Fri	1200	0000*			
Sat	0000	0030*			
	1200	0000			
Sun	0000	0030*			
	1200	2300			

G

Performances of dance Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			<u>Will the performance of dance take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>			
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>			
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 4)					
Mon								
Tue								
Wed						<u>State any seasonal variations for the performance of dance</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Thur								
Fri						<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the performance of dance at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 6)		
Sat								
Sun								

H

Anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Please give a description of the type of entertainment you will be providing		
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Will this entertainment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick</u> (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mon				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tue			<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Wed					
Thur			<u>State any seasonal variations for entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g)</u> (please read guidance note 5)		
Fri					
Sat			<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g) at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 6)		
Sun					

I

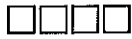
Late night refreshment Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the provision of late night refreshment take place indoors or outdoors or both – please tick (please read guidance note 3)	Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Outdoors	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	<u>Please give further details here</u> (please read guidance note 4)		
Mon					
Tue					
Wed			<u>State any seasonal variations for the provision of late night refreshment</u> (please read guidance note 5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plus Indoor Only - on Christmas Eve, New Years Eve and Sunday's of Bank Holiday Weekends – all up to latest 0100 of the following day 		
Thur					
Fri		0000	<u>Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of late night refreshment at different times, to those listed in the column on the left, please list</u> (please read guidance note 6) after 2300 - until 0100 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • * The extra time slot on Friday and Saturday evenings are to cover Club Socials, Functions and Events – ie for Friday evening's up to 0100 Saturday morning and Saturday evening up to 0100 Sunday morning 		
Sat	0000	0100			
Sun		0000			
	0000	0100			

J

Supply of alcohol Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			Will the supply of alcohol be for consumption – please tick (please read guidance note 8)	On the premises	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Off the premises	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Start	Finish	State any seasonal variations for the supply of alcohol (please read guidance note 5)		
Mon	1200	2300			
Tue	1200	2300			
Wed	1200	2300			
Thur	1200	2300			
Fri	1200	0000*			
Sat	0000	0100			
	1200	0000*			
Sun	0000	0100*			
	1200	2300			
			Non standard timings. Where you intend to use the premises for the supply of alcohol at different times to those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 6)		
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The extra time slot on Friday and Saturday evenings are to cover Club Socials, Functions and Events – ie for Friday evening's up to 0100 Saturday morning and Saturday evening up to 0100 Sunday morning Plus Indoor Only - on Christmas Eve, New Years Eve and Sunday's of Bank Holiday Weekends – all up to latest 0100 of the following day British Lions 0800 onwards for TV showings in Bar areas 		

State the name and details of the individual whom you wish to specify on the licence as designated premises supervisor (Please see declaration about the entitlement to work in the checklist at the end of the form):

Name Ian Christopher Mills	
Address	
Postcode	
Personal licence number (if known) NHPER/7507	
Issuing licensing authority (if known) North Hertfordshire District Council (NHDC)	



K

Please highlight any adult entertainment or services, activities, other entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect of children (please read guidance note 9).

n/a

L

Hours premises are open to the public Standard days and timings (please read guidance note 7)			State any seasonal variations (please read guidance note 5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This section has been completed to indicate the overall times that the Clubhouse can be open for variety of usages, not just the bar & kitchen Daytime opening hours from 0800 are allowing for community events, business meetings etc. Coffee machines will be provided. On Christmas Eve, New Years Eve and Sunday's of Bank Holiday Weekends – all up to latest 0130 of the following day British Lions showing the rugby on TV from 0800
Day	Start	Finish	
Mon	0800	2330	Non standard timings. Where you intend the premises to be open to the public at different times from those listed in the column on the left, please list (please read guidance note 6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * The extra time slot on Friday and Saturday evenings are to cover Functions and Events – ie for Friday evening's up to 0130 Saturday morning and Saturday evening up to 0130 Sunday morning's to give all guests and members time to safely leave the premises Plus Indoor Only - on Christmas Eve, New Years Eve and Sunday's of Bank Holiday Weekends – all up to latest 0130 of the following day Clubhouse Premises open from 0800, for community usage etc, but not to sell or supply alcohol until 12 noon British Lions showing the rugby on TV from 0800
Tue	0800	2330	
Wed	0800	2330	
Thur	0800	2330	
Fri	0800	0000	
Sat	0000	0130	
	0800	0000	
Sun	0000	0130	
	0800	2330	

M Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:

a) General – all four licensing objectives (b, c, d and e) (please read guidance note 10)

- CAD plan drawings of Site, New Clubhouse Ground Floor and First Floor, inc bar areas, all enclosed in this Application
- noise mitigation has been introduced into all designs for floorings, doors, windows & ceilings, including a noise limiter in Social Function space for music.
- DPS appointed & Qualified Bar Manager being appointed to uphold all Licence Objectives, train staff, control tills, promote safe drinking with no irresponsible drink promotions or activities
- All Officers & Staff will undertake bar safety and process training and further regular additional sessions thereafter ie including Conflict Strategy for requesting ID, Challenge 21, stay safe, CCTV, appropriate response to any conflict / escalate etc.
- Experience of many years standing of operating the old Clubhouse Club Premises Certificate for Hitchin Cricket Club & Blueharts Hockey Club on same site will be incorporated into the new Clubhouse
- Promoting the licencing objectives & due diligence within the Building & Management Policies Handbook, Health & Safety Risk Assessment, Fire Assessment, Operating Schedule, and related signs in building areas. Eg Challenge 21, ensuring all Bar Staff training is signed off, Licence Certificate prominently displayed
- Continuing the Monthly Newsletters to the local Community explaining the Sports Clubs and responsible usage of the sports and social facilities
- CCTV cameras installed throughout, with security lighting in all external areas and car park

b) The prevention of crime and disorder

- introduction of a Training Log, Refusal Book to provide record and audit trail of policies being undertaken and recorded details of any (known) individuals causing nuisance
- Clubhouse & Grounds will all be protected with security fencing, lockable gates, CCTV and Security Alarms
- Company & Club will be arranging regular sessions with Fire and Police for improving training, relationship, policies, processes, signs and instructions.
- Company & Club will always promote responsible, safe and sensible drinking
- Company & Club Officers encouraged to network with PubWatch, Retail Watch etc

c) Public safety

- Fire Strategy enclosed with this application
- Latest Fire Assessment Policies have all been introduced by the Construction Company and Architects into the implemented Design.
- Directors have appointed a dedicated Health & Safety Officer into the Company
- directional and warning signs all included in car park, corridors and exits
- car park lighting, Clubhouse external lighting with bespoke appropriate light beams
- emergency lighting installed
- anti slip flooring installed in bar areas, staircases and corridors

d) The prevention of public nuisance

- Brewery & catering delivery trucks & lorries will only be permitted to arrive / exit the premises between the hours of 0930-1500 Monday to Friday. Thereby avoiding the school & commuter traffic.
- Clubhouse, Exit areas and Car Park will all have displayed signs requesting guests to leave premises quietly and be respectful to our local neighbours and community.
- Function & Hiring Contracts will also contain this requirement
- local taxi firms picking up guests will be requested not to “blow their horns” in the car park
- car park lighting, Clubhouse external lighting with bespoke appropriate light beams

e) The protection of children from harm

- Age Verification Policy / Membership Card scheme to be introduced to assist bar staff in the identification of all members / especially to prove for over 18s
- Challenge 21 ID will be adopted immediately for No Proof / No Sale
- The Club has full Safeguarding policies in place, including ECB Clubmark to protect children and with the appointed Welfare Officers
- Duty of Care Notices are displayed on Club Noticeboards, inside Fixture Cards etc.

Checklist:

Please tick to indicate agreement

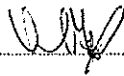
- I have made or enclosed payment of the fee.
- I have enclosed the plan of the premises.
- I have sent copies of this application and the plan to responsible authorities and others where applicable – *all sent to Licencing Authority who will distribute*
- I have enclosed the consent form completed by the individual I wish to be designated premises supervisor, if applicable.
- I understand that I must now advertise my application – *attached for approval and date to The Comet*
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected.
- [Applicable to all individual applicants, including those in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership, but not companies or limited liability partnerships] I have included documents demonstrating my entitlement to work in the United Kingdom (please read note 15).

IT IS AN OFFENCE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.

IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 24B OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT 1971 FOR A PERSON TO WORK WHEN THEY KNOW, OR HAVE REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THEY ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM DOING SO BY REASON OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. THOSE WHO EMPLOY AN ADULT WITHOUT LEAVE OR WHO IS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS AS TO EMPLOYMENT WILL BE LIABLE TO A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE IMMIGRATION, ASYLUM AND NATIONALITY ACT 2006 AND PURSUANT TO SECTION 21 OF THE SAME ACT, WILL BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE WHERE THEY DO SO IN THE KNOWLEDGE, OR WITH REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, THAT THE EMPLOYEE IS DISQUALIFIED.

Part 4 – Signatures (please read guidance note 11)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (see guidance note 12). **If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.**

Declaration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Applicable to individual applicants only, including those in a partnership which is not a limited liability partnership] I understand I am not entitled to be issued with a licence if I do not have the entitlement to live and work in the UK (or if I am subject to a condition preventing me from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity) and that my licence will become invalid if I cease to be entitled to live and work in the UK (please read guidance note 15). • The DPS named in this application form is entitled to work in the UK (and is not subject to conditions preventing him or her from doing work relating to a licensable activity) and I have seen a copy of his or her proof of entitlement to work, if appropriate (please see note 15)
Signature	
Date	October 22nd 2018
Capacity	Director and Designated Premises Supervisor

For joint applications, signature of 2nd applicant or 2nd applicant's solicitor or other authorised agent (please read guidance note 13). If signing on behalf of the applicant, please state in what capacity.

Signature	
Date	
Capacity	

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 14)			
Post town		Postcode	
Telephone number (if any)			
If you would prefer us to correspond with you by e-mail, your e-mail address (optional)			

Notes for Guidance

1. Describe the premises, for example the type of premises, its general situation and layout and any other information which could be relevant to the licensing objectives. Where your application includes off-supplies of alcohol and you intend to provide a place for consumption of these off-supplies, you must include a description of where the place will be and its proximity to the premises.

2. In terms of specific regulated entertainments please note that:
- Plays: no licence is required for performances between 08:00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - Films: no licence is required for 'not-for-profit' film exhibition held in community premises between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day provided that the audience does not exceed 500 and the organiser (a) gets consent to the screening from a person who is responsible for the premises; and (b) ensures that each such screening abides by age classification ratings.
 - Indoor sporting events: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000.
 - Boxing or Wrestling Entertainment: no licence is required for a contest, exhibition or display of Greco-Roman wrestling, or freestyle wrestling between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 1000. Combined fighting sports – defined as a contest, exhibition or display which combines boxing or wrestling with one or more martial arts – are licensable as a boxing or wrestling entertainment rather than an indoor sporting event.
 - Live music: no licence permission is required for:
 - a performance of unamplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, on any premises.
 - a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a workplace that is not licensed to sell alcohol on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
 - Recorded Music: no licence permission is required for:
 - any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
 - any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
 - any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the non-residential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school proprietor or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.
 - Dance: no licence is required for performances between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, provided that the audience does not exceed 500. However, a performance which amounts to adult entertainment remains licensable.

- Cross activity exemptions: no licence is required between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, with no limit on audience size for:
 - any entertainment taking place on the premises of the local authority where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the local authority;
 - any entertainment taking place on the hospital premises of the health care provider where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the health care provider;
 - any entertainment taking place on the premises of the school where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the school proprietor; and
 - any entertainment (excluding films and a boxing or wrestling entertainment) taking place at a travelling circus, provided that (a) it takes place within a moveable structure that accommodates the audience, and (b) that the travelling circus has not been located on the same site for more than 28 consecutive days.
3. Where taking place in a building or other structure please tick as appropriate (indoors may include a tent).
 4. For example the type of activity to be authorised, if not already stated, and give relevant further details, for example (but not exclusively) whether or not music will be amplified or unamplified.
 5. For example (but not exclusively), where the activity will occur on additional days during the summer months.
 6. For example (but not exclusively), where you wish the activity to go on longer on a particular day e.g. Christmas Eve.
 7. Please give timings in 24 hour clock (e.g. 16.00) and only give details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.
 8. If you wish people to be able to consume alcohol on the premises, please tick 'on the premises'. If you wish people to be able to purchase alcohol to consume away from the premises, please tick 'off the premises'. If you wish people to be able to do both, please tick 'both'.
 9. Please give information about anything intended to occur at the premises or ancillary to the use of the premises which may give rise to concern in respect of children, regardless of whether you intend children to have access to the premises, for example (but not exclusively) nudity or semi-nudity, films for restricted age groups or the presence of gaming machines.
 10. Please list here steps you will take to promote all four licensing objectives together.
 11. The application form must be signed.
 12. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
 13. Where there is more than one applicant, each of the applicants or their respective agent must sign the application form.
 14. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

15. Entitlement to work/immigration status for individual applicants and applications from partnerships which are not limited liability partnerships:

A licence may not be held by an individual or an individual in a partnership who is resident in the UK who:

- does not have the right to live and work in the UK; or
- is subject to a condition preventing him or her from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

Any premises licence issued in respect of an application made on or after 6 April 2017 will become invalid if the holder ceases to be entitled to work in the UK.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have an entitlement to work in the UK and are not subject to a condition preventing them from doing work relating to the carrying on of a

licensable activity. They do this by providing with this application copies or scanned copies of the following documents (which do not need to be certified).

Documents which demonstrate entitlement to work in the UK

- An expired or current passport showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a British citizen or a citizen of the UK and Colonies having the right of abode in the UK [please see note below about which sections of the passport to copy].
- An expired or current passport or national identity card showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Registration Certificate or document certifying permanent residence issued by the Home Office to a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A Permanent Residence Card issued by the Home Office to the family member of a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.
- A **current** Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder indicating that the person named is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A **current** passport endorsed to show that the holder is exempt from immigration control, is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, has the right of abode in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- A **current** Immigration Status Document issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK or has no time limit on their stay in the UK, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A **full** birth or adoption certificate issued in the UK which includes the name(s) of at least one of the holder's parents or adoptive parents, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A birth or adoption certificate issued in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Ireland **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A certificate of registration or naturalisation as a British citizen, **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A **current** passport endorsed to show that the holder is allowed to stay in the UK and is currently allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity.

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- A **current** Residence Card issued by the Home Office to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights or residence.
- A **current** Immigration Status Document containing a photograph issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person may stay in the UK, and is allowed to work and is not subject to a condition preventing the holder from doing work relating to the carrying on of a licensable activity **when produced in combination with** an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- A Certificate of Application, **less than 6 months old**, issued by the Home Office under regulation 17(3) or 18A (2) of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2006, to a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence.
- Reasonable evidence that the person has an outstanding application to vary their permission to be in the UK with the Home Office such as the Home Office acknowledgement letter or proof of postage evidence, or reasonable evidence that the person has an appeal or administrative review pending on an immigration decision, such as an appeal or administrative review reference number.
- Reasonable evidence that a person who is not a national of a European Economic Area state or Switzerland but who is a family member of such a national or who has derivative rights of residence in exercising treaty rights in the UK including:-
 - evidence of the applicant's own identity – such as a passport,
 - evidence of their relationship with the European Economic Area family member – e.g. a marriage certificate, civil partnership certificate or birth certificate, and
 - evidence that the European Economic Area national has a right of permanent residence in the UK or is one of the following if they have been in the UK for more than 3 months:
 - (i) working e.g. employment contract, wage slips, letter from the employer,
 - (ii) self-employed e.g. contracts, invoices, or audited accounts with a bank,
 - (iii) studying e.g. letter from the school, college or university and evidence of sufficient funds; or
 - (iv) self-sufficient e.g. bank statements.

Family members of European Economic Area nationals who are studying or financially independent must also provide evidence that the European Economic Area national and any family members hold comprehensive sickness insurance in the UK. This can include a private medical insurance policy, an EHIC card or an S1, S2 or S3 form.

Original documents must not be sent to licensing authorities. If the document copied is a passport, a copy of the following pages should be provided:-

- (i) any page containing the holder's personal details including nationality;

- (ii) any page containing the holder's photograph;
- (iii) any page containing the holder's signature;
- (iv) any page containing the date of expiry; and
- (v) any page containing information indicating the holder has permission to enter or remain in the UK and is permitted to work.

If the document is not a passport, a copy of the whole document should be provided.

Your right to work will be checked as part of your licensing application and this could involve us checking your immigration status with the Home Office. We may otherwise share information with the Home Office. Your licence application will not be determined until you have complied with this guidance.

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APPENDIX

C

Conditions agreed between the applicant and Hertfordshire Constabulary

DPS / Premises Licence Holder will ensure that CCTV is installed, in working order and shall continually record whilst the premises is open to the public.

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DPS / Premises Licence Holder will ensure that all CCTV recordings will be kept for a minimum of 28 days.

DPS / Premises Licence Holder will ensure that the CCTV cameras cover key and vulnerable parts of the premises, including the entry and exit points at the front.

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DPS / Premises Licence Holder will ensure that patrons are not allowed to leave the premises with any open vessels.

APPENDIX

D

Conditions agreed between the applicant and NHDC Environmental Protection

1. The Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) or some other responsible person shall manage, where necessary, the external areas of the premises and the dispersal of patrons from the premises to ensure that noisy or rowdy behaviour is prevented and therefore noise disturbance to local residents is minimised.
2. Clear and legible notices shall be displayed at all entrance and exit points and external areas of the premises requesting patrons to respect the needs of local residents and to keep the noise to a minimum.
3. All windows and external doors to the premises shall be closed at all times after 23:00 during live and recorded music constituting regulated entertainment except for ingress, egress or in the case of an emergency.
4. The door leading onto the balcony which over looks the car park shall be closed at all times after 23:00 during live and recorded music constituting regulated entertainment except in the case of an emergency.
5. No glass bottles shall be emptied into the waste bins in the external areas of the premises between 22:00 and 09:00.
6. (a) A suitable environmental noise control device shall be installed in the premises, calibrated and set to the satisfaction of the Council's Noise Control Officer. The device must be set at an appropriate time in the presence of the aforementioned Officer. No amplified live or recorded music constituting regulated entertainment shall take place in first floor function room until this device has been installed and set in accordance with this condition.
 - a. (b) Once the environmental noise control device has been installed, calibrated and set to the satisfaction of the Council's Noise Control Officer it must not be removed, adjusted or replaced:
 - b. without twenty-eight (28) days prior notification to the Council's Noise Control Officer and;
 - c. without the written consent that the removal, adjustment or replacement of the device is permitted and that documentation stating this is received from the Council's Noise Control Officer.
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 - g. (f) All noise equipment used for amplified live and recorded music constituting regulated entertainment in first floor function room must be routed through the environmental noise control device and this device must be operational during such licensable activities.

APPENDIX

E

Hitchin Town Cricket Club – Revised Application

Licensable activities applied for :

PART E – Live Music

Sunday to Thursday 12:00 hrs to 23:00 hrs
Friday and Saturday 12:00 hrs to 00.30 hrs the following morning

PART F – Recorded Music

Sunday to Thursday 12:00 hrs to 23:00 hrs
Friday and Saturday 12:00 hrs to 00.30 hrs the following morning

PART I - Late Night Refreshment

Friday and Saturday 23:00 hrs to 01.00 hrs the following morning

PART J - Supply of alcohol

Sunday to Thursday 12:00 hrs to 23:00 hrs
Friday and Saturday 12:00 hrs to 01.00 hrs the following morning

Operating schedule conditions :

The premises licence holder will ensure that all staff involved in the sale or supply of alcohol are provided with appropriate training in relation to the licensing objectives; training records will be kept in written or electronic format for all staff.

The premises licence holder and designated premises supervisor will ensure that a “Challenge 21” Policy is in operation at all times the premises is open to the public for the sale or supply of alcohol, whereby all customers who appear to staff to be under twenty-one (21) years of age will be required to produce photographic identification proving that they can lawfully purchase or consume alcohol prior to the sale or supply of alcohol taking place. The premises licence holder and designated premises supervisor will ensure that clearly legible signs are displayed at prominent locations in the premises highlighting the Challenge 21 Policy.

Premises licence holder/ DPS will ensure brewery and catering delivery trucks and lorries will only be permitted to arrive / exit the premises between the hours of 09:30-15:00hrs Monday to Friday.

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F

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 13 November 2018 14:40
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application no. 8146 - Hitchin Cricket Club.

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Andy Turner
Sent: 13 November 2018 14:08
To: Licensing
Cc: Liz Turner
Subject: Application no. 8146 - Hitchin Cricket Club.

Dear Sir,

We wish to object to the proposed licensing hours for the new Hitchin Cricket Club pavilion at the Lucas Lane Sports Field.

We feel that the hours, particularly the Friday & Saturday times, are not appropriate for a club situated in a purely residential area with a lot of family housing. Having late night licenses for events will cause noise and disturbance for those living nearby, and increased traffic noise down narrow residential streets late at night as people leave.

The provision of the all-weather floodlit pitch and new facilities will in itself generate a lot more traffic and noise than was previously the case, and the provision of late night licensing will just exacerbate the situation further.

We would urge you not to grant this license.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew & Elizabeth Turner
Charlecote
Lucas Lane
Hitchin SG5 2HS

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 15 November 2018 09:51
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Response to Licensing Application No. 8146 Hitchin Cricket Club & Blueharts Hockey Club

Importance: High

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: elaine
Sent: 14 November 2018 11:30
To: Licensing
Cc: elaine
Subject: Response to Licensing Application No. 8146 Hitchin Cricket Club & Blueharts Hockey Club
Importance: High

Dear NHDC Licensing Authority

I am writing in response to the licensing application number 8146 for the new Pavilion at Hitchin Cricket Club & Blueharts Hockey Club in Lucas lane, Hitchin.

I have lived at 74 Gaping Lane, about 20 metres from the club entrance, for the last 15 years. As a local resident I am deeply concerned about this licensing application. I do not object to the licensing application *per se* but I DO wish to register my opposition to the **extent** of the license (midday-11pm Sunday-Thursdays and midday-1am Fri, Sat, Sun, + key BHs), which is completely ridiculous.

~~The pavilion is a sports club venue, NOT a regular bar or a nightclub. There is absolutely no need for such an extensive license for this quiet, residential location. In my 15 years here, only occasional late night events have been held there, so I do not see the justification to have such an extensive license every single weekend.~~

I object to the extent of this license on the following basis:

NOT RELEVANT

1. Noise from departing cars and drunk people late at night in a quiet residential area.
2. Concern about crime and disorder late at night in a quiet residential area.
3. Concern about public nuisance late at night in a quiet residential area. (we have experienced significant noise from drunk people walking past after parties, glass bottles and rubbish in our garden and damaged cars at times when the club has held events such as the Blueharts fireworks)

I would ask you to consider **limiting the license** in line with other sports club venues, as follows:

- Limit opening hours to club training nights only (NOT every day of the week-its not a bar!!!) with the bar to close at 11pm.
- For events, music to finish at 11.30pm.
- All events later than 11pm to required individual licensing permits and advance notice to local residents.
- A cap on the number of late night (1am) events licenses per year e.g. 20

As a deeply concerned local resident, I would ask you to take these views into consideration when making your decision.

Kind regards

Elaine Bell
74 Gaping Lane

Hitchin
Herts.
SG5 2JE

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 November 2018 09:36
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Licensing application 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From: Neal Goddard
Sent: 18 November 2018 19:41
To: Licensing
Subject: Licensing application 8146

Dear Sirs,

I wish to object to the blanket licensing application lodged on behalf of the Hitchin Cricket Club.

My grounds for objection are that the scope of the licence application is too broad and the duration is too long.

NOT RELEVANT

~~The new building was intended to be a pavilion for the cricket club, but~~ the licence will potentially transform the intended use into a full catering restaurant and bar with extended opening hours each weekend and bank holidays.

This could turn a quiet residential neighbourhood into a busy metropolitan nightlife area.

~~Hitchin has sufficient facilities of this type a short distance away in the town centre.~~

NOT RELEVANT

I have no objection to the granting of occasional extended licences for special events, as has been the case in the past, subject to the normal curfew of 12pm and also it is reasonable for the granting of a bar licence during match days when hosting teams from other clubs.

~~I am sure that investigation of hospitality offered by other more prestigious sports clubs do not cover this range of availability.~~

Yours sincerely,

NOT RELEVANT

Neal Goddard
22 Lavender Way
Hitchin
SG5 2LU

Application number 8146-Grant of a Premises Licence

Please find below our objections to the above:

The facility will be operating:

- a wider programme of events
- supporting far more people
- supporting a more diverse section of the community
- and being used far more than previously.

We request the hours never exceed 22.00hours, Mondays to Thursdays, and 23.00hours Fridays to Sundays since even finishing at these times there will still be people about well after these operating hours, who have purchased drinks prior to the bar closing.

Our reasons for this are:

1. Concern about increase in noise levels from people and from live and recorded music
2. Later hours encouraging more unhealthy drinking, such that it will be easier to have over the recommended amounts of alcohol
3. The potential for public nuisances e.g. anti social behaviour, shouting, drunken behaviour
4. Potential increase in litter including paper, cans, bottles and other unwanted items left for local residents to pick up and dispose of. There are very few/no litter bins in this locality, and we can only expect more litter once more people frequent this area
5. Light pollution from the increase in traffic, which will be from cars, vans, bikes, and coaches, including delivery vehicles, vans and lorries
6. Increase in traffic, along Lucas Lane which is only a single track unadopted road, with no proper footpaths, or adequate lighting
7. Lucas Lane barely has enough space for its own residents' parking and for delivery to these addresses
8. In the summer months when windows of local homes may be open, we do not wish to endure more noise and disruption
9. Disruption to work life balance where local residents are unable to rest properly due to late night hours. Later hours are not conducive to local residents who work, particularly those who work shifts involving early mornings, or those with families

~~10. This request has been submitted before 27 dwellings even nearer the sports facility are built and occupied, presumably many with families since they will have 4/5 bedrooms. These people will not want disruption just like we do not.~~

NOT RELEVANT

We fail to see how any of these concerns will be mitigated by personnel linked to the sports facility. If those who are reading this lived as near as us, would they think such a proposal for operating hours was fine to live with? We doubt it.

Mr and Mrs R I Cannon, 48 Lucas Lane Hitchin, Herts SG5 2LX

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 20 November 2018 10:15
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application number 8146 - Hitchin Cricket and Hockey Club premises licence application

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From: Annette Smith
Sent: 19 November 2018 22:05
To: Licensing
Subject: Application number 8146 - Hitchin Cricket and Hockey Club premises licence application

Dear North Herts District Council

I have lived in Gaping Lane for over 50 years and during the earlier of these years, when the clubs there had regular parties and booking, experienced continuous late night noise from the cricket and hockey club venue. Broken car aerials were a regular occurrence, as were the late night customers making their way slowly away from the venue. They would run into peoples gardens, laughing and shouting and it was not unusual to see them urinate in residents gardens.

Tellingly, this did not happen during the years the cricket and hockey clubs did not hold regular events or parties.

Making this a venue for regular late night drinking spot will bring back it's reputation for somewhere people can drink late into the night and it will once again become a destination for rowdy youths.

~~For many years of my younger married life in the 1970s and 80s I was the cleaner for the cricket and hockey club and would regularly be confronted by huge amounts of broken glasses, vomit and broken furniture in the morning when I went in to clean the club house.~~

NOT RELEVANT.

Extending the clubs current licencing hours will inevitably resurrect this kind of behaviour from the party goers.

As an elderly widow, the prospect of having to go endure this kind of behaviour again fills me with dread and a certain amount of fear. This is a quiet, residential area. One not patrolled by the police and without CCTV to discourage antisocial behaviour.

As a residential area, our street lights go off at midnight and as we are on the edge of the countryside, it is pitch black when they go off. As it is, since they were changed to LED lights, the street lights do not illuminate the street adequately and there are areas of complete darkness between the lampposts.

Permitting the very late hours will facilitate and encourage drunken crowds of youths leaving the club house shouting and unreasonably noisy at 1am and later.

I strongly object to this application.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Patricia Carrington
72 Gaping Lane
SG5 2JE

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 20 November 2018 10:13
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application no.8146 - Hitchin Cricket Club

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

From: Annette Smith
Sent: 19 November 2018 21:26
To: Licensing
Subject: Application no.8146 - Hitchin Cricket Club

Dear Sir or Madam

It has been brought to my attention that the Hitchin Cricket Club & Blueharts Hockey Club have requested a late licence for alcohol, food, live and recorded music. As a lifetime resident of Gaping Lane I strongly object to the proposed application.

Growing up being kept awake into the early hours in the 1970s and 80s by late night revellers at the venue and then on their way home on foot is an enduring memory of mine. Without fail, the revellers would snap off car aerials on their way down Gaping Lane and vandalise residents front gardens.

With a young daughter now of my own, I think it is unacceptable that she will have to endure this too throughout her childhood.

Granting licencing hours until 11pm on a Sunday and until 1am on Fridays, Saturdays, Christmas Eve, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve and Sundays on Bank Holiday weekends will potentially make life miserable for the local residents and turn the area into a late night destination for after hours drinking, as well as causing a huge increase in traffic in what is a now a quiet residential area.

There are many young families and elderly residents in the vicinity of the club and this is not an appropriate proposal.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Annette Smith
51 Gaping Lane
SG5 2JE

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 21 November 2018 09:18
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application number 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Jason Saldanha
Sent: 21 November 2018 08:40
To: Licensing
Subject: Application number 8146

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed license application 8146 for Hitchin Cricket Club and Bluharts Hockey Club.

I live in Grays Lane and, although I am not near the above site, I walk my dog nightly along Lucas Lane. Whenever there have been functions taking place at the old Cricket Club, the noise from these functions has travelled unbelievably. The noise of the music, people shouting etc could always be **clearly heard all the way along to Grays Lane**. It was quite disturbing. There is something about the acoustics around there that really makes sound travel. This really should be taken into consideration.

The area is a quiet, residential area otherwise, so to grant permission for a Licence for alcohol to be served until 1am every Friday and Saturday, and on Bank Holiday weekends is wholly inappropriate. I note that it also includes permission for "Live music, recorded music and late night food refreshment". Functions are obviously planned, which will involve many people in cars attending, loud music etc. and then leaving late at night. The noise will be awful. The roads are narrow around there also, so the noise would travel more than usual.

It is a totally inappropriate area for such a Licence to be granted to - the very latest that this noise disturbance should go on until is 11pm, **and no later**. It is going to be horrendous for the local residents anyway, but to extend beyond 11pm would be simply awful for so many people who live around there. It is a quiet residential area, and not in the town centre.

Again, I reiterate, it is a very quiet residential area - the disturbance to local residents will be huge.

Please consider these comments,

Thank you.

Yours Faithfully,

Susan A. Saldanha
5 Grays Lane,
Hitchin,
Herts.
SG5 2HD

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 November 2018 09:28
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application 8146 - Hitchin Cricket Club

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Gilly
Sent: 18 November 2018 17:25
To: Licensing
Subject: Application 8146 - Hitchin Cricket Club

Dear Sir

I am a resident of Lavender Way, Hitchin which is in close proximity to Hitchin Cricket Club and therefore wish to express my concern over the proposed licensing application which may lead to an increase in Public Nuisance.

The local area is made up of residential dwellings, including the local Leonard Cheshire home for people with disabilities. Prior to the expansion of the club house, parties finished at 12pm and even at this hour we were, at times affected by loud music and noisy guests but accepted that midnight was an acceptable 'cut off' point for social gatherings.

The new club house has capacity for up to 220 people (a huge increase on the previous structure) and staying open until the early hours by serving alcohol until 1am would undoubtedly create noise pollution and potentially an increase in antisocial behaviour. There is a substantial first floor balcony and I am concerned that guests will gather there and their voices will carry across the cricket pitch, causing further disturbance; I am also aware of a potential increase in traffic noise as party goers drive their vehicles through quiet (and narrow) residential streets which currently see little traffic at night.

I request that you are mindful of the needs of local residents and limit the licensing hours of Hitchin Cricket Club to midnight. It would also be greatly appreciated if some restrictions could be placed on the use of outdoor areas, in particular the balcony mentioned above.

Thank you for taking my concerns into consideration.

Yours faithfully

Gillian Barley
17 Lavender Way
Hitchin
SG5 2LU

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 November 2018 12:36
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application no. 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From: Christine Scott
Sent: 19 November 2018 12:04
To: Licensing
Subject: Application no. 8146

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to object in the strongest terms to the proposed license application 8146 for Hitchin Cricket Club and Bluharts Hockey Club.

Public Nuisance

I have lived in Lavender Way for over 23 years and live 2 houses down from the entrance to the new houses on Lucas Lane and around 300 metres from the newly built clubhouse. During my time in Lavender Way there have been many parties and functions at the clubhouse. These have been fairly infrequent, maybe one or two a month when loud music has been played and the partygoers not only spilled outside of the venue (especially in the Summer) but have also created excessive noise when they have left the venue late into the early hours of the morning. As the clubhouse has no buildings or structures on the other side (cricket pitch and Oughtonhead Common only) the noise is not 'absorbed' and, add to that the fact that sound is magnified at night, the noise level has often been unacceptable. We frequently had to take measures to reduce the impact of the noise such as keeping our windows closed, wearing earplugs, and turning our television up. Disturbed sleep was an on-going problem, especially in the summer months when we had to keep our windows closed. This is clearly unacceptable in a large residential area on the outskirts of the town centre.

The new clubhouse is much larger than before and has clearly been designed to attract larger numbers of people with much improved facilities for functions. With the increased number of functions, with much larger numbers of people, the noise is very likely to be excessive until an unacceptably late time. Noise at and after closing time is also a public nuisance problem, as is litter. For example we have often had to remove broken glass and cans from our front garden and I specifically remember everyone's car ariels being snapped off in Lavender Way. In my experience, the time at which the sale of alcohol ceases is NOT the time people leave a venue. They often linger for an hour or more after 'closing time'. With this in mind I would ask for the sales of alcohol NOT to be permitted after 10pm during the week and 12 on Fridays, Saturdays and Bank Holidays. In addition, noise after this time is unacceptable as many young children live close by (Samuel Lucas School is just at the bottom of the road).

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

When the old clubhouse was there, there were many instances of disorder. I clearly remember one of the out sheds being set on fire, frequent break-ins and graffiti on the walls. Needles have been found near the clubhouse and it was often a place where youths would 'hang out'. The Police were involved on many occasions. These problems occurred frequently especially over the school holidays. Interestingly they have completely ceased whilst the building work has been going on but will recommence once the new clubhouse is opened. There have been two occasions when my husband has had to go outside in the early hours of the morning to move on partygoers who have left the venue and sat on our wall at the front of our house. Once this was 3am. We use to frequently find broken bottles and cans in our front garden – these problems will only be increased with longer opening hours and many more people using the venue.

Public Safety

I would encourage you to drive up Oughtonhead Way onto Lavender Way and observe the very narrow pavements in the former. It is single line traffic and a number of cars have already been damaged by the construction traffic travelling past. Again, damage to cars is likely to increase with increased numbers of revelers

and later opening hours. Crows of inebriated people walking down Oughtonhead (on very narrow pavements) with drivers leaving at the same time is extremely dangerous. Drinkers will be forced to walk in the road and I think there is a real risk to public safety.

In summary, I would ask for the sales of alcohol NOT to be permitted after 10pm during the week and 12 on Fridays, Saturdays and Bank Holidays.

Thank you for considering my objections,

Kind regards

Christine Scott
24 Lavener Way
Hitchin
Herts
SG5 2LU

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 November 2018 10:22
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application no. 8146 Hitchin Cricket Club

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Robin Jennison
Sent: 19 November 2018 10:18
To: Licensing
Cc: Bridie Jennison
Subject: Application no. 8146 Hitchin Cricket Club

Dear sir/madam

I am writing to object to the proposed licensing application above for Hitchin Cricket Club on Lucas Lane Hitchin.

We live at 36 Lucas lane which is directly adjacent the cricket club. We have lived at this property for 18 years and most of our neighbours have lived here longer. Our main objections are as follows:

- Whilst the Cricket Club held events within the old club house, and generally the noise, traffic and general disturbance was negligible, this new facility is at least four times the size so will hold more people hence creating four times the issues
- Traffic will increase past our property – not just from cars attending events but taxis picking up etc
- Noise will increase not only from the club house but people leaving from the club house
- It will promote a rise in anti-social behaviour in and around a decent, quiet residential area
- The facility is a sports facility – not a pub or restaurant. NOT RELEVANT.

~~To add to the above as you may or may not be aware there is currently a housing development right in front of the new clubhouse on land sold by the cricket club to fund the new building. These properties are far closer than my own to the clubhouse. These people who will potentially buy these houses are obviously not able at this point in time to comment but I would suggest if they were their comments would echo ours. I cant see why they shouldn't be also considered within this application as the houses were under construction prior to the application being submitted. I would also think the developer Cala Homes would be concerned as this issue may well affect sales on the properties dependant on the outcome of the application. Whilst I also understand that you may have also received support for this application I'm hoping both "for" and against arguments have been from residents directly affected and not from people who won't.~~

Yours Faithfully

NOT RELEVANT

Robin Jennison
36 Lucas Lane
Hitchin
Herts
SG5 2LX

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 16 November 2018 08:50
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application no 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Liz
Sent: 15 November 2018 19:25
To: Licensing
Subject: Application no 8146

To whom it may concern

I live at 34 Lucas Lane, SG5 2LX
Directly opposite Hitchin cricket club
On the corner of Gaping Lane

I have had many issues with functions that have taken place at the club before the renovations

The issues are :

Noise
Drunken behaviour
Parking issues
Rubbish beer cans etc thrown in our garden

The hours suggested are not appropriate for a supposedly quiet residential area

I strongly object to these hours

Yours sincerely

Mrs E M Worbey

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 16 November 2018 08:46
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application no 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Sarah Faircliff
Sent: 15 November 2018 19:07
To: Licensing
Subject: Application no 8146

Dear Sir

With reference to the above application I would like to register an objection to the licensing hours applied for at the recently rebuilt Hitchin Cricket Club. The area surrounding the club premises are all residential, including a Leonard Cheshire home for people with disabilities and indeed new houses currently being built right next door to the club! Whilst I would be happy for the hours to be from 1200 midday to 2300 every day, my concern is the 1.00am finish on **every Friday, Saturday, bank hols etc.**

NOT
RELEVANT

I would suggest that this will lead to increased noise levels halfway through the night for most and , disruptive anti social behaviour in the area.

I hope you will take these objections into consideration before granting any licence to the club.

Sarah Faircliff
Two Ways
Lucas Lane
Hitchin
SG52JA

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 15 November 2018 15:25
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Lindsey
Sent: 15 November 2018 09:35
To: Licensing
Subject: Application 8146

Dear Sir / Madam,

I write in relation to the proposed licensing hours at the Blueharts Club in Hitchin.

I live very near to this site and am looking forward to seeing it finished and in use.

However I am concerned by the proposed opening hours. This is a quiet residential area and I don't think that the 1am close at weekends is going to be acceptable. There are no other pubs/clubs in this immediate area and I think the impact of people spilling out so late after drinking into residential streets will be noisy and messy.

~~The development has already caused huge disruption in the area, and having our lovely, safe and quiet community continuously affected is unnerving.~~

~~Whilst we all understand that the building is a community asset and will bring benefit to the area~~ I would respectfully request an earlier close time is considered.

NOT RELEVANT

With kind regards,
Lindsey Sarah Shirley
16 Lavender Way
Hitchin
Herts
SG5 2LU.

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 09 November 2018 13:35
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Objection to Licencing Application 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Matthew Smith
Sent: 09 November 2018 13:10
To: Licensing
Subject: Objection to Licencing Application 8146

Objections regarding Licencing Application (No. 8146) for Hitchin Cricket Club

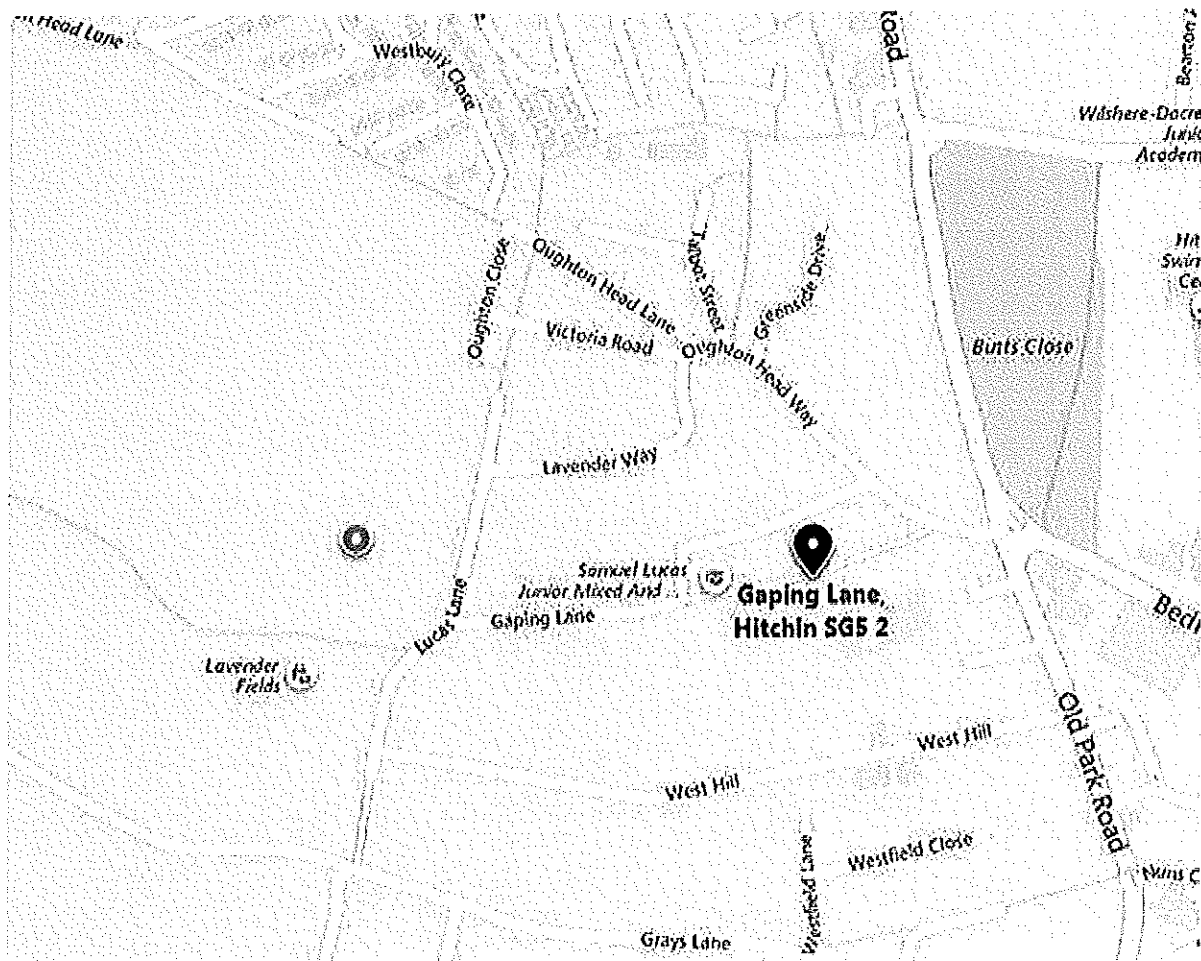
The licence application is for alcohol, food, live and recorded music, and the proposed hours are for 1200 to 2300 Sunday to Thursday

1200 to 0100 Friday and Saturday

I object the proposed hours and use of the venue.

Permitting the venue to play live and recorded music through to 0100 on a Saturday and Sunday morning will create noise pollution that will impact not only all surrounding existing houses but also the ~~27 new~~ homes being built adjacent to the site. This will be compounded by existing smoking regulations which result in effectively open doors at all times whilst those patrons that smoke exit and enter the building during the open hours. During the summer when residents will want to sleep with windows open the impact of the noise pollution will be heightened. Windows will also no doubt be open at the site, again increasing the volume of the noise pollution.

NOT
RELEVANT



Access to the site, highlighted with the blue dot above, will be predominantly via Gaping Lane, and Lucas Lane. All roads shown on the map above, Grays Lane, West Hill, Lucas Lane, Gaping Lane, Lavender Way, Oughton Head Way, Victoria Road, Oughton Head Lane, Talbot Street and Greenside Drive, which with the exception of Samuel Lucas Junior and Mixed Infants School, are totally residential. The proposed licencing hours through to 2300 and 0100 means that patrons going to and then leaving the site will be doing so through purely residential areas.

Unlike a town centre site, where there are multiple dispersal routes through predominantly commercial property areas which minimise the impact of people arriving and leaving, patrons attending Hitchin Cricket Club will all be coming through residential areas, and at anti-social hours. Having a licence at weekends especially through to 0100 will mean that after the bar stops serving, there will be the allowed drinking up time, and then departure of all attending the site. Whatever the number of people attending, those departing will either be walking into town, or via taxis/cars which will be down Gaping Lane, Bedford Street & Oughton Head Way. This will mean a constant stream of vehicles arriving and departing and all the associated noise that this will generate.

NOT RELEVANT

~~The nature of the licenced hours that have been applied for are all later than nearby Public Houses such as The Highlander on Offley Road, The Angel's Reply on Bedford Road, and The Victoria on Ickleford Road. As such, this changes the nature of the venue from being the clubhouse of the cricket and hockey club, to being a late night bar and live music venue.~~

As such, the impact of the proposed licence will impact through noise and traffic the local residents in hundreds of houses. This can be decreased by changing the hours allowed to shutting at 2300 on every night. I do not want to have to reschedule my weekend to catch up on sleep lost through this change in site use.

Matthew Smith
51 Gaping Lane
Hitchin
Herts, SG5 2JE

**44 Bedford Street
Hitchin SG5 2JG**

9 November 2018

North Herts District Council
Licensing Authority - Licensing Enforcement
POBox 10613
Nottingham
NG6 6DW

e.mail: licensing@noth-herts.gov.uk

Dear Sir/Madam,

LICENSING APPLICATION (Alcohol, Food, Live and Recorded Music)

The New Pavilion, Lucas Lane Sports Field

Posted by Hitchin Cricket Club

App.8146

Hours: 12 noon-23.00 Sunday-Thursday

12 noon-01.00 Friday, Saturday Christmas Eve, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve
& Sundays on Bank Holiday Weekends.

I am writing to object to these hours on two grounds:

- **HOURS:** I feel the late hours are not appropriate for a sports club in a very quiet, residential road with lots of families with young children living in the immediate vicinity.
- **ACCESS:** There will be an increase in the amount of late night traffic along the roads leading to the Cricket Club. These roads are quiet narrow residential streets and the late hours will be a big problem for those living along these roads - particularly as some of this late night traffic will be delivery lorries (for food and sound equipment) and coaches (for large parties).

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Catherine Daniels

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 06 November 2018 08:40
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Stuart Daniels
Sent: 05 November 2018 23:16
To: Licensing
Subject: re: Application 8146

I am contacting you to object to the licensing proposal 8146.

Though the cricket club has operated a license previously on the same premises I have several concerns:

1. The number of events and customers they intend to host is far higher than previously. The capacity of the building appears to be.
2. They intend attracting people from a larger area than before, arriving and departing by car.
3. The majority of attendees will not be locals walking but others by car.
4. The access to the venue is down a narrow lane in a residential area. Many of the houses are terraces directly next to the road with little separating them and the road.
5. Due to the narrow road and parking it turns late at night in to a one way street. Instead of giving way many impatient visitors find the way around this is to mount the curbs. I have witnessed this previously and is unsafe.

NOT RELEVANT

6. In addition, the houses that are currently been built nearby will increase the traffic further at all hours.

7. As much as I would like people to slow down on the small straight of Bedford Street, they don't. In fact many coming down see it as a chance to make up time lost due the the bends at the top. It is therefore dangerous to have an increase in the volume of traffic

I would conclude therefore that without clarification from the cricket club regarding this license is too broad to granted without causing traffic congestion, noise pollution, danger and inconvenience to the residents that live close by.

Please reject this application.

Yours sincerely,
Stuart Daniels
44 Bedford Street
Hitchin
Herts
SG5 2JG

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 01 November 2018 10:09
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW:

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From: Steve Kent
Sent: 31 October 2018 17:44
To: Licensing
Subject:

OBJECTION Hitchin Cricket Club Alcohol licence for the following reasons based on following . Crime and disorder within the residential area which is not policed at night damage to cars and property (this has already been a problem in the 30 + years I have lived here)

. Prevention of public nuisance leaving premises shouting (this had already been a problem in the past)

. Protection of children ALWAYS walking/playing in the local green belt area, huge increase in traffic in this already built up area will cause danger a to all.

NOT RELEVANT

~~Whilst I do not have any faith that you will consider my concerns~~ I feel that to grant such un-acceptable licence hours or indeed a licence at all to a sporting facility will cause such upset and danger going forward to all who reside in the local area I would not have felt comfortable with myself at all had I not objected from the outset.

Mrs S Kent
54 Gaping Lane
Hitchin
Herts
SG5 2JE

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 01 November 2018 15:25
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Response to application no. 8146 Hitchin Cricket Club

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Nafisa Sayany
Sent: 01 November 2018 15:23
To: Licensing
Subject: Response to application no. 8146 Hitchin Cricket Club

Objection to application

I am a long term resident of the area and based on experience of the club operating under more limited licensing in the past, very concerned about this application.

When the club was operating in the last few years, the hockey club used the club facilities very rarely as they had relocated to the Hitchin Boys School pitches, so the traffic and use of the club house although limited caused significant disturbance on several counts including:

- Increased traffic on an extremely restricted road infrastructure
- Disturbance of the peace late into the night, beyond 2 AM on several occasions from people leaving the club house after sporting events and private hire events, not least accentuated by the consumption of alcohol.

This application for extended hours EVERY day is a matter of great concern for the following reasons:

- This is a residential area, with many families with narrow roads that restricts traffic to single file in many places and the application could impact on the safety of residents and their property.
- The club car park and club house are hugely increasing in capacity, which will lead to greater pressure on the neighbourhood as a whole and for longer periods, which would impair the quality of life for the residents immensely should these extended licensing hours be granted.
- ~~It is clear that the club management will seek to maximise its income potential as a private hire venue, which will most definitely cause unwelcome disruption in a residential area and reduce the residents' wellbeing.~~ NOT RELEVANT
- Licensing hours refer to the bar serving hours, not the club closing hours. More often than not, members will remain on premises much longer than that, which means that residents will be disturbed by departing club users well beyond the licensing times so a 01.00 am license is completely unacceptable as this would impose disturbance in a quiet neighbourhood through the early hours after 01.00 am.
- There is also a risk of injury to those leaving on foot after 12.00 midnight as the street light are off and the roads are very dark.

The license should not be granted as applied for. The club should be allowed to operate a licensed bar during sporting fixtures only and be required to apply for temporary licenses should it require that for private hire on a case by case basis in order to maintain the ambience of the neighbourhood.

~~The license should not be granted before the new dwellings adjacent to the club currently under construction have been completed and the new residents have had a chance to comment. The application if granted would be an unprecedented impact in a residential area and should only be granted for a limited period to allow for a comprehensive review no later than six months from granting, which should include all residents along the access and departure routes to the club house.~~

Nafisa Sayany
44 Gaping Lane
Hitchin SG5 2JQ

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 05 November 2018 08:59
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION No 8146 Hitchin Cricket Club: Objections

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Sean Jones
Sent: 04 November 2018 10:54
To: Licensing
Subject: PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION No 8146 Hitchin Cricket Club: Objections

Dear Sir/Madam,

PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATIONS

Application Number 8146

Trading Name and Address: Hitchin Cricket Club, Hitchin.

Many thanks for the notification of the above application.

I write to request that you take the objections given below into account when deciding to grant, suspend, or refuse this application.

Objection on the grounds of prematurity of the application – it's too soon

- 1 Family houses are being built on the land immediately next to the proposed cricket club. The families that are to live in these homes should be allowed their rights to participate in the licensing application process.
- 2 The families that will be living in the new build houses should not be faced with a *fait accompli*, or otherwise lumbered with an immediately unsatisfactory situation.
- 3 The sports club developments have only been made possible because of the land value of the houses being built. It is therefore only right that licensing of the sports club premises takes account of the views of those living in the new houses.
- 4 The licensing process should at least be deferred until the houses are completed and occupied to permit full public consultation on this matter.

NOT RELEVANT

Objection on grounds of preventing public nuisance:

- 1 In previous times, the cricket club was used for the provision of alcohol, but this was only on rare exceptional cases or special occasions. The rarity avoided public nuisance.
- 2 The proposed license is for the supply of alcohol on a daily basis much like a pub.

- This is an unexpected and unacceptable side effect of the sports facility development.
 - It is unlikely that the place will be used for sports every evening.
 - It is unlikely that the place will be used for sports in the late evening, say after 9pm.

- 3 The provision of alcohol every day and late evening is not associated with sports and out of keeping of the reasons for the sports development.

4 ~~The routine provision of alcohol at the proposed premises is not in keeping with the residential location and its history.~~

- 5 Long opening hours mean that late night noise from the premises will be a public nuisance.
- 6 In summer, or when it is warm enough for people to be outside, the noise levels and public nuisance will be worse.

Objection on grounds of public safety:

- 1 The number of people using the location and will significantly increase.
- 2 The vehicular access to the premises is limited and through residential streets and roads.
- 3 In this locality, parking is a premium, the roads and streets are crowded with cars, access is therefore restrictive and requires careful and patient driving skills.
- 4 The absence of easy vehicular access to the premises, particularly late at night, presents a public safety risk.
- 5 The street lights go off after midnight. Cars leaving the premises, when the street lights are off, present an additional, increased risk to public safety.

Objection on grounds of prevention of crime and disorder:

- 1 The number of people using the location and will significantly increase and given that consumption of alcohol releases inhibitions and increases irritability, there is a clear risk of public disorder.
- 2 The increase in numbers to the area increases the risks of crime.
- 3 The quiet residential area, that is free of crime and disorder, is placed at risk.

I have since been informed by a neighbour that the Cricket Club might previously had a similar licence. But if this was the case, it was rarely used and if so by small numbers except on a few special occasions, and therefore did not present a public nuisance.

The same cannot be expected for the new club.

Yours faithfully,
Sean Humphrey Jones
67. Gaping Lane,
Hitchin
Hertfordshire,
SG5 2JE.

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 05 November 2018 08:59
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Objection to licensing application 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Becky Proctor
Sent: 04 November 2018 14:08
To: Licensing
Subject: Objection to licensing application 8146

As a resident of Gaping Lane in Hitchin, I object strongly to the licensing hours applied for by Hitchin Cricket Club. These are incompatible with the nature of this area, and with the activities of a sports venue

NOT RELEVANT

Any license granted at all should be conditional on strict noise level controls - this is currently a quiet residential area, right on the edge of town. This is a sports club, and not a major events venue. The licensing hours applied for would constitute a change of use for the facility and, if permitted, will significantly impact on local residents' quality of life. Our quiet enjoyment of our homes would be irrevocably damaged. We would be forced to inundate the council with endless noise complaints every day.

NOT RELEVANT

Access to the site is via unmade residential roads which are unlit after midnight. The sports club does not need a license until 1am at any time- and certainly not twice a week as proposed! We will be overwhelmed by drunken and antisocial behaviour. Even midnight licenses are unnecessary.

NOT RELEVANT

Loud music from noon until 1am is completely unacceptable. This is a sports club, not a music venue! The noise levels should be limited - doors should be kept closed, especially in the summer, and smoking areas should be kept away from residents. Visitors must leave the site quickly after events - not hang around shouting in the street.

Even daytime licensing should be dependent on sporting activities taking place on that day

This is not a music or event venue. It is a sports club, and this general license application is inappropriate.

NOT RELEVANT

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Proctor
57 Gaping Lane
SG5 2JE

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 05 November 2018 09:00
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Licence Application No: 8146 - Hitchin Cricket Club

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Jonathan Smith
Sent: 03 November 2018 15:06
To: Licensing
Subject: Licence Application No: 8146 - Hitchin Cricket Club

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please would you register my objection to licence application number 8146 made by Hitchin Cricket Club on 24/10/2018?

The licence application is to serve alcohol & food and to play live & recorded music from 12 noon to 23:00 Sunday to Thursday, and from 12 noon to 01:00 am on Fridays, Saturdays, Christmas Eve, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve and Sundays on bank holiday weekends.

I feel that these hours not appropriate for a social club located in a quiet residential area with a lot of family housing. Furthermore, I am concerned about the additional traffic that will be generated in Gaping Lane and Bedford Street by this proposal. Both of these roads are single carriageway due to parked vehicles, whilst Bedford Street also contains two blind bends. An increase in traffic to the Cricket Club increases the chances of an accident occurring.

I would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of my objection.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Jonathan Smith

6 Hartland Court
Gaping Lane
Hitchin, Herts.
SG5 2JH

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 31 October 2018 15:24
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application no. 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Sean Rooney
Sent: 30 October 2018 18:49
To: Licensing
Subject: Application no. 8146

I would like to object to the Licence application no. 8146 at Hitchin Cricket Club.

This is a quiet residential area with limited access and a club license until 1am is not appropriate.

I live on the corner of Gaping lane and which is the only road access to the club. I have a young family, with 2 young children and all our bedrooms face the street. As most pedestrian and all road access is past our house I do not relish the increased volume of traffic. From functions previously held at the club, even with a more restrictive license, there was an unreasonable increase in noise from people leaving the venue. This is evidence that a late license is not suitable.

It is highly likely that the venue will be used a lot for functions so we will see a peak of traffic at hours unsuitable for a residential area with limited access points.

The whole venue will see an increase of traffic on a road with limited access during the day and it is unacceptable that we should have to tolerate this until 1am in the morning.

~~Throughout the whole process of the redevelopment of the club at no time was it mentioned when planning permission was sought that there would be a late licence. This is another example of the Cricket Club showing little regard for its neighbours during the whole redevelopment.~~

Yours faithfully

NOT RELEVANT

Sean Rooney
46 Gaping Lane,
Hitchin,
Hertfordshire
SG5 2JF

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 31 October 2018 14:14
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application no 8146 : for the Pavilion at Lucas Lane Sports field by Hitchin Cricket club

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Gill Parsons
Sent: 31 October 2018 14:11
To: Licensing
Subject: Application no 8146 : for the Pavilion at Lucas Lane Sports field by Hitchin Cricket club

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a resident of Lucas Lane living directly opposite the new development, I am very concerned that the late hours mentioned in the above licensing application, both for weekends and holidays, will result in a considerable amount of noise for the residents of this area.

Moreover, I am concerned about the issue not just of traffic noise but also of parking and safety in the surrounding area given the narrow nature of the roads and the restricted access as a result of on road parking.

I would be grateful if you could take account of these considerations in your decision making.

Yours,

Gillian Parsons
44, Lucas Lane
Hitchin
SG5 2LX

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 30 October 2018 15:26
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Objection to Application number 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From: Lauren Fearnside
Sent: 28 October 2018 19:52
To: Licensing
Subject: Objection to Application number 8146

I wish to lodge a complaint regarding application number 8146 for licensing for the new Pavilion at the Lucas Lane Sports Pavilion.

As a resident of Lucas Lane, I strongly object to this proposal. This is a quiet residential area and I think the noise from music, people leaving late at night and just general noise will affect the wellbeing of local residents and also spoil the peace for the many many walkers who enjoy the quiet of the surrounding area each evening.

~~I think this would be hugely detrimental to this part of Hitchin and would really change the character of this lovely area.~~

Many thanks,
Lauren Fearnside
Throsk, Lucas Lane, Hitchin, SG5 2HS

NOT RELEVANT

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 30 October 2018 15:25
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application No. 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Dunbar, Simon
Sent: 28 October 2018 20:16
To: Licensing
Subject: Application No. 8146

I write in relation to the proposed licensing application at the Hitchin Cricket Club, reference 8146.

I write to object to the proposed hours of opening in the license, which allow alcohol, food and music to be played seven days a week with the only exception being Christmas Day. This is stated to be until 1am at weekends and holiday times which for a quiet residential area is excessive. We have families, walkers and dog/horse walkers using Lucas Lane day and in the evenings and fear the introduction of regular long drinking hours can only lead to unsociable behaviour and potential dangerous risks to residents which clearly we object to. The area is not well lit and we fear instances of drink driving or other unsociable behaviour causing unnecessary risks.

We do not object to a license per se, but the hours of opening need to be significantly restricted to those proposed.

Many thanks,
Simon

Owner of Throsk, Lucas Lane, Hitchin SG5 2HS.

Simon Dunbar MRICS

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 30 October 2018 15:26
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Objection to premises license application at the Hitchin Cricket Club

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Louise Cox
Sent: 26 October 2018 18:56
To: Licensing
Subject: Objection to premises license application at the Hitchin Cricket Club

Hello,

I hereby strongly object to the granting of a premises licence at the Hitchin Cricket Club, for the following reasons:

- the late night opening hours are completely disproportionate considering the nature of the premises;
- it is entirely inappropriate considering it is located within a quiet residential area with no through traffic;
- it further reinforces the lack of thought given to local residents by the Cricket Club; **NOT RELEVANT**
- local residents mostly comprise of families with young children and elderly people, therefore the impact of such premises would be greatly felt and be a huge detriment to our quality of life;
- the regulated entertainment applied for is again completely inappropriate considering the residential setting of the premises. This would inevitably lead to ongoing noise complaints from local residents, which is why it is essential clear conditions are placed right from the start;
- all in all, the noise and traffic generated from granting such a licence would cause a huge negative impact on local residents, who have seen no benefit from the redevelopment up until now, only major inconveniences.

Please help us preserve the wellbeing of the local residents and the quiet nature of our environment.

Regards,
Louise Cox
9 Kent Place
Oughton Head Way
Hitchin SG5 2LE

Hannah Sweetman

From: Rebecca Cole >
Sent: 31 October 2018 16:14
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: Re: Lucas lane sports pavilion - objection to licence application

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Dear Hannah,

NOT RELEVANT

~~I wish to add my objection to the proposed licensing hours for the Pavillon on Lucas Lane. The area is predominantly residential and we would expect the hours of license to reflect a sports club and not a nightclub. The proposed hours of 12pm to 1am on Fridays, Saturdays etc are in our opinion befitting of a club in the town centre. We thank you for your time considering our views. !~~

I can confirm we would object on the grounds of prevention of a public nuisance. We have a young family and recall the days when the cricket club was open till midnight in its previous life. Now the hours are proposed for 1am - this would create an unwelcome disturbance in unsocial hours. I also feel the area would be more vulnerable to crime and disorder given the late night parties and drinking. I have no objection to the club opening till midnight as was before and believe this is in keeping with a sports club use.

It will create a public nuisance if we extend into the early hours of the morning and will not benefit an already strained relationship with its local community.

Our address is

Rebecca Starr
71 Gaping Lane
Hitchin
SG5 2JE

I hope this is acceptable for submission.

Kind regards,

Rebecca

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 12 November 2018 08:56
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Re - Application no 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From: Andrew Gardner
Sent: 11 November 2018 20:54
To: Licensing
Subject: Re - Application no 8146

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the above application as I think that the hours proposed are unreasonable, especially in a peaceful residential area.

NOT RELEVANT

~~I also feel that the potential purchasers of the properties which are being built by Cala Homes will find the occurrence of regular late night disturbances off-putting to say the least. !~~

~~I don't know of many pubs in residential areas that serve drinks after 23:00 let alone Sports Facilities and alcohol seems a little at odds with the sporting designation of the club.~~

~~It seems particularly strange since the whole application which involved a loss of green belt land was based on upgrading sports facilities. No mention was made of regular extended licencing hours !~~

~~It is a sports club not a night club or a drinking club. We have plenty of pubs in this area that provide for this.~~

Traffic flow is a severe problem in this area at certain times - after matches for instance - and again I stress that this is a quiet residential area where many families have very young children. ~~Some of these will no doubt inhabit the properties being built by Cala Homes.~~

NOT RELEVANT

A stream of vehicles and pedestrians leaving at a late hour will be intrusive, noisy and totally unacceptable.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew & Cora Gardner
42 Lucas Lane
Hitchin
Hertfordshire
SG5 2LX

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 November 2018 09:17
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Re Application 8146 - Hitchin Town Cricket Ground Limited

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From: Naomi & Roger Morris
Sent: 17 November 2018 22:16
To: Licensing
Subject: Re Application 8146 - Hitchin Town Cricket Ground Limited

32a Lucas Lane
Hitchin
Herts
SG5 2JA

17/11/2018

Dear Sir

Re: Hitchin Cricket Club Ground Ltd – Licensing Application:
Application No. 8146

I live at 32a Lucas Lane which has the same post code as the newly developed Hitchin Cricket Club and I wish to raise the following objections to the above application.

NOT RELEVANT

a) ~~The club has recently sold some land and the family dwellings which are being constructed are literally only a few metres from the clubhouse.~~ Noise from live and recorded music played until 23.00 on weekdays and past midnight at weekends would adversely affect families with children living in the vicinity. In particular events out of doors would intrude on this quiet residential area.

b) The Cheshire Home was built adjacent to the club with only a narrow footpath between the two sites and noise would adversely affect the disabled residents of the home.

c) At the same postal code as the cricket club are at least 2 residents in their 80's who have lived in the area for decades and the noise and disruption late at night will cause them suffering.

d) Access to the site has already been an issue during the construction of the clubhouse and the houses forcing the council to introduce parking restrictions on local roads. Access to the club for major events will continue to create a hazard in the narrow local streets and it appears there is not sufficient space at the new club for parking for a large event. Carers and emergency services could also be subjected to delays and parking problems.

e) The application is for the club to be open until 0130 at weekends. We work at the Hitchin Music School on Saturdays starting at 0830. Music can be clearly heard from our house (particularly bass) and has kept us awake in the past. It will disturb our working lives and livelihood. For some people Saturday is a working day.

This area is a quiet residential area with families, the disabled and elderly living in very close proximity to the club and restrictions need to be in place to minimise the effect on these vulnerable people

Yours sincerely

Dr Roger Morris

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 November 2018 09:18
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Re Application 8146 - Hitchin Town Cricket Ground Limited

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Naomi & Roger Morris
Sent: 17 November 2018 22:43
To: Licensing
Subject: Re Application 8146 - Hitchin Town Cricket Ground Limited

32a Lucas Lane
Hitchin
Herts
SG5 2JA

17/11/2018

Dear Sir

Re: Hitchin Cricket Club Ground Ltd – Licensing Application:
Application No. 8146

I live at 32a Lucas Lane which has the same post code as the newly developed Hitchin Cricket Club and I wish to add my support to the objections to the above application that my husband, Dr Roger Morris, has sent you in his email. I would like to emphasise that in the past I have been kept awake by parties in the old clubhouse and used to wait for the beats of the bassline to stop. It was a relief to know that at least it would go quiet by midnight. The thought of having parties going on until the early hours is very disturbing. Many of the houses in this area are very close to the street or, in our case, public byway. People who have been drinking alcohol do not all leave premises quietly even if requested to do so and local residents will have to put up with noise and lights from pedestrians and cars in the early hours of the morning waking them or keeping them awake. Our society is a seven day working week society and not everybody has the luxury of a Saturday/Sunday weekend. I work Saturdays, occasional Sundays and have regular Sunday morning commitments. It is not fair to assume that people are not going to be affected at weekends.

Yours sincerely

Naomi Morris

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 16 November 2018 11:08
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW:

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From: Nigel Worbey
Sent: 16 November 2018 10:40
To: Licensing
Subject:

I am writing regarding the licence application (alcohol, food, live and recorded music) for the new Pavilion at the Lucas Lane sports field .

1)The hours are in no way appropriate for Fridays ,and , Saturdays.

To suggest 12. Noon to 1.00 am for both days are in no way appropriate for a sports club These hours are more appropriate for a casino or a night-club! NOT RELEVANT

In the past the neighbourhood has suffered whenever a function has taken place. There has been no attempt to keep noise down and cars have been vandalised in both Lucas Lane and Gaping Lane. Broken bottles have been thrown into surrounding gardens , bad language , cars revving at all hours and young teenagers swearing and being most disruptive.

Bear in mind in the past , the number of events has been many fewer than will take place in the future.

Working residents do not want revellers being let out on the streets at 1.00 am waking up the streets when they need to get up and go to work early on a Monday morning.

The club have never taken any responsibility for the attitude for the behaviour of its customers and have never tried to enforce a code of conduct that would be acceptable to the residents.

Is the club going to set up a fund to pay for the damage done to the residents property and if not why not and if there is a fund how much are they proposing to invest in it.

Who do the residents complain to that has any power in the club to control their customers in line with generally accepted behaviour?

Also, I know for a fact under age drinking has taken place and the only thing the club cares about is the profits it can make, which means selling as much drink to its customers as possible.

Is the club planning to control its customers , if so , how? In the past they have not bothered and I can not see that attitude changing in the slightest , so how are the neighbours supposed to react.

What level of noise are we supposed to put up . What tests have been undertaken and what level of decibels of noise do they regard as normal?

If these hours are permitted the residents will be most unhappy and only trouble can come out of the proposal.

I am totally opposed to the plan.

Yours Sincerely

Nigel Worbey
34, Lucas Lane
SG5 2LX

Hitchin Cricket Club and Blue Herts Hockey Club
Licensing Application (Alcohol, Food, Live and Recorded
Music) application number 8146

As residents at – 40 Lucas Lane, Hitchin, SG5 2LX) we wish to raise the following objections to the above application.

1. We feel the proposed licensing hours are not appropriate for a Sports Club in a quiet residential area with a lot of family housing, and expanding residences in progress (Century Grove- 27 4/5 bedroomed houses)

The hours proposed:

Sundays – Thursday **12noon -23.00 hours –**

We feel that **Sundays should be no later than 12.noon - 22.00 hours**

Friday – Saturday, Christmas Eve, Boxing Day, New Years Eve and Sundays on Bank Holidays.

Should be no later than 23.00 hours – NOT 01.00am

For the following reasons:

- **The new Pavilion** is at least four (4) times larger than the previous clubhouse, therefore there will be an increase in the number of people (including families) using the facilities, could be up to **220 people. (This number excludes the Sports facilities users!)**
- **The function room** is designated as a 'Community Hub' and will be available for hire during the day and social functions in the evenings, **7 days a week.**
- **People and Traffic and Public Safety, Also Disturbance to local area:**
There will certainly be an increase in the numbers of people (families) visiting the site, who will need to walk, in many cases, on the road, as there are **few footpaths and no public transport, Street lighting is very poor and no lighting after 12 midnight.** Along side this is the certainty of increased cars, mini buses and coaches etc. having to approach and leave the site along very narrow roads and lanes. **This raises the question of where will all this extra traffic park as there are only 84 designated parking spaces available on the site**

- **Public Nuisance/Crime/& Disorder** – We are also concerned about the potential for damage to property if users are allowed to leave in the early hours of the morning, having consumed alcohol In the past we have experienced noise, unruly behavior, shouting and inappropriate language, slamming of car doors, sounding horns, bottles and beer cans thrown into hedges and gardens. Some damage to resident’s parked cars – mirrors, wipers and aerials broken.
- **Noise Levels:** - The use of the pavilion for very late night functions is not appropriate due to the character of the area. The use of amplified music, recorded and live, especially outside in the summer months, or inside with open windows, would adversely affect residents living in the vicinity of the pavilion and the surrounding areas. The Cheshire Homes, a residential home for disabled clients, is very close by.

The issues we have raised are a real concern to us and we hope you will take these into consideration when considering this license application.

**Michael and Pamela Davies
40 Lucas Lane
Hitchin
Herts. SG5 2LX**

16th November 2018

Re Application 8146

As residents of 15 Lavender Way, SG5 2LU, we live near the entrance to the new housing (Century Grove) with the clubhouse on the other side of that. We wish to raise our objection to the automatic extension to 1am for events and functions. We feel midnight is acceptable, as even then people do not leave exactly on time.

We feel the licensing hours are not appropriate in a quiet residential area, with family housing on the edge of Green Belt. There is also a Cheshire Home for disabled young adults immediately next door, which was built there for its quiet and peaceful location.

The hours should be no later than 12.00pm at weekends and Bank Holidays. This 'Community Facility' will only be rivalled by Hitchin Town Hall, set in a busy Town Centre, ample car parks, few immediate residents and on a public transport route.

PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE

As the previous clubhouse was in a state of disrepair, it was not used excessively and residents very rarely complained as we were aware they needed money to continue. However, the new facility which holds 220 people makes it much more of an issue. There was one incident where a marquee had a live band, which went way beyond any licensing hours, and kept local residents awake.

Functions tend to also spill out on to the surrounding playing fields in the Summer months, and that noise carries on a still night which we can hear in our back garden. There has been an incident where we all had our car aerials broken after one event. As there is no public transport nearby, groups walk past our house making noise in the early hours of the morning.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The club entrance comes out to an unmade road immediately to the right and left. It is unlit, and has no footpaths. Combined with what street lighting there is going off at 12, then this will make it dangerous for pedestrians and local residents once 84 cars plus start to leave the site.

Local roads are at parking capacity, with many cars parking illegally and on bends. Cars leaving after a function will add to access problems and cars mounting pavements. We have in the past have someone attending a function park partly across our drive, and then they picked it up the next day.

The car park holds 84, but with a function at capacity, such as a wedding, will mean parking on surrounding roads, creating problems for local residents.

While I am aware the new facility is soundproofed, inevitably people will use the balcony creating further noise issues for residents.

I would like to suggest there is a restrictive use of the balcony, and can only be used until 10pm.

NOT RELEVANT

~~Wetherspoons in Hitchin have a similar restriction on their garden, in fact this is 9pm shut off. Wetherspoons have only a small number of houses behind their pub garden, so I do not see why this cannot apply to this facility.~~

Kim and Phil Baker.
15 Lavender Way
Hitchin
Herts,
SG5 2LU

Hannah Sweetman

From: Simon Royce
Sent: 21 November 2018 21:17
To: Hannah Sweetman; Licensing
Subject: RE: Hitchin cricket club application

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Hannah,

Thank you for the information on the licensing application from Hitchin Cricket Club.

I should say that I am a resident of Bedford Street (no.32) which is the main access road to the cricket club.

Please see below my representation on the application:

Dear Sir / Madam,

Having read the application (ref 8146) I would like to state my view that the requests for extended opening times outside the non standard times as set out in the councils application form is inappropriate for a sports club which is situated in a residential area of the town. **NOT RELEVANT**

The playing of music – recorded and live – as well as serving alcohol after midnight on Friday and Saturday will cause increased noise in a residential area as well as increasing the volume and noise of traffic in the locality of the club.

The club states that it is apply for the extensions to cover club social events – if that is the case a more appropriate way of dealing with the need for a licence would be to apply for a temporary licence for each event as I find it hard to believe that a sports club would be holding regular social events that went on to 1.00 o'clock in the morning.

NOT RELEVANT

~~This application seems more appropriate for a entertainment venue based in a town centre or out of town venue not a private cricket club which can only be accessed through a residential area.~~

~~As someone who has been a playing member of Hitchin Cricket club for very many years (although my playing days are long behind me) I would be sad to see the club turned into a quasi party venue which could lead to increased noise and disruption to the community which in turn could lead to friction between the club and local residence.~~

~~I feel that the use of temporary licences is a more appropriate way to accommodate the clubs needs for extended hours for club social events.~~

NOT RELEVANT

Yours faithfully

Simon Royce
32 Bedford Street
Hitchin
Herts
SG5 2JG

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 November 2018 09:21
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application 8146 Hitchin Cricket Club

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Alison white
Sent: 18 November 2018 09:59
To: Licensing
Cc: Malcolm
Subject: Application 8146 Hitchin Cricket Club

Dear Sir

On behalf of myself and my family I am writing to express our concerns and strong opposition to the application by Hitchin Cricket Club to obtain a license which extends to 11pm on Sundays to Thursdays and then to 1am on Fridays and Saturdays.

The reasons for our being against the Cricket Club having such late licensing hours are as follows:

1. The Club is situated in a residential area and is wholly inappropriate for parties and other late night entertainment, causing great disturbance to those of us who live in the vicinity.
2. If a license is agreed for 11pm on week nights, this would impact greatly on those of us who work and get up early as I do, or for schoolchildren who need a good nights sleep, or people working shift patterns or older people in the area who go to bed early.
3. Issuing a license until 1am on Friday and Saturday nights is far too late for a venue in a residential area. Since the clubhouse is brand new there will undoubtedly be great interest in its use as a venue for social events, which would be all the more popular if a late license is agreed. This is completely unfair and unacceptable for local people to have to endure regular weekends disrupted by noise from late night revellers and by cars and taxi cabs leaving after 1 am - particularly since the club is situated in an area with unmade roads which are not and never were designed for heavy traffic.

I sincerely hope that the issuing of a license with the current proposed timings is denied and that more acceptable timings can be agreed, that reflect the nature of the area in which the Club is situated and which show greater respect for the local community.

Yours faithfully,

Alison White
54 Lucas Lane
Hitchin
Herts SG5 2LT

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APPENDIX

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Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 14 November 2018 14:24
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From: Bruce Goulding
Sent: 13 November 2018 18:15
To: Licensing
Subject: Application 8146

NOT RELEVANT

~~I'm a local resident to the cricket club, I live at 81 West Hill and although the new development has not gone without some teething issues its important the club had the necessary licensing to enable the club to function as a sports facility and also as a community space. I personally welcome the application and know many residents who are keen to see the site fully functioning with the appropriate licensing facilities.~~

I don't foresee any issues with security at the site, there is good cctv and fencing around the ground and I understand the hours of the application are appropriate for the facility.
So to summarise, as a local resident please ensure the licensing is approved.

Many thanks

Bruce Goulding
81 west Hill
Hitchin
SG5 2HX

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 15 November 2018 09:16
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: ref 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Dan Fair
Sent: 13 November 2018 21:54
To: Licensing
Subject: ref 8146

Writing in support of this application.

I'm writing to you today in support of the above application for the licencing of this premises.

Hitchin Cricket club and Blueharts hockey have been based on this site for decades and have operated with a licence for all of this time. During this time the towns clubs have grown to an extent that the site needed developing. I see no reason as to why the clubs shouldn't continue to grow and provide a better club and community environment than what was there before.

As far as I am aware the licencing hours are no different to what was there before and the clubhouse itself has been fitted with the most modern noise mitigation designs to reduce unwanted noise.

I feel the club will be fully supportive of public and member safety. This would be done by using CCTV and alarms. They would also be operating a Challenge 21 drinking rule.

Having a community hub like this will hopefully reduce anti-social behaviour by providing somewhere for members of the local community a place to go, young and older.

~~It would be a huge disappointment to the clubs and the local community to have this facility built and not be able to use it to its full potential. This would include, weddings, parties, meetings and high level sporting events etc. Without the licence these would be very be unlikely to take place.~~

Regards,

NOT RELEVANT

Daniel Fair
21 newtons way
Hitchin
Herts
Sg49jr.

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 15 November 2018 09:04
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application number 8146: Sports Pavilion at Lucas Lane

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From: Jo Broughton
Sent: 13 November 2018 20:25
To: Licensing
Subject: Application number 8146: Sports Pavilion at Lucas Lane

NOT RELEVANT

~~I am writing today in support of the above application. My children and I joined the Hitchin Cricket Club last year. I was amazed at the amount of children and adults that regularly attend cricket practice and participate in the club's fixtures and matches. My daughter and my son have both been inspired by the team to push themselves to be the best they can be and both them and I are looking forward to the opening of the new facilities.~~

~~What has particularly impressed me as a parent, has been the incredible attitude of goodwill to all competitors, (our own and the rival teams), that has been displayed by all involved, the coaches, the parents and therefore the children. It has been an honour to see my children take on this attitude.~~

~~I am hopeful that the council will support the license application in full as I believe the club needs the revenue it would generate in order to continue to provide such an inspiring sporting environment for the children of Hitchin and its surrounding areas. It is obvious to me that the application has been very well thought through. I have every confidence that the management of the events on site will be sympathetic and proactive in ensuring that the local community of West Hitchin will not be disadvantaged by the activities at the club. In fact, I am sure that the club will ensure that the residents benefit from having the new facility available for use.~~

NOT RELEVANT

~~I have been witness to the club's high safety standards and the seriousness that they take in their responsibility to provide good role models for the children on-site. I have every confidence that the bar license will be used with the utmost care to provide a much needed social space for the club, as well as an income stream to help with the finances of the club.~~

It is clear to me that the club has been proactive and forward thinking in applying many sound proofing and security aspects to the club. I am sure that this will continue in their thinking going forward. The management are responsible members of the wider community and it would not be in their or the clubs best interest to harm relations with the wider community, so of course they will continue to make every pre-emptive effort to minimise problems and to open up the facility to the wider community for their benefit.

~~I am so looking forward to all that the new facilities at the Sports Pavilion at Lucas Lane can offer my family. I hope that the good work that the club does to encourage their excellent attitude to good sports camaraderie, sporting excellence, social cohesion, social responsibility and joyful fun, can be supported by the granting in full of the requested license as set out in the above application.~~

NOT RELEVANT

Many thanks,

Johanna Kaarina Broughton
13 Eynsford Court, Hitchin, Herts, SG4 9JS

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 November 2018 09:23
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Licensing Application 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Alan Middleditch
Sent: 18 November 2018 12:19
To: Licensing
Subject: Licensing Application 8146

To NHDC Licensing Dept

I'm writing to support the above application to License the premises on the Cricket Ground, Lucas Lane, Hitchin for use by Hitchin Cricket Club and Blueharts Hockey Club.

Some have extrapolated the requested hours into a plan for a pub-restaurant operation. This is a misunderstanding; the premises will remain a sports club with opportunities for the local community to hire the premises (with or without the bar) as in the past without any problems. The bar and function area will remain an an important fund raiser to support sport as is the case for most sports premises ^{NOT RELEVANT} The requested days of use will give more opportunities for the community such as short notice hire which was not possible with the need for Temporary Event Notices.

With specific reference to the four objectives I comment as follows.

Prevention of public nuisance The new clubhouse will meet or exceed all current building regulations. Additional features have been incorporated to mitigate any noise. The clubs will continue to emphasise the need for users to respect the local community when arriving and departing both verbally and through signs.

The extended license hours beyond the current license on Fridays and Saturdays will be used only on specific club occasions or for specific hirings.

A Travel Plan will seek to minimise car usage.

Prevention of crime and disorder The new clubhouse has CCTV and the ground has new fencing. The clubs will use 'Challenge 21' to prevent U18 drinking of alcohol.

Public safety The new clubhouse meets all building and fire regulations giving a much safer environment than the old clubhouse. The car park will be well lit with designated walking and emergency access routes.

Protection of children from harm Both clubs follow the Safeguard Young People requirements of their National Governing Bodies.

I therefore hope that you will grant this license.

Regards

*Alan Middleditch
25 Gibson Close*

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 15 November 2018 09:32
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Sarah Hamilton
Sent: 14 November 2018 08:51
To: Licensing
Subject: 8146

Good morning

I live at 47 Grays Lane and would like to add my support to BlueHarts licensing application. We have never had any problem with noise from the club and I think it would be a great addition to the local community.

Kind regards

NOT RELEVANT

Sarah Hamilton
47 Grays Lane
Hitchin
SG5 2HH

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 November 2018 09:12
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Reference application number 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Adam Wells
Sent: 16 November 2018 21:33
To: Licensing
Subject: Reference application number 8146

I am emailing in support of the licence application reference 8146.

I am a local resident and live at 28 High View.

NOT RELEVANT

~~I think the new facility will greatly enhance the quality of life for local residents. Not only from a sporting perspective but from a social one as well. The area is lacking a local community centre so I am looking forward to having somewhere to go for a bit of social interaction.~~

With regards to the licensing objectives; Public nuisance- We have never had any issues with public nuisance nor heard about any issues arising from late night usage of the old facility.

There are only a very few occasions when large (100s) amount of people are in the club late at night. Again, I have never heard of any public disorder.

I am sure that the new building will be much more sound proof than the old facility so I don't expect any local residents will be able to hear any noise at all.

Prevention of crime- I have seen that the new facility has much better security than what it replaced. There appear to be fences all around and cctv installed. The lighting will also be much improved. This will all deter any would be criminals from targeting the clubhouse.

Public safety- Again, the improved lighting and fencing will ensure the facility is as safe as possible. I know that safety has been paramount during the build phase so I am certain that measures will be put in place for when the site is in operation.

Child protection- I am aware that both Blueharts and Hitchin Cricket club have robust child safety policies and procedures. I would have no hesitation in sending my own children to play there and have every confidence that the vast amounts of local children who will benefit from using the facility, will be kept as safe as possible while they do so.

Kind regards

Mr and Mrs Wells.
Adam James Wells
28 High View
Hitchin
Herts
SG5 2HL

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 15 November 2018 09:36
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: 8146: Sports Pavilion at Lucas Lane

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Jane Buchanan
Sent: 14 November 2018 09:30
To: Licensing
Subject: 8146: Sports Pavilion at Lucas Lane

I support the application the Sports Pavillion.

NOT RELEVANT

~~Without the applied for liceneing hours a valuable community asset would not be fully utilised and this would be a missed opportunity.~~ The club has done all it can to address the 4 licencing objectives, in reality the 1 am sat and sun timings would not be used every week but it is onerous on ambers club to have to submit individual applications as has been dome currently. None of those applications have ever been turned down.

The club is very respectful of its neighbours and tries to mitigate public nuisance and crime and disorder issues.

Regards
Jane Buchanan
85 Benslow lane
Hitchin
SG4 9RA

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 15 November 2018 10:31
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application number 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From: Chris Emmott
Sent: 14 November 2018 15:13
To: Licensing
Subject: Application number 8146

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a resident of the "West Side" of Hitchin (High Trees, Offley Rd, Hitchin, SG5 2AZ), I am writing to you to provide my wholehearted support to Licensing application number 8146 (Hitchin Cricket Club).

~~Blueharts Hockey Club and Hitchin Cricket Club have been an great asset to the community for more than 60 years. As a non-profit making amateur sports club, the main source of income is the bar and function room, which allows the club to provide affordable sport to the whole community. Particularly the function room (of which Hitchin is somewhat of short supply), provides an excellent resource for the community to use as a hub for activities during the day and for functions in the evening. A bar license is a vital part of this.~~

NOT RELEVANT

The club continues to be committed to ensuring the wellbeing of the public and the prevention of crime, disorder and public nuisance. The license application is on similar terms to that which was previously granted and has always been delivered without issue. The vast majority of functions will be below the maximum permissible limit. The new facility has been designed to minimise noise and members (as well as hirers) are instructed to respect our neighbours. The fencing around the site is secure and has a number of CCTV cameras as well as alarms. Public safety has always been paramount to the club, and this will be maintained with comprehensive H&S procedures. We want this facility to be enjoyed by all members of the community including children, so the junior members are protected by robust safeguarding principles provided by the sport's governing bodies, which includes the "Challenge 21" policy.

~~I am hopeful that this request is approved, which will provide this club the opportunity to be the jewel in the crown of Hitchin sports and social facilities. Something the whole community can be proud of.~~

Yours Faithfully,

Chris Emmott

NOT RELEVANT

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 15 November 2018 15:19
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Will Gallimore
Sent: 14 November 2018 20:33
To: Licensing
Subject: Application 8146

Hello,

I am writing in support of the above application for the bar lisencc.

These are my reasons for supporting it:

NOT RELEVANT

- 1) ~~it will provide a community hub for the area as it will be available for hire by all.~~
- 2) ~~it will enable membership costs to be lowered, thus keeping more people in sport and active.~~
- 3) all will enjoy it in a safe and responsible way. All juniors will follow the safeguarding policies of the club and it will ensure it adheres to the challenge 21 policy.
- 4) an implemented travel plan will ensure that traffic flow is low and doesn't impact on residents.
- 5) these lisencc hours are similar to current hours. The extension in hours have been applied for in the past and have been approved without issue. These hours would not be used every week but useful as an option for the community.

Kind regards
William Gallimore
12 High Street
Henlow
Bedfordshire
SG166BS

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 November 2018 09:42
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application number 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Kate Sherwood (UK)
To: Licensing
Subject: Application number 8146

I would like to express my support for this application.

NOT RELEVANT

~~The new facility will bring many benefits to the Hitchin community, and it's essential that there is a licence that will allow the new facility to function to best effect, and ensure revenue is generated to be reinvested in providing and maintaining this high quality community facility for many years to come~~

The security will be a great improvement on the old facility where there was occasional vandalism, and will improve the safety and security for all those using the facility.

~~Most valuable is the provision of a facility that will serve many hundreds of junior members every year, as well as their parents, providing a safe, fun environment for promoting sport and active living.~~

~~We're very lucky to have such a fabulous facility opening soon for the benefit of the people of our town.~~

NOT RELEVANT

Kate Sherwood
24 Fishponds Road
Hitchin
Herts
SG51NR

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 15 November 2018 15:22
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Hitchin Cricket Club/Blueharts 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Kate Williams
Sent: 14 November 2018 21:08
To: Licensing
Subject: Hitchin Cricket Club/Blueharts 8146

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing with regards to the licensing application made by the above organisations (Hitchin Cricket Club, Blueharts Hockey Club).

NOT RELEVANT

~~My family and I live at 7 Greenside Drive, within an easy walk of the venue, and we are very much looking forward to the finished development and believe it will be a huge asset to the community. The area will thrive with a much-needed sporting hub that can only serve to enhance the local residents' needs and also provide a social focal point for the community. This area - while well populated - is under-served by its lack of licensed premises and the prospect of such an establishment has been met with overwhelming positivity amongst our social group and neighbours.~~

We support the clubs' licensing objectives wholeheartedly.

Prevention of public nuisance:

We believe the clubs will make every effort to mitigate noise in the area. There are a number of different routes to leave the area (Lucas Lane towards West Hill/Lucas Lane towards Maxwell's Path/Gaping Lane etc.) so people will disperse quickly and easily. The clubs have been in existence for a number of years and in our previous address on Bedford Street we were never disturbed by club users at any time of day; nor are we now. We are happy with the proposed plans to encourage people to leave quietly and safely.

Prevention of crime and disorder:

We believe the family orientated club membership means there will be a diverse clientele using the facilities at differing times of day. By its very nature, club members know and trust each other; it's not a nightclub full of strangers. Crime and disorder is therefore not a concern. As a woman, if anything the fact that there will be club members in and around the club during the day and particularly in the evenings gives me a significant sense of security and reassurance if I find myself walking home alone.

Public Safety

We have no concerns regarding public safety at the venue and have been very impressed by the plans we have seen so far regarding car parking/lighting etc.

Protection of children from harm:

As parents of two young boys, child protection is a major concern for us and we look forward to our children growing up with the chance to use these facilities when they are old enough. We believe the club provides a safe environment for young people, especially with the mix of ages - young and old - socialising together.

We look forward to visiting the new premises when they open.

Kind regards

Owen and Kate Williams
7 Greenside Drive
Hitchin
SG5 2LP

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 14 November 2018 13:51
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Ref 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Lisa McSorley
Sent: 13 November 2018 16:59
To: Licensing
Subject: Ref 8146

Dear sir/madam

NOT RELEVANT

~~I wish to offer my support for the licensing application of the Cricket and Hockey Club in Hitchin. I've been watching it come together with growing excitement as it looks really fabulous, and will be an amazing asset to our community. As you are probably aware we lost our pub, The Sir John Barleycorn and it will be wonderful to be able to keep in contact with friends and neighbours regularly in a friendly relaxed environment which I'm sure the new club will be.~~

~~As I understand, the club is an amateur sports club and will need to find funding from venue hire and the clubhouse to keep the membership fees accessible to all, as well as for general maintenance. As a member of the local community I believe we should all support each other and I fully intend to make use of the clubhouse for parties or events, as well as the more casual capacity, so it will be really great to have the option of the extended license til 1am.~~

~~Our community here is a very special one and I think most of us will really appreciate and support the clubhouse. I believe the club will be run with public safety in mind and have every confidence that all laws and procedures will be adhered to, be that at 1pm or indeed 1am.~~

~~Finally, I live on the corner of Victoria Road and Lavender Way and have seen the many lorries traversing our winding road, and the only issues they have really come up against that I have seen are navigating their vehicles around other people's inconsiderate parking - I've been supportive of the workers as they are doing their job to the very best of their ability.~~

Yours faithfully

NOT RELEVANT

Lisa McSorley
1 Victoria Road
Hitchin
SG5 2LS

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 15 November 2018 09:13
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: referencing application number 8146: Sports Pavilion at Lucas Lane

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Chris Maylin
Sent: 13 November 2018 21:07
To: Licensing
Subject: referencing application number 8146: Sports Pavilion at Lucas Lane

Dear Sirs,

I am writing in support of the above application.

Having been an active member of both Hitchin CC and Blueharts HC for over 35 years it should be noted that historically there have always been hirings with licences up to 1am (albeit with licences granted on an individual basis) with well over 100 people in attendance. Throughout that entire period yes there has been the odd comment from local residents in relation to the noise of primarily the music at these events but the significant sound proofing properties of the new venue mean that noise pollution will not occur.

But more importantly in all those years I am not aware of a single complaint relating to the noise of people leaving an event and there is no doubt the policies and procedures now being put in place (adopting Challenge 21, external lighting, a proper car park surface rather than the previous noisy shingle, prominent signs about respecting the neighbourhood on exit etc etc) must mean the chances of significant noise at unsociable hours are much lower than before.

NOT RELEVANT

~~I believe it is also significant that the company making the application is a "Community Amateur Sports Club" so by definition must be "open to all without discrimination" and "the costs associated with membership must not represent a significant obstacle to membership" that means it is essential to generate external funds from the bar in order to fund the facility allowing us to provide sport to the 300+ under 18s who currently participate. There is absolutely no intention to use the 1am licence every Friday and Saturday evening but the company just needs the flexibility to do so if an appropriate hirer approaches them. Not having that~~

~~possibility could result in a significant reduction in potential future income with obvious consequences. The company is a not for profit company, no director or member receives a single penny in remuneration, they all give their time for free as volunteers and the application isn't in any way an attempt to make huge profits, it's just to ensure we can running costs can be covered~~

NOT RELEVANT.

As well as always trying to be considerate to our neighbours in my position as Hitchin Cricket Club Welfare Officer I know we also take safety of visitors and particularly young people to our site extremely seriously, following to the letter the safeguarding and protecting principles laid down by our sport's governing bodies as shown by the award of the ECB's Clubmark certificate. Protection of Children from harm is something we therefore take hugely seriously and will continue to do so with appropriate traffic and site visitor plans

I feel the company has done everything possible to ensure it meets the 4 licencing objectives and the application should be approved to help ensure the whole community, and particularly the town's young people, can benefit from the amazing new facilities for many many years to come

Yours Faithfully

Chris Maylin
11 The Ridgeway
Hitchin
SG5 2BT

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 16 November 2018 08:36
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Hitchin Cricket cub referencing application number 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Sent: 15 November 2018 18:46
To: Licensing
Subject: Hitchin Cricket cub referencing application number 8146

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing with regards to the licensing application made by Hitchin Cricket club.

NOT RELEVANT

~~My family and I reside in Bedford Street, which will be one of the main roads up to the new site. We all, as a family very much look forward to the finished development, so we can all use the facilities, especially the bar! I feel it will be a great place to meet and socialise, especially with the family. This area is in great need of a licensed community place, after losing the Sir John Barleycorn public house, a few years back.~~

1) Prevention of public nuisance

Whilst Bedford street will be one of the main streets to enter/exit the club, there are many other routes to leave the area, especially by foot and cannot foresee any problems. I have lived on Bedford street for 14 years and never had a problem with traffic or noise from the club and cannot see that this will change in the future.

2) Prevention of crime and disorder

The club will have a family membership, the club members therefore, will generally know each other and have the same interests in common and be of all ages. I would feel very safe walking in the dark to and from the club. I have no concerns over crime and disorder.

3) Public safety

As above, I have no concerns reading public safety, and feel it will be a safe environment for myself and my children to socialise in.

4) Protection of children of harm

As a parent of 3 children, I am hoping all my three will use the facilities offered by the club.

Kind regards
Melissa Horne
47 Bedford st
Hitchin
SG5 2JG

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 21 November 2018 12:17
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: 8146 blueharts licence application

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

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

From: Aylewood
Sent: 21 November 2018 12:03
To: Licensing
Subject: 8146 blueharts licence application

Hello

I am emailing regarding my support of the above licence application

NOT RELEVANT

~~I live on the west side of Hitchin and think this will be a fantastic facility - I used the club before all the new work has been carried out and a very successful bonfire night was held every year which thousands of people attended. I understand there are 4 components to the application I have listed my reasons for support below.~~

Prevention of crime and disorder - the new facility has secure fencing and CCTV and alarms.
The club will promote sensible, responsible and safe drinking and will network with "pubwatch"

Public safety - the club meets all health and safety requirements The car park is well lit, there is CCTV and anti slip flooring and public safety is a prime concern which will be enforced by the directors and club officials.

Prevention of public nuisance - the club house and car park exit areas will have signs asking people to be respectful of the neighbours and leave quietly.

Extensive noise control has been built into the facility The club will follow up on any issues reported.

Children from harm - the junior members of this club (of which I have 2 - aged 10 and 7) are protected by safeguarding principles from sports governing bodies which are strictly followed.

The challenge 21 no proof no sale will be adopted.

We are looking forward to this facility being available to Hitchin and think it will be regularly used.

My name is Sharon louise burgess
My address is 15 west hill
Hitchin
Sg52hz

Many thanks.

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 November 2018 20:37
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Blueharts hockey club bar licence - Ref 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: The Storezz
Sent: 19 November 2018 19:47
To: Licensing
Subject: Blueharts hockey club bar licence - Ref 8146

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my support for Blueharts bar licencing application. I have been a Blueharts member and Hitchin resident for over 30 years. I live close to the club on the West side of Hitchin.

~~The club is a real community asset. Myself, my husband and my 3 children all play for the club. It would be a great hub for locals to be able to hire the venue for functions.~~

NOT RELEVANT

The facility is secure with fencing and CCTV/alarms. The club will promote safe and sensible drinking and employ Challenge 21 to prevent under age drinking and also network with pubwatch.

It meets safety requirements. There will be a well lit car park, CCTV and anti-slip flooring in all the necessary areas. Public safety will be reinforced.

Clubhouse users will be requested to be respectful when leaving the premises.

Junior members of which my children are will be protected through safeguarding.

Thank you,

Yours faithfully

Heather Storey
7 Cranborne Avenue
Hitchin
Herts
SG5 2BS

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 November 2018 20:34
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Support for Application number 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From: Ros Pateman
Sent: 19 November 2018 19:00
To: Licensing
Subject: Support for Application number 8146

Name: Rosalind and Barrie David
Address: 27 Chennells Close, Hitchin SG4 0EA

I would like to express my support for the license application at Hitchin Cricket & Blueharts Hockey Club's new clubhouse.

Having been to many events held at the club in the past 20 years, it is very much a community club and I know that this will continue as the club is in good hands. The extension to the license will enable the club to service other community groups as well as their own. I am aware that late license requests have been granted previously without objection and as these will not take place every Friday and Saturday I cannot see why a formalisation of a 1am license should not be granted based on previous track records. It is also unlikely that the maximum limit of 220 people will be reached apart from the odd annual dinner or end of season functions for the clubs who call it their home.

The clubs have worked to install secure fencing around the boundary of the club preventing unauthorised access. CCTV and alarms systems have also been installed as further deterrent. The club will also work with the existing pubwatch scheme already in place in Hitchin and employ challenge 21 to prevent underage drinking, and work hard to promote safe and sensible drinking.

In addition to the security measures employed, the car park will be well lit and have anti slip flooring in all necessary areas to help prevent accidents happening externally. Fire, health and safety requirements will be adhered to.

Signage requesting guests to leave in a quiet and respectful manner to those living close by will be located in prominent locations as people leave the building and clubhouse area.

~~This is a community facility, fit for purpose and available to all. Let's give Hitchin a facility it deserves which can stand on its own two feet financially. This will give it the secure future it deserves.~~

Rosalind and Barrie David

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 November 2018 20:39
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Support for license application 8146 for Blueharts Hockey Club

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Sean Storey
Sent: 19 November 2018 20:00
To: Licensing
Subject: Support for license application 8146 for Blueharts Hockey Club

Hello

I am writing to confirm my support for the license application at Blueharts Hockey Club, Hitchin reference 8146.

NOT RELEVANT

I am a local resident (7 Cranborne Avenue, Hitchin SG52BS) and fully support this application. My wife and I, and our 3 children are all members of the club. We have been members for many years.

The club is very responsible and have taken measures to ensure there is no crime or disorder with secure fencing, CCTV and pubwatch.

Public safety is also addressed with adequate lighting, antislip flooring

The facility will not be a public nuisance, having sound proofing built into the facility and the facility be a good distance from neighbouring housing

The club plan to adopt Challenge 21 and being a family club will ensure child protection is top priority

Regards

Dr Sean Storey
7 Cranborne Avenue, Hitchin SG52BS

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 November 2018 20:38
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: application number 8146: sports pavilion Lucas Lane

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Suzie Godfrey
Sent: 19 November 2018 19:49
To: Licensing
Subject: application number 8146: sports pavilion Lucas Lane

Dear sir or madam

I fully support the application number above for Hitchin Cricket Club.

My name and address is
Suzanne Godfrey
29 Manton Road
Hitchin
SG4 9NW

Comments:

Prevention of public nuisance

- Our current license is similar in terms of timing, but we have had to request extensions to 1am on a case-by-case basis. These have always been granted and delivered without issue. We do not require the extended opening on every Friday and Saturday, instead we want to be able to offer it should the community or the club require it for specific occasions.
- It is unlikely, that except the few occasions in the year for our major end of season club functions, we don't expect to reach our maximum permissible limit of 220 people
- Clubhouse and car park exit areas will all have signs requesting guests to leave quietly and be respectful to our neighbours.
- We have been very proactive with modern extensive noise mitigation designed into the facility. We will continue to instruct and expect our members to leave the premises quietly and respecting our neighbours. All hirers will be contractually bound to accept the same measures as our members.
- We will implement a Travel Plan to minimise car usage.
- Our proactive measures are supported by reactive measures. We take any reports of nuisance seriously and will follow up every reported incident equally.

Prevention of crime and disorder

- The redeveloped facility has secure fencing all round the boundary, with CCTV and alarms.
- We promote responsible, safe and sensible drinking and employ 'Challenge 21' to prevent underage drinking.
- We will network with 'Pubwatch'.

Public safety

- Apart from the robust fire and health & safety requirements which the club meets in full, we will have a well-lit car park, CCTV and anti-slip flooring in all the necessary areas.
- The Directors and Club Officials will always reinforce public safety.

Protection of children from harm

- Our junior members are protected as we follow, to the letter, the safeguarding and protecting principles laid down by our sport's governing bodies. eg ECB Clubmark
- We adopt the 'Challenge 21' of no proof/no sale

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 31 October 2018 13:15
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Premises license application 8146
Attachments: Screenshot_20181031-115654.jpg

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From: Lee Taggart
Sent: 31 October 2018 12:05
To: Licensing
Subject: Premises license application 8146

Hello

I am writing in in SUPPORT of the application.

NOT RELEVANT

~~I believe local residents have instigated a witch hunt via Facebook trying to drum up representations from people across the area who would not be affected by this application.~~

~~Please see attached screenshot.~~

Prevention of crime and disorder AND/Or public nuisance - this is a sports club facility. By engaging with families and attracting young people into sporting and social groups this prevents young adults turning to a life of crime. It also provides an outlet for young adults to socialise with groups of mixed ages and could potentially mean less young adults causing a nuisance.

Cheers
Lee Taggart
The George,
33 Bucklersbury,
Hitchin,
Herts,
SG5 1BG

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 November 2018 17:15
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application 8146: Sports Pavilion at Lucas Lane

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Simon Turner
Sent: 19 November 2018 16:06
To: Licensing
Subject: Application 8146: Sports Pavilion at Lucas Lane

Good afternoon,

NOT RELEVANT.

I live locally to Blueharts Hockey Club/Hitchin Cricket Club, living at 74 West Hill, Hitchin, SG5 2HY. As a local resident, I would like to add my wholehearted support to this licence application.

I feel it is vital to the Hitchin community that the club is allowed to function as a sports facility and also as a community space. I welcome the application and have spoken to many residents - local to the club and from further within Hitchin - who share my view that the site becomes fully functioning with the appropriate licensing facilities put into place so funds can be raised.

I have read and respect the concerns of some local residents, but I am convinced their fears will prove unfounded once the club is operational.

To address each objection raised:

Prevention of public nuisance

Before development, I attended many parties at the old clubhouse, for which I understand a 'late licence' was applied for on a case-by-case basis. There were never any issues with this and people would never leave as a mass exodus at 1am. I understand this part of the application is to cover the odd occasion and would not be every Friday and Saturday. I am also content, knowing so many of the stakeholders at the two clubs, that their commitment to 'Please respect our neighbours' signs, sound proofing, contractual clauses for hirers and Travel Plans, will be followed through.

Prevention of crime and disorder

Secure fencing, CCTV and alarms, along with a commitment to prevent under-age drinking (Challenge 21) and networking with Pubwatch will be more than sufficient to prevent crime and disorder.

Public safety

It is my understanding that the directors and club officials are taking this very seriously, with robust fire and health & safety requirements, a well-lit car park, CCTV and anti-slip flooring in all the necessary areas. In my opinion this is sufficient measures towards public safety.

Protection of children from harm

My three children (age 12, 10 and 7) are all members of the Cricket Club and I have seen at first hand how seriously the directors and club officials take this issue. Being a youth football manager, I have undertaken the FA Safeguarding Children Workshop, and I have no issue with the principles followed by the cricket club. Their commitment above to Challenge 21 is further proof of this point.

NOT RELEVANT

I hope my comments above add weight to the application. In conclusion, I fully support this application and feel that it would be a huge blow to the Hitchin community if it were denied.

Many thanks

Simon Turner

74 West Hill, Hitchin, SG5 2HY

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 22 November 2018 08:35
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Ref application number 8146: Sports Pavilion at Lucas Lane

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

From: Simon Bayston
Sent: 21 November 2018 18:18
To: Licensing
Subject: RE: Ref application number 8146: Sports Pavilion at Lucas Lane

I'm resubmitting amended support for the above named licence application (8146) – Lucas Lane.

NOT RELEVANT.

~~This first-rate facility can become a vital social hub for all parts of the community. As a former member of Finchley Cricket Club I know what a vital hub that club was for the whole community – particularly for the elderly on weekdays – as it was easily accessible on foot. As Hitchin Cricket club is also close to residential areas many of the users could come on foot – this reduces traffic and therefore nuisance for the neighbours/public.~~

(A profitable bar will certainly allow the sports clubs to keep the junior membership fees at relatively low levels thereby encouraging participation from this important group.) As the sporting complex has a security perimeter fence children have a safe environment to play/learn sports in while they are in and around the club.

I'd also like to highlight the extraordinary care and attention to detail from Hitchin CC/Blueharts reps throughout this recent development process that has resulted in a first-rate facility with an emphasis on functionality, practicality and safety with due consideration for the neighbours – including *noise mitigation* and signage etc for people leaving the facility to *respect the neighbours*. Also, because of the high standard of construction and attention to detail *robust fire and health & safety requirements have been met in full*; additionally the car park will be well-lit, there will be CCTV and anti-slip flooring in all the necessary areas – *ensuring public safety*.

For many years now the directors and committees of both clubs have been committed to best practices according to governing bodies of the respective sports which include a strong emphasis on safeguarding responsibility – so I'm confident they will continue to enforce safe and sensible drinking and prevent underage drinking in particular (*thus protecting children from harm*). (These may be amateur clubs but the aspiration is for a facility that is set-up and run to the highest professional standards, providing fantastic sports and social opportunities for the whole community in a first rate clubhouse that Hitchin should be extremely proud of.)

Yours sincerely,

Simon Richard Halman Bayston
6 Garden Row
Hitchin
Herts
SG5 1QD

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 November 2018 09:39
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: referencing application number 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From: Nicholas Larner
Sent: 18 November 2018 21:54
To: Licensing
Subject: referencing application number 8146

NOT RELEVANT

~~Hi,
I am looking to submit my feedback on application number 8146. My family and I live at - 1 Hawthorn Close, Hitchin, Herts, SG5 2BW
General
I think it would be great to have somewhere social for like minded people to meet after events like hockey or cricket matches
Also be good to meet with neighbours and friends in Hitchin in a relaxed environment~~

Prevention of crime and disorder

I feel the activities listed are sufficient to prevent crime and disorder. Also it's location means that it should not attract the wrong type of individual

Public safety

The actions sound reasonable to minimise any potential issues

Prevention of public nuisance

It is great that the members and the people hiring space have to be responsible and will be held to account

Protection of children to harm

It is great that they recognise safeguarding and will uphold it - so my wife and I can be comfortable will bringing our children to the venue - this would feel far safer than a pub with a pub garden

Thanks

Nick Larner

1 Hawthorn Close, Hitchin, Herts, SG5 2BW

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 15 November 2018 10:34
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: application number 8146: Sports Pavilion at Lucas Lane

Importance: High
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Sanjay Chandarana
Sent: 14 November 2018 15:19
To: Licensing
Subject: application number 8146: Sports Pavilion at Lucas Lane
Importance: High

NOT RELEVANT

~~To whom it may concern,
I hope all is well.
My family have been operating off licences in the North Hertfordshire area for over 30 years (Tudor Wines, Bedford Road, Hitchin), also being a member of the cricket club and currently living in Hitchin (96 Wymondley road, Hitchin) has made me send in a letter of support for the Sport's ground Bar Licence.~~

I have been fully immersed in understanding the Do's and Don'ts when operating a licence (Currently through my fathers business in Walkern) which holds numerous responsibilities which I have outlined under the 4 licensing objectives below:

- Prevention of public nuisance = The current licence is similar in terms of opening hours, but the club is hoping for extended opening hours on every Friday and Saturday without the need of an extension on a case-by-case basis. Going on the plans, the Hockey and cricket committee have been very proactive with modern noise mitigation designed into the facility, so I am sure if they have gone to such details considering the local community then there will not be any problems when it comes to arranging other necessary measures.
- Prevention of crime and disorder = In the plans, it is stated on completion of build there will be secure fencing all around the perimeter along with CCTV and alarms. I also believe "Challenge 21" and "Pubwatch" will be implemented, again fantastic to hear such plans are in place at such an early stage.
- Public safety = I'm not 100% aware of the H&S measures in place, but I presume such measures will be well looked into, going on the details of the build and the natural concern for local residents
- Protection of children from harm = I have seen the first hand the courses that various members of each club has in regards to junior safeguarding and protecting principles laid down by our sports governing bodies e.g. ECB Clubmark

NOT RELEVANT

~~The overall aim of the committee was to build a sustainable sports club for the local community, with one part of that complete (the new club house and various new facilities) but in my eyes one of the most important parts to make sure the facilities are reachable to everyone in the local community for the foreseeable future, is for the bar to run in a profitable way subsequently feeding back through the sports club to keep the clubs running for 100s of years – It would be a massive shame to see the clubhouse in disrepair within 5-10 years (or sooner)~~

The Club Committee has spent numerous years getting right the plan for the build of various sports facilities (Cricket and Hockey), knowing the astute personel behind the club, I am sure that all measures will be taken to contribute to all of the 4 licencing objectives.

Full support of the bar licence!!

Kind Regards,
Sanjay Chandarana

96 Wymondley Road
Hitchin Hertfordshire
SG4 9PX
07909 111 605

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 13 November 2018 14:46
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application Number 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Sent: 13 November 2018 14:33
To: Licensing
Subject: Application Number 8146

Good Afternoon,

I am writing in support of the license application number 8146 for Blueharts Hockey and Hitchin Cricket Club's clubhouse.

My current home address is 44 Coopers Yard, Paynes Park, Hitchin, SG5 1AR.

NOT RELEVANT

~~It is my belief that this club is and will be a real community asset to all. The club is registered as a Community Amateur Sports Club and is therefore a non-profit organisation, so any money made by the bar will go a long way to supporting the club and keeping it running. It also helps to raise funds so that the club can keep the membership affordable to all. The club function room will be a community hub and will provide a useable space for community groups and social functions of all kinds.~~

The club will support the 4 main licencing objectives in the following ways:

- 1) Prevention of public nuisance
 - Under the current license approval has had to be sought on a case by case basis to stay open until 1am. The extended opening will not be a regular thing, but to have the option to keep the bar open until 1 am for certain events will be very beneficial. Similarly we do not expect the capacity of 220 people to be reached other than on special events and occasions at the club.
 - Signage will be put up in the car park and surrounding areas to advise people to leave the premises quietly
 - Noise mitigation has been designed into the new facility meaning minimal disruption to the neighbours
 - Car usage will be kept to a minimum
- 2) Prevention of Crime and Disorder
 - CCTV an alarms are in place on the facility an also a secure perimeter fence.
 - "Challenge 21" will be actively promoted to ensure safe and sensible drinking
- 3) Public Safety
 - As well as robust fire and health and safety regulations that the club meets in full, there will be a well-lit car park, CCTV and anti-slip flooring in all necessary areas
- 4) Protection of children from harm
 - The junior members of the club are protected as we follow the safeguarding and protection principles laid down by hockey and cricket's governing bodies
 - The club adopts "challenge 21" to prevent underage drinking.

Kind Regards

Euan Graham

44 Coopers Yard, Paynes Park, Hitchin, SG5 1AR.

Hannah Sweetman

From: Tammy Gamble
Sent: 21 November 2018 21:33
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: RE: Application number 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Dear Ms Sweetman,

Many apologies for not understanding what was required.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder:

The redevelopment has secured fencing all round with CCTV and alarms. Promote responsible, safe and sensible drinking, as well as Challenge 21 for the prevention of under age drinking.

Public Safety:

Already have the Fire and Safety requirements. The redevelopment will have a well lit car park, CCTV and anti-slip flooring in all necessary places.

Prevention of Public Nuisance:

Club house and car park areas will have signs requesting people to leave quietly and respect our neighbours in the surrounding areas.

A travel plan will be implemented to minimise car usage.

Protection of Children from Harm:

The club follows the safeguarding and protecting principles laid down by the sports governing bodies of ECB.

Employ Challenge 21 of no proof, no sale policy.

Kind regards,
Mrs. Gamble
29 Benslow Rise
Hitchin
Herts.
SG4 9QX

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 13 November 2018 16:06
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application number 8146

Importance: High

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From: Dowell, Jo
Sent: 13 November 2018 15:47
To: Licensing
Cc: Jo Gibson
Subject: Application number 8146
Importance: High

Dear North Herts District Council

NOT RELEVANT

~~I write as a local resident of the Hitchin Town Cricket Ground Ltd in support of their recent application (8146) for a bar licence.~~

~~I live only 3 / 4 minutes' walk from the Club; my address is: 1 Victoria Terrace, Victoria Road, Hitchin, SG5 2LW.~~

~~I have been a member of Blueharts Hockey Club at this location for five years, and my young ten year old son is a member of the young minis club also.~~

My support for this application is summarised below:

- As I understand it, the license application has not changed significantly to that which was in place before the new building work commenced. I am aware that the ability to apply for an ad hoc extension until 1am will be carefully considered by the Club management each time. This is direct support of **preventing any public nuisance**.
- Additionally, within the previous club environment, there was always been the utmost respect for neighbours when arriving and leaving the premises. The Club was insistent all visitors respect this standard and I am certain, that with the new set up and signage, this will be reinforced even more so. As a member, I am fully aware that the Club's commitment to this level of behaviour and there will be action should anyone breach this standard.
- Also, the previous club house was very old and I am aware that the new building will be sound proofed in a much more efficient fashion, thus limiting any later noise coming from events at the club.
- In regards to **crime and disorder**, the opening of the new Club will bring much better security and safety compared to the previous environment as I know there will be modern controls and systems.
- As for **public safety**, our new facility with this licence, will be able to provide a safe and welcoming environment for all members of the Hitchin community and beyond. The investment in the new location will provide for impressive health and safety regimes that will protect visitors and neighbours.
- Finally, as an adult member of the Club with a child, we call ourselves a 'Hockey Family' and we look out for each other as that. In relation to **protecting children**, we do not encourage nor endorse poor behaviour and disorder, rather we commit to being role models and taking care.

NOT RELEVANT

~~I trust that my endorsement will prove useful for your consideration; I am wholeheartedly committed to the future of the community as a whole and firmly believe that approving this license will secure its future and positive impact on our neighbourhood.~~

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Jo Dowell

1 Victoria Terrace, Victoria Road, Hitchin, SG5 2LW

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 14 November 2018 13:54
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application 8146: Sports pavilion at Lucas Lane

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Tony James
Sent: 13 November 2018 17:28
To: Licensing
Subject: Application 8146: Sports pavilion at Lucas Lane

I should like to endorse the bar licence application from Hitchin Cricket Club and Blueharts Hockey Club for their newly developed premises in Lucas Lane, Hitchin. I have been a Hitchin resident for over 46 years and firmly believe that such a facility is a tremendous asset for the town. I also appreciate that research has shown that sport has a positive impact on education, crime reduction and community safety. Having worked in a sports college, I have experienced this effect in practice, in both academic and social terms. Statistically, the examination results of our students showed consistent improvement after our designation. Having been a member of Hitchin Cricket Club, I had no hesitation in encouraging my son also to be a member, as the club was well-run and encouraged sporting behaviour in all its positive ways. I do not believe that there can be a better endorsement than encouraging one's own family members to be involved. I am convinced that it is much better for Hitchin to encourage its population to be members of such organisations as opposed to not having outlets for their leisure time. The latter may encourage antisocial behaviour through boredom – a far worse position for the town.

I appreciate that the request is specific to the operation of the bar at the club and I should like to make the following observations:

NOT RELEVANT

~~The facility will undoubtedly be a **community asset** (both clubs are amateur and non-profit making) and the bar will be a significant source of revenue to aid the sustainability of both the sports clubs and the wider community use of the improved venue. The club function room will be available for community use during weekdays and for social functions during the evenings.~~

- The clubs have developed measures to **prevent public nuisance**. The application for the licence does not significantly increase the hours from the existing arrangements. There is no likelihood of a regular use until 1am and the extended hours would be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Signs will be positioned in both the building and car park to remind guests to leave quietly and respect the neighbours. Hirers will be contractually bound to adopt these principles and club members will be imbued with this courtesy. The clubs have also undertaken to be reactive to any complaints received to adopt severe sanctions for transgressions.
- The new facility has much **improved security**, fencing and CCTV, which will detract from the risks of vandalism in the area. Furthermore, it will promote the principles of safe drinking amongst its members. Again, I see this as a positive benefit in a society where binge-drinking is endemic.
- **Public safety will further be enhanced** by robust fire and safety requirements and children will be protected from harm by adoption of safeguarding measures as outlined by the respective sports' national organisations.

Thank you for considering my observations.

John James
10 Willoughby Way, Hitchin, SG4 9LW

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 November 2018 09:13
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Licensing application number 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Rachel Morey
Sent: 17 November 2018 16:36
To: Licensing
Subject: Licensing application number 8146

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to register my support for the above license at Lucas Lane.

NOT RELEVANT

~~Both Blueharts Hockey Club and Hitchin Cricket Club require the money from bar functions to ensure the future of the sports clubs at Lucas Lane, it is not a money making scheme for anyone involved but purely to provide fantastic new facilities and the continued maintenance of these. The club would like to share these facilities with the people of Hitchin and encourage the use of the new meeting room and large function room from local organisations and individuals for party/wedding hire.~~

There has not been a problem in the past with granting license extensions, nor any problem during these events themselves. If we want to offer extended hours for hirings it makes our venue more marketable however, we will not use the extra hours every weekend, only when necessary.

The new clubhouse has been designed to mitigate the amount of noise in the function room. To prevent noise when people are leaving signs will be positioned in the club and car park asking guests to consider the neighbours and leave quietly. Alongside this, those wishing to hire the facility will be contractually bound to accept the same measures as our members.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Morey
10 Holdbrook
Hitchin
SG4 9QW

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 15 November 2018 10:11
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Reference Licensing application 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From: Steve Weeks
Sent: 14 November 2018 12:09
To: Licensing
Subject: Reference Licensing application 8146

Dear Sir / Madam

As a local resident I am writing to you to support the licensing application ref 8146 made by Blueharts Hockey and Cricket Club. ~~My wife and I fully support the new club house facility and its associated licensing application. We believe it will be a benefit to the community and will use the facility ourselves, and cannot see any reason to object to the licensing proposal.~~ We have attended the previous clubhouse for functions in the past and have found there to be minimal disruption to local residents. NOT RELEVANT

The specific objectives of the application have, in our view as (very) local residents been well addressed.

Prevention of public nuisance – In the past there has been little or no impact on the community from sporting events and private parties, and the current application has been made to cover similar events, therefore we expect there to be no change.

Prevention of crime and disorder – The new development is far more secure than the previous facility and we expect there to be no problems in this regard.

Public safety – The club have installed additional lighting and CCTV, we have no issues or concerns in this area.

Protection of children from harm – The club has an exemplary record as a facility for local children, and has our full support. Our son has played both hockey and cricket for the club and has benefited both from the excellent coaching and the use of the clubhouse as a social centre.

We live locally at 7, Lavender Way, Hitchin, SG5 2LU.

Regards

Stephen Weeks

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 November 2018 09:38
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Blueharts Bar License Application 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Brittany Sprawson
Sent: 18 November 2018 20:42
To: Licensing
Subject: Blueharts Bar License Application 8146

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am emailing regarding the application for a new bar license at the new Blueharts Hockey, and Hitchin Cricket, clubhouse. Application number 8146.

NOT RELEVANT

~~I live in Hitchin and my address is 9 Gosmore Road, Hitchin, Herts, SG4 9AN. I have been a member of Blueharts hockey club since I was 14 and I am now 22. The old club house was home to a lot of amazing memories and since I joined the club it has always been a long-held dream of everyone's to build a new clubhouse and so to finally see it built is fantastic and a great achievement for the club.~~

~~I fully support the bar license application for the following reasons:~~

~~- As the size has increased massively over the years having a clubhouse is a great place for everyone to go to after games or training and spend time together; creating a community feel as it also welcomes spectators to come and watch and will provide a great and enjoyable environment for everyone.~~

~~- It will be a great space to hold functions not only for Blueharts and the Cricket Club but also for anyone who wishes to use the space and I am aware that many people have already started to enquire about using it for day/ night functions which is great.~~

NOT RELEVANT

Please see below how Blueharts are supporting the licensing objectives:

- Prevention of crime and disorder:

o Since I started at Blueharts around 8 years ago the club has always promoted safe and sensible drinking and employ 'Challenge 21' to prevent underage drinking.

o The new facilities have secure fencing, CCTV and alarms to prevent any criminal behaviour or trespassing, making the facilities extremely safe.

o Whilst we all want to enjoy the clubhouse we all want to enjoy it in a responsible and respectful manner as it is a space that we have wanted for so long and therefore would not do anything to harm this.

- Public Safety:

o The Directors and Club Officials have always enforced public safety and make sure that the area is as safe as possible and do everything they can do to diminish any risks to safety, examples of this can be seen through the well-lit car park, CCTV and anti-slip flooring in all necessary areas.

- **Prevention of Public Nuisance:**

o It is extremely important to all club members that there is no disruption to our neighbours, as a result there will be signs to remind visitors to respect the neighbours and to enter and leave quietly.

o The club has been very proactive with designing the building to incorporate extensive and modern noise mitigation built into the facility to ensure that noise from inside the building cannot be heard outside.

o We are fully aware that noise is a potential issue however members will continually be instructed and reminded to be respectful and not leave the premises noisily. In addition, anyone hiring the premises will be contractually obligated to accept the same respectful obligations as our members.

o In addition to our proactive preventative measures to reduce the amount of noise we also have reactive measures to support. The club will always take any reports of nuisance seriously and will follow up every reported incident equally.

- **Protection of Children from Harm:**

o Having joined the club as a child I am fully aware of the extensive measures the club takes to make sure children are safe at all times and junior members are always protected as the club follows the safeguarding and protecting principles created by our sports governing bodies.

o The club has always and will always adopt the 'Challenge 21' of no proof/no sale of alcohol to make sure there is no underage drinking on site.

~~I really hope you can appreciate the reasons I have stated as to why the license would be a great thing for the clubhouse and why it's approval will not be in anyway a negative thing. The new clubhouse is hugely important to not only the club but also to the community and having a bar license will allow it to be used far more often and for a range of functions. I hope you can see through my reasons stated that as a club we fully support the licensing objectives.~~

NOT RELEVANT.

Thank you,

Kind regards,

Brittany Sprawson 9 Gosmore Road, Hitchin, Herts, SG4 9AN

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 November 2018 09:41
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Licensing Application for Premises at Hitchin Cricket Club and Blueharts Hockey Club, Lucas Lane Hitchin. Licensing Application 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From: David & Andy Walmsley
Sent: 18 November 2018 23:09
To: Licensing
Subject: Licensing Application for Premises at Hitchin Cricket Club and Blueharts Hockey Club, Lucas Lane Hitchin. Licensing Application 8146

To the Chairman of the Licensing Committee, NHDC.

Dear Sirs,

I am writing in support of the above Application. I have been a member of Blueharts Hockey Club since 1960 and have at various times held the posts of Fixture Secretary, Chairman, President and Committee Member as well as a playing member for many years. I also took responsibility over quite a number of years for applications to The Licensing Justices for the Club Registration Certificate for the previous premises and for applications for extensions of permitted hours and any other matters arising, including liaison with the Police.

In all those years I cannot recall any complaints from the Licensing Justices nor from the Police and nor, indeed, from anybody else in relation to the conduct of the Hockey or Cricket Clubs in managing the Bar facilities pursuant to the Registration Certificate. We took our duties very seriously including the importance of behaving responsibly given the presence of young persons - whether playing members or children or guests of Club Members.

~~The present management of the Facility is in the hands of a very dedicated bunch of people who will continue to behave responsibly because that is what they do and not just because the success and orderly running of the Bar is a vital part of helping with the financing of the non profit-making Community Sports Clubs which have supported Hitchin Town Cricket Ground Limited in its effort over the past ten years at least, to organise and build a facility which is certainly beyond my original expectations. They would not put all this hard work and effort at risk by being cavalier in the conduct of the support services required to maintain this effort.~~

~~The new development at Lucas Lane has required a dedicated and responsible and professional exercise by a very competent set of people. The Clubs are expanding the services they provide to the Community and many more local people are now involved as members, players and supporters than was the case when I joined in the 60s.~~

~~I have seen the submission by the Applicants and, as a long term local resident, support the application and trust that the Committee will grant the Licence requested.~~

Regards,
David Walmsley
3, Hazelwood Close,
Hitchin, SG5 1PP

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 15 November 2018 09:39
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: application number 8146: Sports Pavilion at Lucas Lane - local resident support

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Sent: 14 November 2018 10:13
To: Licensing
Subject: application number 8146: Sports Pavilion at Lucas Lane - local resident support

application number 8146: Sports Pavilion at Lucas Lane

Good morning

NOT RELEVANT.

~~I would like to voice my support for the upcoming Sports Pavilion at Lucas Lane and the new bar license application. As a local resident for 12 years (previously living on Gaping Lane until Dec 17) I am excited at the prospect of a state of the art sports pavilion and the positive impact that it will have on the local community. In particular I have two children (ages 8 and 6) who already have a love of cricket thanks to the excellent training sessions that HCC offer on weekend mornings and I greatly look forward to the opportunities this will bring for them when they are older, both on a sporting and social level. I myself grew up in Upminster playing cricket and owe a lot to the excellent social nature of that club in terms of helping to nurture my confidence and integrating into adult life. I also understand from those years how important a thriving clubhouse and bar is for the future of a local club from a revenue perspective. Without the bar revenue, the standard of sporting facilities will suffer for my children and those in the local community.~~

I would like to address the 4 licensing objectives individually

Prevention of public nuisance

The current clubhouse and bar has run for many years without any issues and I know from speaking to the club that they have taken many steps to design the clubhouse in a way that will mitigate excessive noise. I also know that there will be signs requesting guests to leave quietly and any external hirers of the venue will be contractually obliged to accept the same measures as club members. This is more than enough to satisfy me as a local resident that the correct precautions have been taken

Prevention of crime and disorder

As mentioned, the current clubhouse and bar have been running for many years without issues of crime and disorder. As a former member of HCC I can vouch that they promote responsible drinking and are pro-active in asking for ID for anyone who may look underage (my wife was asked once at the age of 28 which I know made her day!). I have also been told that the new facility will have secure fencing around the boundary with CCTV which goes some way to appease my concerns. I don't foresee any issues with crime and disorder and certainly not enough to scupper the potential revenue and support this would give to the club and local community

Public safety

On liaising with the club I am satisfied that the new state of the art facilities will meet all health and safety requirements

Protection of children from harm

I know that the club is very concerned with safeguarding of children and is very keen to promote a safe and supportive environment for our children. I am very satisfied with this and see this new clubhouse as a safe place for my children to be introduced to a more adult environment at a later age. This is very important for me and I would be far happier seeing them socialise with a mixture of ages

in a known safe environment and eventually having some alcohol when they turn 18, than potentially turning to other avenues such as local pubs

Kind regards

Simon Mayes
8 Westfield Lane
Hitchin
Herts
SG5 2HE

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 November 2018 09:46
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Support for licensing application - Blueharts Hockey Club, Hitchin - application number 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From: June Mason
Sent: 19 November 2018 09:08
To: Licensing
Subject: Support for licensing application - Blueharts Hockey Club, Hitchin - application number 8146

Dear,

I would like to offer my support for this licensing application.

NOT RELEVANT

~~The club is a fantastic community asset, my two children have benefitted enormously from the training and care offered by the coaches and the wider club.)~~

The facility is safe and well lit, the parking is very good and the location is well connected to the town centre. The signage is also clear regarding parking, toilets etc.

It is important the teenage children are able to access a club which provides a secure environment and adopts the "Challenge 21" rule.

Regards,

June Mason
Thistley End,
Thistley Lane,
Gosmore,
Hitchin SG4 7QT

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 November 2018 10:21
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application number 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: STUART GADSDEN
Sent: 19 November 2018 10:12
To: Licensing
Subject: Application number 8146

To whom it may concern,

NOT RELEVANT

~~I am writing in support of application number 8146 made by Hitchin cricket club and Blueharts Hockey Club for a new bar license. Both of these clubs are wonderful sports clubs and very valuable assets to the town of Hitchin. The bar and functions rooms are an important income generator for these clubs that will ensure their continued survival and the new bar license will give the clubs flexibility in the opening hours of the facility. This will enable the clubs to better serve the wider community of Hitchin as the bar and function rooms are not just for members but will be available for the whole town to use. As cuts continue to be made to our public services and less spaces are available for community use, it is vital that the council supports its local groups that can provide these facilities for use by all.~~

The clubs will ensure they prevent crime and disorder by networking with "Pubwatch", whose aim is to achieve a safer drinking environment in all licensed premises throughout the UK. As sports clubs providing regular physical activities for the young to the old, both Hitchin cricket club and Blueharts Hockey Club are contributing to the health of our society. They will continue this by promoting responsible, safe and sensible drinking within their facility. One way in which this will be achieved is by employing "Challenge 21" to prevent underage drinking. Furthermore, the fantastic new club facilities have been made more secure themselves with the installation of security fencing all around the site boundary along with the installation of CCTV and alarms on the building itself.

Public safety is of paramount importance to everyone at the club. The clubs will, as a matter of course, comply in full with all statutory fire, health and safety requirements. In addition, the car park will be well lit, CCTV will be installed and the rooms inside the building will have anti-slip flooring. Everything will be done to ensure the public are safe at the club.

The sports clubs are keen to be seen as good neighbours to both the local and wider population. After all, it is the people of Hitchin who make up the membership of both the cricket and hockey club. The clubs will aim to prevent public nuisance by installing signs in the clubhouse and the car park requesting guests to leave quietly and be respectful to the neighbours. These are a common sight in pubs and bars these days. All persons hiring the club will be contractually bound to accept these measures - as will all the club's members. I have no doubt that the club will also take any reports of nuisance seriously and will follow all of these up, taking action as appropriate.

One of the great features of both Hitchin cricket club and Blueharts hockey club is their thriving junior sections with children from the age of 4 taking part in organised sport at both clubs with the sole purpose of having fun. The clubs protect their junior members from harm as a matter of course and follow all the safeguarding and protecting principles laid down by their respective sport's governing bodies. In order to ensure the club continues to provide such great opportunities for the children of Hitchin, it is vital that this application is supported.

~~I urge North Herts District Council to help ensure the future of these fantastic community clubs by agreeing to the new bar license.~~

NOT RELEVANT

Yours faithfully,

Dr Stuart Gadsden
14 Bearton Road
Hitchin
Herts
SG5 1UB

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 November 2018 15:31
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Support for License Application: 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From: Luke Harris
Sent: 19 November 2018 13:45
To: Licensing
Subject: Support for License Application: 8146

To Whom it May Concern

I would like to place on record my support for the licence application that has been submitted.

With the opening of the fantastic new facilities on Lucas Lane I feel there is a unique opportunity to harness the potential this development will unlock. In my opinion, the facilities will undoubtedly be open for all, provide a safe, secure and contained space to socialise, play sport and welcome guests.

As a local resident - my house is less than 400m from the site - I am fully confident in the management and provisions provided to ensure the smooth running of the facility with minimal (if any) adverse impact on local residents. In fact, I only see the positives of having such a strong community assist being run successfully so close to home.

NOT RELEVANT

~~Blueharts Hockey & Hitchin Cricket Club have both been long standing pillars of the local community, providing facilities, support and physically activity to a wide selection of local (and not so local) residents. Long may it continue with the new facilities and (I hope) the granting of this license.~~

I'm happy to be contacted if you have any questions.

Luke Harris
80 Symonds Road, Hitchin, SG5 2JL

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 16 November 2018 14:17
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application 8146 Pavilion, Lucas Lane, Hitchin - support

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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From: Geoff Edwards
Sent: 16 November 2018 13:51
To: Licensing
Subject: Application 8146 Pavilion, Lucas Lane, Hitchin - support

Dear Sir or Madam

I write to offer my support for this application.

I am connected with Sports Club as President of Hitchin Cricket Club and Vice- President of Blueharts Hockey Club, but more importantly as a local resident.

My address is:

45 Talbot St
Hitchin
Herts
SG5 2QU

NOT RELEVANT

I have been involved in the redevelopment from day one and I delivered the clubs' proposition at the Planning Decision meeting in August 2015. Our message then is as it is now, ~~we want the club to be a real community asset to all and as we are registered as a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) we are organised on an amateur basis and are non-profit making. Our bar has and will always be a major source of revenue and will allow us to survive and continue to make available affordable membership for ALL, especially our well respected and envied junior sections.~~)

I understand that any review of our proposed licensing hours needs to focus on four key areas. I am convinced that we meet the obligations under these and have gone to great lengths to ensure that we exceed the threshold by some distance in each category.

The basis of my support is listed below.

Prevention of public nuisance

We understand the concern of our neighbours, but we want to assure them under this category.

- Our current license is similar in terms of timing, but we have had to request extensions to 1am on a case-by-case basis. These have always been granted and delivered without issue. We do not require the extended opening on every Friday and Saturday, instead we want to be able to offer it should the community or the club require it for specific occasions.
- It is unlikely, that except the few occasions in the year for our major end of season club functions, we don't expect to reach our maximum permissible fire limit of the number of guests we can accommodate.
- The clubhouse and car park exit areas will all have signs requesting guests to leave quietly and be respectful to our neighbours. Additionally we have been very proactive with modern extensive noise mitigation designed into the facility. We will continue to instruct and expect our members to leave the premises quietly and respecting our neighbours. All hirers will be contractually bound to accept the same measures as our members.
- We are implementing a Travel Plan to minimise car usage.
- I believe our proactive measures are supported by reactive measures. We take any reports of nuisance seriously and will follow up every reported incident equally.

Prevention of crime and disorder

- The redeveloped facility has secure fencing all round the boundary, with CCTV and alarms. This allows us to monitor our facility very closely.
- We promote responsible, safe and sensible drinking and employ 'Challenge 21' to prevent underage drinking.
- We will network with 'Pubwatch'.

Public safety

- Apart from the robust fire and health & safety requirements which the club meets in full, we will have a well-lit car park, CCTV and anti-slip flooring in all the necessary areas.
- The Directors and Club Officials will always reinforce public safety as a duty.

Protection of children from harm

- I am also one of the Clubs' Welfare Officers and club junior coaches. We are held a beacon club for junior participation and the standards we set. We stridently follow the safeguarding and protecting principles laid down by our sport's governing bodies. eg ECB Clubmark. We also adopt the 'Challenge 21' of no proof/no sale.

~~I have been a playing member since 1977 aged 12. I have seen the club be part of an extended community and a real asset to the town of Hitchin. I have seen Samuel Lucas parents, all from the local community, enjoy events and private parties in the pavilion with no cause for complaint. I therefore support this application on the grounds that it meets and surpasses the criteria required, but also that it is and will continue to be an asset to our community. There seems genuine excitement from my local friends and neighbours, that such a facility is on their doorstep and will be theirs to enjoy.~~

NOT RELEVANT .

Kind regards

Geoff Edwards

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 November 2018 09:03
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: application number 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Richard Julian
Sent: 16 November 2018 17:00
To: Licensing
Subject: application number 8146

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this in support of application number 8146. I have been attending events at the Blueharts/ Hitchin cricket clubhouse and they have always been well managed and positive events. I held my wedding reception there which was a small event involving family and friends and was a wonderful venue with a family atmosphere. I would hope many more people get the opportunity to celebrate there.)

Prevention of public nuisance

Events at Blueharts have always small in size, well managed and attendees have always respected both the licensing agreement and the local residents, I have never known an event to be too noisy or go on too late.

Prevention of crime and disorder

Having a well used clubhouse on this site with regular social events will help to reduce crime as there will be more people around and the site will be better secured. Everyone involved in the club works hard to make sure it is a safe site that is used responsibly.

Public safety

The new facility will be much safer than previously with better lighting although I have never seen anything that I have believed to be unsafe in all the time I have been attended events here.

Protection of children from harm

As a member of the hockey club and as a father I know that the club takes child protection and safeguarding extremely seriously, with all club officials receiving extensive training in this. The club also has a safeguarding officer who ensures that children are safe at all times.

I know that everyone involved in developing this new facility take all of the above extremely seriously and will ensure that the venue is very well run, safe and welcoming to all. Both clubs are family clubs with generations of local residents either being members or attending events here and I now that everyone is committed to making sure the facility is a success.

Kind regards

Richard Julian
14 Weston Way
Baldock
SG7 6EZ

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 November 2018 09:26
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Reference application number 8146- Why I support this Application

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: G Brooker
Sent: 18 November 2018 16:20
To: Licensing
Subject: Reference application number 8146- Why I support this Application

Dear Sirs/Madam

I am emailing regarding the application for a new bar license at the new Blueharts hockey clubhouse and Hitchin cricket clubhouse.

NOT RELEVANT

~~I live in Hitchin and my address is 2 Pullman Drive, Hitchin, Herts, SG4 0ED. I have been a member of Blueharts hockey club since I was 15, now I am 22. I have had so many great memories at the old clubhouse at Blueharts, now to see the new clubhouse up it is a real achievement for the club and one that everyone has been hoping for since way before I started.~~

~~I fully support this application because:~~

- ~~- The clubhouse will be a great place for us to go after our games and after training to spend time together as a club, it will have a real community feel to it.~~
- ~~- The new building will also be available for anyone to hire for events during the day or night, which I know people have already been enquiring about, so this will be really positive.~~

Please see below how Blueharts are supporting the licensing objectives:

Prevention of crime and disorder:

- Since I started at Blueharts they have always promoted safe and sensible drinking ensuring that there is no underage drinking.
- We want to enjoy the new clubhouse, but this will only be in a respectful manner as we are so grateful to have it.
- There is CCTV and alarms and also a secure fence around the perimeter to prevent any trespassers and criminal behaviour.

Public safety:

- The directors have always enforced public safety
- To ensure this, they have health and safety and fire procedures set up such as, anti-slip floor and CCTV as previously mentioned and also a well lit car park.

Prevention of public nuisance:

- There will be signs up to remind visitors to respect the neighbours and be quiet when entering and leaving.
- We really understand that noise is a potential issue and if there are ever any complaints these will be followed up and taken seriously.
- Also the design of the building has incorporated noise mitigation to ensure the noise from inside the building cannot be heard.

Protection of children from harm:

- The club take the matter of protecting our children very seriously and ensure that they follow all of the correct safeguarding rules that the sports governing bodies have set out.
- The club does not allow anyone to drink underage and the challenge 21 will used when the bar is in place.

~~I hope you can appreciate the reasons why the licence is so important and how this means so much to not only us at the club but also the local community, and can see that we fully support the licensing objective as listed above.~~

NOT RELEVANT

Thank you,

Gaia Brooker
2 Pullman Drive, Hitchin, Herts, SG4 0ED

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 15 November 2018 08:50
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Licensing application number 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Sent: 13 November 2018 20:00
To: Licensing
Subject: Licensing application number 8146

Dear Sir / Madam

I am a local resident writing in support of the licensing application ref 8146 made by Blueharts Hockey and Cricket Club. ~~We are highly supportive of this new facility and the associated licensing application for the club house. We view this as a great community asset and look forward to using the facility ourselves.~~ We see no logical or rational reason to object to the licensing proposal – the clubhouse has always been used for private functions and sporting events with minimal disruption to local residents. ~~Having been living in close proximity to the lorries and increased traffic as the building and sports pitches were developed, we now really look forward to reaping the benefits of utilising such a great local facility.~~

NOT RELEVANT

NOT RELEVANT.

With regard to the specific objectives -

Prevention of public nuisance – we and our friends have frequently used the previous clubhouse both for sporting events and private parties. The new application is essentially for a similar purpose – the extended licence will be used only as required and we envisage no public nuisance implications. The club and its customers are respectful of local residents, and in fact the new facility includes improved noise mitigation. The club has always emphasised the importance of respecting its neighbours to both its sporting users and to people hiring for private functions. As very close neighbours, we have not had any issues and see no reason that this will change.

Prevention of crime and disorder – the boundary and lighting of the facility has been much improved with the new development. The club has always promoted sensible drinking and has a great, family friendly atmosphere. I can see no concerns on this issue.

Public safety – lighting and CCTV provisions are again much improved.

Protection of children from harm – the club has always followed all relevant recommendations and safeguarding as laid down by sports governing bodies. It is a superb facility for local youngsters and we strongly support it. It has been a facility much enjoyed by our son as he was growing up – a huge number of local youngsters have derived enjoyment from this great social environment as well as improving their physical fitness in a safe and fun atmosphere, where children of all abilities are encouraged and welcomed.

We live locally at 9, Lavender Way, Hitchin, SG5 2LU.

Regards

Dr Jane Lewis

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 15 November 2018 08:48
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: 8146: Sports Pavilion at Lucas Lane

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Kim Hutchinson
Sent: 13 November 2018 19:32
To: Licensing
Subject: 8146: Sports Pavilion at Lucas Lane

Application 8146: Sports Pavilion at Lucas Lane

I am writing to express my full support for the above application and the proposed licensing hours.

~~The club has been built to help provide a community asset to all and is not a profit-making organisation. The bar and club function room will be available for all community groups to hire during the day and evening.~~

The club has put in place measures to help in the following areas:

NOT RELEVANT

1) Prevention of public nuisance

The club does not require the extended opening hours every Fri/Sat night so the community will be able to use/benefit from this facility.

The Clubhouse and car park exit areas will all have signs requesting guests to leave quietly and to be respectful to the neighbours.

In addition, the club has designed extensive noise mitigation measures into the building, and will inform all members and guests to leave the premises quietly and to respect the neighbours. Any reports of nuisance will be followed up and reported.

2) Prevention of crime and disorder

The club has secure fencing all around the boundary, with CCTV and alarms.

The club promotes responsible, safe and sensible drinking and employs the 'Challenge 21' to prevent underage drinking. They also will network with 'Pubwatch'.

3) Public safety

The new clubhouse facility meets all the fire and health & safety requirements. It will also have a well-lit car park, CCTV and anti-slip flooring in all the necessary areas.

4) Protection of children from harm

All junior members within the club are protected by safeguarding principles set out by the relevant governing body.

The club also adopts the 'Challenge 21' of no proof/no sale.

Kind Regards,
Kim Hutchinson
10 Benslow Rise, Hitchin, Herts, SG49QX

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 14 November 2018 14:26
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: License Application 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Matt Lowe
Sent: 13 November 2018 18:28
To: Licensing
Subject: License Application 8146

I thoroughly support this application for a number of reasons.

~~As a local resident (35 West Hill, SG5 2HY) I encourage all Community assets that continue to bring diversity and energy to an already great community. The Cricket and Hockey club improvements represent a great addition to West Hitchin and the whole Town.~~

~~As a Community Amateur Sports Club, facilities will enable more amateur Cricket & Hockey players, of all ages, to be able to play in safe and affordable way.~~

~~Both Clubs are governed and run extremely well, promoting high standards of behaviour and sporting prowess in equal measure. This mature attitude extends to preventing any local issues and concerns as detailed below.~~

~~With sensible licensing a club with huge potential can become even better: Revenue from the bar will allow the funding required to keep the clubs thriving with low cost membership for all, and be a continued asset to the community. The community can also benefit from the asset.~~

NOT RELEVANT

PREVENTION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE

The proposed licensing hours represent a sensible approach. Members of both clubs have the interests of the community in high regard. This respect will minimise disruption and disturbance. I know the Executive Committee of both clubs will govern this strongly.

PREVENTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

The plans and work so far show a very secure space, with CCTV and properly lit areas.

Under-age drinking policies continue to be in place.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The plans show clearly the extent to which this has been adhered to, with anti-slip flooring, Good exit signage, a well-lit car park and robust fire & health and safety provisions

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM

A key area for both clubs. With robust Safeguarding policies coupled with extensive coaching for children being a key area of focus for both clubs, child protection is paramount.

Regards,

Mat Lowe

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 16 November 2018 08:52
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Simon Leeson
Sent: 15 November 2018 19:30
To: Licensing
Subject: Application 8146

Dear Sirs,

NOT RELEVANT

~~I am writing to express my support for bar licence application 8146, on behalf of Blueharts Hockey Club and Hitchin Cricket Club.~~

~~The club is an amateur not-for-profit club and so needs a bar to help generate significant revenue to support the running of the club. This will keep membership affordable to all generations who wish to use this new facility, whilst also providing a valuable community asset for social purpose.~~

The bar licence would be similar to the current licence and would not require extended opening every weekend, but would want it to be available should the need arise for a particular occasion. All guests would always be instructed to leave the premises quietly and be respectful to local neighbours.

The new facility has good health, safety and security measures including a well lit car park, perimeter fencing and CCTV. There is an intention to network with Pubwatch, and the bar employs a 'Challenge 21' policy to encourage responsible drinking.

The club has secured sport in Hitchin for future generations, and the clubhouse and bar is an integral part of this.

Kind regards
Simon Leeson
3 Planters Close
Shefford
SG17 5ZD

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 16 November 2018 08:57
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Reference License Application number 8146 - support for the application

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Chris Job
Sent: 15 November 2018 20:41
To: Licensing
Subject: Reference License Application number 8146 - support for the application

Dear Sir/Madam

NOT RELEVANT.

~~I am writing to you in support of the Licensing Application number 8146 for Hitchin Cricket Club at Lucas Lane, Hitchin. The venue will provide a superb, modern community asset which will be used for Hockey and Cricket and for hiring to other organisations for sports, recreational or celebratory events, parties, weddings etc. As a Community Amateur Sports Club, the facility and sport are amateur and the bar profits are a major source of income to sustain sport in Hitchin. I would expect the local community to benefit greatly from this facility.~~

The new license is similar to the previous temporary licenses organised on a case by case basis which were always granted without issue. This new license will allow the club to plan ahead with more certainty and whilst will not be used every weekend, will allow flexibility in the availability of events. The clubhouse is built to modern construction standards, car parking and exits are well provisioned, extensive noise prevention construction methods have been employed and it will be made clear to all club members and users that they must respect the neighbours and prevent noise and disruption.

The new facility is provided with a secure boundary, CCTV and will promote sensible drinking policies and cooperate with local initiatives such as Pub Watch. The club has to meet stringent Health and Safety requirements and will act responsibly at all times.

All of the clubs implement rigorous Child Protection measures, use DBS clearance for all coaches and staff as required by law and sporting bodies (hockey and cricket).

~~So the facility will provide a superb local facility which is severely lacking in Hitchin, especially in the west of Hitchin. I am sure that the local residents will become used to exploiting these fantastic facilities and will expect to be able to utilise the bar and its associated license.~~

Regards

NOT RELEVANT.

Chris Job
67 West Hill
Hitchin
Herts
SG5 2HY

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 15 November 2018 09:24
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Hitchin Cricket Club - application number 8146: Sports Pavilion at Lucas Lane

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Dharmesh Patadia
Sent: 14 November 2018 06:33
To: Licensing
Subject: FW: Hitchin Cricket Club - application number 8146: Sports Pavilion at Lucas Lane

Dear Sir or Madam

We are totally supportive of Hitchin Cricket Clubs licence application number noted above. My family have used the facilities at the Club for many years now and we are totally satisfied that the organising and management of the Club is sound and well organised. The Club managers have shown us plans for the new development and that they have developed plans and strategies to meet the 4 licencing objectives.

Furthermore the Club facilities will become a hub for the community and social functions both in the day and evenings.

Our home address is 34 Kingsdown, Hitchin, Herts. SG4 9QP.

NOT RELEVANT

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes.

Dharmesh Patadia

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 19 November 2018 09:14
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Licensing application ref 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Rob Rees
Sent: 17 November 2018 17:10
To: Licensing
Subject: Licensing application ref 8146

Dear Sir / Madam

I am a local resident living at 4 Victoria Road, Hitchin, just 5 - 600 metres from the new Blueharts Hockey and Cricket clubhouse and ground, and I am writing in support of the licensing application ref 8146.

~~It is essential that the licence is approved as it is integral to the sustainability, success and future of what is a wonderful addition to Hitchin's sports and social infrastructure.~~

I understand that you will consider the licensing application with regard to specific criteria, and I make my comments below: NOT RELEVANT

- **Prevention of public nuisance** – The applicant/s are in effect renewing and updating , with some entirely pragmatic amendments, a long held licence. They have decades of operating a sports/social club with little or no instances of public nuisance, therefore it would be unreasonable to expect that this might change.
- **Prevention of crime and disorder** – The new facility is purpose built by the community and for the community. With so many local club members, proper use and respect for the facility is in fact embedded in the membership and local community, minimising any prospect of disorder.
- **Public safety** – The whole site, from clubhouse to hockey pitch is now substantially rebuilt to standards far beyond those which existed before. Public safety associated with the infrastructure and operation of the club/s will be significantly enhanced.
- **Protection of children from harm** – There is already a significant commitment to supporting and nurturing children and young people, the new facility will in fact allow the club/s to do even more.

Finally, if there is any doubt about the applicants competence to deliver and sustain a facility which will benefit many many local people and be an asset to the town and wider area, you only have to look to the supremely well organised and managed Blueharts fireworks events. Over many decades hundreds of thousands of people have enjoyed safe leisure, entertainment, drinking and food, organised by the very same people who will be responsible for running the new facilities.

Yours

Mr Rob Rees
4 Victoria Road
Hitchin
SG5 2LS

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 16 November 2018 09:10
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Support for License at Blueharts Hockey Club

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Becky Grinham
Sent: 16 November 2018 02:10
To: Licensing
Subject: Support for License at Blueharts Hockey Club

Hi,

I'm writing to register my support for an alcohol license for the new development of Blueharts Hockey Club House in West Hitchin.

Ref: 8146

My husband and I live at 58 Lancaster Road, Hitchin and are both members of the club.

~~Having a license in the new facility is vital to it's success and ability to generate income and allow membership of both hockey and cricket clubs to be affordable. Having been a member of a hockey club for many years I can vouch for the fact that they are very much family focused and always mindful of surrounding residents.~~ Blueharts in particular is a highly reliable and conscientious club. The previous clubhouse in the same place had a license and received no complaints.

NOT RELEVANT

~~The planned development is an event space that can be used by the Hitchin community as a whole and not just the sports clubs. It needs a license in order to make the site sustainable and useful for all.~~

NOT RELEVANT

Yours respectfully,

Rebecca Turner
58 Lancaster Road
Hitchin
SG5 1PE

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 20 November 2018 10:06
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Ref 8146 - Sports Pavillion in Lucas Lane

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Shaun Fitzgerald
Sent: 19 November 2018 20:47
To: Licensing
Subject: Ref 8146 - Sports Pavillion in Lucas Lane

I would like to register my support for the licensing application for the sports pavillion in Lucas Lane.

~~This is a true Community Sports Club. This has been run by members as a truly inclusive non profit making club for the 11 years I have lived in Hitchen. Each year members have striven to improve the quality of the club and increase the community membership, to the extent that the new sports pavillion is being constructed.~~

~~An example of this community inclusion is the junior cricket, of which there was no real involvement for the under 10's age group 10 years ago. There is now on average over sixty 4-9 year olds attend every Sunday morning for cricket coaching, with parents encouraged to stay and get involved.~~

~~As with any Community sports club there are 2 general streams of income - membership fee's and bar takings. I feel it is essential to have the applied for licence to ensure and even greater Community feel to the club, as well as ensuring membership fee's stay affordable thus encouraging maximum Community inclusion. I am aware of plans to hire out the facilities to community groups in the week, as well as for local functions.~~

I am aware there are specific grounds for the application you will look at:-

NOT RELEVANT

1. Prevention of Public Nuisance:-

This has always been at the forefront of the Committee's ethos in maximising the reputaion of the club throughout the Community, as positive word of mouth references are key to attracting new members. The club house is set back from Lucas Lane and there asre numerous signs in place requesting respect for local residents. I am aware that there is a procedure to bring any reported incidents before the committee, and also that respect for local residents will be a contractual obligation of any hiring of the facilities.

The licence request is until 1.00am on Friday and Saturday. I understand this will not be the norm but it is hoped that it will be available for specific occasions. At present the club applies on a case by case basis and has not yet been refused it. There is a Health and safety maximum of 220 people of which the Committee is well aware of.

2. Prevention of Crime and Disorder:-

CCTV and security alarms have been fitted to the new pavillion. I am aware that teh club will engage with "Pubwatch", and promote responsible drinking (membership conditions, "challenge 21", signs).

Also I feel it is worth considering the wider effect of preventing Crime and disorder by offering a diversionary path for young people along a sporting line that many will not have previously considered or had access to. At a time of such pressures on public finance, such an oppertunity to divert young people away from hanging around on tthe street should be encouraged. Such facilities and equipment will be financed through club revenues.

Public safety:-

As mentioned above there will be a clear CCTV system in place. Inunderstand all Fire and Health and safety Requirements have been met and will be continually monitored by the Committee. There is lighting in the car park area. The club officials are well aware that a safe enviroemt is key for attracting new members and encouraging a family and Community feel.

Protection of Children from Harm:-

The sports club pride themselves on their Junior membership, aware that this is key to a successful future. All safeguarding principles are followed - with a dedicated Welfare Officer in post. The club adopt the challenge 21 principles as far as the bar is concerned.

As already mention above, the sports club will offer children and families a safe and structured enviroment for leisure/sporting activities, which I believe offers an excellant oppertunity for diversion from from potential wider Community anti-social possibilities and the inherent risks involved for young people.

Thank you for considering this correspondence

*Shaun Fitzgerald
102 Woolgrove Road, Hitchin, Herts, SG4 0AT*

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 20 November 2018 10:14
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: 8146: Sports Pavilion at Lucas Lane

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Steven Bearman
Sent: 19 November 2018 21:45
To: Licensing
Subject: 8146: Sports Pavilion at Lucas Lane

NOT RELEVANT

~~Having been involved with Hitchin cricket club for a number of years since my son joined the colts section, I would like to support this application. I have every confidence in the club to be a responsible licence holder to the benefit of the local community as well as the club itself. It is very much a family club which can bring a very positive benefit to our local community through sport.~~

I'm sure it will do everything possible to prevent any public nuisance to the surrounding neighbourhood. It will take all reasonable steps to prevent crime and disorder. The club has always had a responsible approach to public safety. As a parent I have always been impressed with all efforts for the protection of any children involved with the club or on site.

My address is:
Steven Bearman
28 Ninesprings Way
Hitchin
Herts
SG4 9NN

Kind regards
Steve

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 20 November 2018 17:08
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: application number 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Nicola Perry
Sent: 20 November 2018 14:39
To: Licensing
Subject: application number 8146

Dear Sir or Madam

I would like to support the bar application licence by Blueharts hockey club and Hitchin cricket club, and support the below objectives:

- Prevention of public nuisance - the club won't be used for late night functions on a regular basis, it would only be on a few occasions per year.
- Prevention of crime and disorder - the new club facilities have excellent security
- Public safety - the club adheres to health and safety standards, and public safety is always reinforced.
- Protection of children from harm - junior members of the club are protected by safeguarding, and in addition the club adopts the Challenge 21 principle.

Thank you
Yours faithfully

Nicola Perry
15 High St
Offley
Hitchin
SG5 3AR

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 20 November 2018 17:02
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application Number 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Farmer, Bailey
Sent: 20 November 2018 11:39
To: Licensing
Subject: Application Number 8146

To Whoever this may concern,

In regards to application number 8146 I fully support this licencing application and believe that the application should be accepted.

NOT RELEVANT

~~The Hitchin cricket club/Blueharts hockey club is a real asset to the local area providing people of all ages a place to exercise, socialise and enjoy sport all round. With the bar licence I believe that the clubhouse will create a better atmosphere for the two clubs and the local community, who will be able to take advantage of the facilities. It will be a real loss to the people of Hitchin and the sportspeople in the area if the licence is rejected which I hope you can see too.~~

NOT RELEVANT

The facilities will be adopting the "challenge 21" of no proof/no sale and will network with the local "pubwatch". Both of these I believe will reduce any risk of underage drinking and antisocial behaviour from anyone using the facilities. The car park will also be well lit and have CCTV to prevent any theft or damage being caused in and around the facilities.

Kind regards,
Bailey Farmer

4 Spenser Close
Royston
Hertfordshire
SG85TB

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 20 November 2018 17:01
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Re. Application number 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Richard Middleditch
Sent: 20 November 2018 13:08
To: Licensing
Subject: Re. Application number 8146

Address: 1 Primrose Lane, Arlesey, SG15 6RD.

I am in full support of the above application.

NOT RELEVANT

~~The clubhouse will be a community asset and having the option of having the bar open for the times on the application will allow excellent flexibility to enable the clubhouse to be fully utilised for the use of the whole community.~~

~~I understand the bar will be not for profit and will enable members fees to be subsidised to allow sporting involvement for all.~~

It is unlikely that the clubhouse will be used regularly late at night but having that option available will reduce the need for burdensome extension applications where a later night use is anticipated.

The area will have cctv and alarms so will be well protected and should assist to avoid anti social behaviour in the area.

The club promotes its safeguarding for young people principles and will promote a challenge 21 ethos to avoid underage drinking.

~~This license is a necessity for the club to exist as a fully functioning sports club and community hub.~~

NOT RELEVANT

Regards,

Richard Middleditch

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 20 November 2018 16:59
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application number 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Addison, Sam
Sent: 20 November 2018 13:04
To: Licensing
Subject: Application number 8146

I'm writing in support of this application for a premises licence by HTCGL.

NOT RELEVANT

~~I've been a member of one of its clubs for 30 years and understand the important place it has in promoting and supporting amateur sport in Hitchin and the surrounding area.~~

~~Over the years I've volunteered as a committee member so also know the challenges of funding such a club. This licence will support our operational plan by providing a community facility for all, and generating revenue to pay for the clubs' 'playing of sport'.~~

I've checked the design (as a chartered building surveyor) and am reassured to note the following measures have been included with regards to public safety:

- Enhance lighting scheme to car park
- CCTV
- Anti – slip flooring where required

I have asked about the operational plan with regards to under age drinking and am satisfied that the clubs are planning to enforce Challenge 25 through training, publicity and education.

Our new premises will benefit from a new travel plan where members and visitors will be encouraged to use alternative methods of transport (versus cars).

Kind Regards

Sam Addison
Home address: 38 Whitehill Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 9HW

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 21 November 2018 09:08
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Licensing application ref 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Gill Taylor
Sent: 20 November 2018 18:47
To: Licensing
Subject: Licensing application ref 8146

Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing in support of the above licensing application. I live locally in Victoria Road close to the development and do not believe that the licence, that will allow the full use of the new club house, will cause any issues under the four criteria that you will judge it against. ~~On the contrary I believe that it will allow the club to continue to offer a valued service to the local community in offering hockey and cricket activities, supporting the health of local residents and also provide a venue for wider community engagement. So many sports clubs do not have the facilities to offer a social side to their clubs now which minimises the wider benefits of engagement and the club is to be applauded in making the effort to develop such a wonderful local resource.~~

Regarding the four criteria that you will consider I list below my thoughts.

NOT RELEVANT

- **Prevention of public nuisance** – we have never suffered from nuisance in the past and see no reason why this should be different going forward
- **Prevention of crime and disorder** – the site will be more secure than previously and a well used resource will be self policed better than a neglected site. The community engagement in the running of the facility will also engender a much greater feeling of ownership and care.
- **Public safety** – the facilities will be well designed and therefore an improvement on what was there before and, again, greater use will provide greater protection.
- **Protection of children from harm** – the club is run by local community members with existing procedures to protect children and young people and the recent growth in the number of teams and numbers of children and young people engaging shows the demand that they are meeting to. Improved facilities can only increase that.

~~Overall I think that the club has demonstrated over many years that it is well run, organised and committed to providing an important, valued local service to their community.~~

NOT RELEVANT

Yours

Gill Taylor
4 Victoria Road
Hitchin
SG5 2LS

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 21 November 2018 09:09
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application number 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Nicky Sadler
Sent: 20 November 2018 18:59
To: Licensing
Subject: Application number 8146

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in support of the new bar license submitted on behalf of Blueharts Hockey Club and Hitchin Cricket Club.

~~I support this application because the new club house will be a community asset and hub to all with the option for community and sports groups to hire the facility during the day and evening.~~

NOT RELEVANT

The current license is very similar in terms of timing and have been respected by both clubs without any issue for years, including the very successful Bonfire Night event for over 50 years. We now want to formalise this. The business case does not require the extended opening on Fridays and Saturdays every week.

It is unlikely, that except the few occasions in the year for major end of season club functions, the clubs don't expect to reach the maximum permissible limit of 220 people.

Both clubs promote responsible, safe and sensible drinking and employ 'Challenge 21' to prevent underage drinking.

The Directors and Club Officials will always reinforce public safety.

The Clubhouse and car park exit areas will all have signs requesting guests to leave quietly and be respectful to the neighbours.

Regards,

Mrs Nicky Sadler
The Cottage, 12 East St, Lilley, Herts, LU28LW

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 21 November 2018 09:10
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Application no. 8146 - Blueharts Hockey Club

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: scot moir
Sent: 20 November 2018 19:51
To: Licensing
Subject: Application no. 8146 - Blueharts Hockey Club

To whom it may concern,

I would like to voice my support for the for bar license application in connection with the, soon to be completed, Blueharts Hockey Club.

NOT RELEVANT

~~My two teenage daughters have been members at the hockey club for a few years now and I can only heap praise on the professionalism, inclusivity and sense of community that the hockey club have achieved and continue to maintain. This is evidenced by the large diverse membership of players that turn up week-in-week out to play and train with the club.~~

~~Now that new modern premises have been constructed this gives the hockey club and the residents of Hitchin the opportunity to add another asset to the community.~~

Comments on Licensing Objectives

NOT RELEVANT.

Prevention of public nuisance: as mentioned earlier the professionalism shown by the club committee is exemplary and the pro-active measures outlined to avoid things such as excessive noise by displaying signs and informing users of the premises of their social responsibility is only one such measure of a number which have been drafted to mitigate nuisance.

Prevention of crime and disorder: I understand there will be policies in place such as 'Challenge 21' and the installation of CCTV in and around the premises to both act as a deterrent and help identify any issues that need addressed.

Public safety: I have been following the progress reports on the construction of the build and it is clear that all building health and safety issues have been adhered to by the architects when drawing up the designs for the new premises.

Protection of children from harm: I know from first-hand experience that the club follows and enforces safeguarding policies when it comes to looking after it's junior members. For example, if more than 2 children are travelling in one car then there must be at least 2 adults in the car also.

Yours faithfully,

Scot Moir
Wellington House
2 Park Street
Hitchin
SG4 9AH

Hannah Sweetman

From: Licensing
Sent: 21 November 2018 09:12
To: Hannah Sweetman
Subject: FW: Blueharts Hockey Club Bar Licence Application - Application Number 8146

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

From: Matt
Sent: 20 November 2018 21:10
To: Licensing
Subject: Blueharts Hockey Club Bar Licence Application - Application Number 8146

To Whomever it may concern,

I am writing to express my support in relation to the above application for the bar licence at Blueharts Hockey Club and Hitchin Cricket Club.

Having been involved with the Hockey club and knowing numerous local residents, I have always found it to be a very safe and friendly environment for socialising and never heard of any instances of public nuisance or noise at unreasonable hours. The members have always been very respectful of their neighbours and I am sure that this will continue but hopefully promoting safety in the local area through integration of non club members, discouraging anti-social behaviour, inclusion of CCTV and improved lighting infrastructure as well the promotion of public safety from the sports club itself.

~~As a local resident, there is a lack of social hubs in the area at the west of Hitchin and a venue away from the town centre, especially one that shows significant sporting events would very much be welcomed. I feel that the development in progress can potentially present a significant asset to both sports clubs, the local area and the wider community through Hitchin.~~

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I also hope that there is an opportunity for the function room to provide space for numerous activities promoting health and wellbeing as well as social interaction, in my experience classes, meetings or get togethers of this nature are often followed by a sociable drink and I would hope that the new development will have facility to provide space for both. I also hope that this will be let as a venue for private hire, something that is not readily available in Hitchin at reasonable cost.

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~~I know that the successful application for a bar licence is essential to the ongoing success of both sports clubs and feel strongly that it is essential for both promoting a social club atmosphere as well as the financial sustainability of both sports clubs. Having invested heavily in what promises to be a wonderful development and asset to the local community, it would be a terrible shame to see it fail on the basis of a lack of a licence.~~

Yours Faithfully

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Dear Sir or Madam,

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~~I am emailing in to give my support with regards to this application. The license for the premises is crucial for the club since it will provide much needed funds to support the activities of Blueharts which endeavours to keep its membership fees as low as possible so any child can attend.~~

Although I can understand the concerns of local residents due to the potential increase in noise in the area I believe this won't be an issue since everyone will be aware of the need to be considerate particularly since a large number of the club members are local to the clubhouse themselves.

Regarding the issue of concerns about children being on the premises and potentially drinking underage this is highly unlikely because any children there will be know to the adults because they will have spent years at the club so everyone is fully aware of their age which is in complete contrast to if the same children were to walk into a local pub. My daughter is 14 and has played for Blueharts for about 2 years therefore all her coaches and the ladies she plays with are fully aware of her age. These same adults have children themselves so are very mindful of the dangers of alcohol to children.

~~The clubhouse will be a community meeting place which will provide a fantastic venue for a large number of events the majority of which will be daytime rather than late into the evening.~~

I am in full support of this application.

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