

Objection 1 – Chris Strickland 3 Grosvenor Road Baldock

We are against events going on until midnight at weekends. If events are allowed they shouldn't go beyond 10pm as the school is surrounded by residential properties. Our house is adjacent to the school field and we can clearly hear current events that are held. We put up with the noise as the events are few and far between and they end at a reasonable time, 10pm and not midnight. We believe it would be unacceptable to inflict the inevitable noise and disruption that comes with such large alcohol fuelled events on what is a peaceful and quiet neighborhood.

Objection 2 – Michelle Louise Godfrey 7 Grosvenor Road Baldock

I am a local resident living in close proximity to the school site to which this application relates. I wish to make a representation on the grounds of the prevention of public nuisance. The proposed terminal hour of midnight for events on Fridays and Saturdays is inappropriate for a residential area, particularly on a school site. Noise from amplified music, announcements, and general activity is likely to cause disturbance to nearby homes. In addition, noise will not cease immediately at the end of an event; dispersal of attendees, waiting for transport, and site clearing activities will extend disturbance beyond the licensed hours. The application does not clearly define the number or frequency of events. Terms such as “infrequent”, “occasional”, and “limited” are subjective and provide insufficient certainty for residents as to the scale and regularity of use. This lack of clarity raises concern that the licence could permit more frequent events than would reasonably be expected in a residential setting.

Events of this nature are likely to increase congestion, create access issues for residents, and contribute to additional noise during arrival and departure times.

As a nearby resident, I am particularly concerned about the impact of late-night events on sleep and general quality of life. Events running until midnight, combined with dispersal afterwards, are likely to result in ongoing disturbance at a time when residents would reasonably expect quiet. This is especially significant for households with children and those who need to rise early for work. Given the nature of the site and its residential setting, Temporary Event Notices would represent a more appropriate and proportionate mechanism for occasional events. This would allow individual events to be assessed and limited in number, rather than granting an open-ended premises licence with insufficiently defined restrictions.

Where events extend beyond standard hours, they are usually managed through Temporary Event Notices or similar time-limited arrangements rather than broad premises licences. In this context, the current application represents a material departure from established local practice, particularly in relation to the

proposed midnight finish times and the flexibility sought for externally organised events on a school site within a residential area.

Objection 3 – Sarah Lambe 4 Grosvenor Road West Baldock

Due to possible noise pollution in a residential area [REDACTED]

Objection 4 – Janet Hayzelden, 18 Grosvenor Road, Baldock

Noise. [REDACTED]

Objection 5 – Lisa Brown, 9 Grosvenor Road West, Baldock

I live next to the school and am Not happy about the noise and alcohol that could be consumed at these events making it extremely disrupting for me and my family living so close. I think midnight is too late to offer the licence with noise and longer effects of consuming alcohol

Objection 6 – Meera Pattni, 2 Grosvenor Road, Baldock

I object to the proposed licence for the following reasons: The requested weekend hours extending to midnight are inappropriate for a residential area. Noise disturbance is likely to continue after finishing time, as there will be people leaving the venue and clean up activities to manage. If the justification for later hours relates to specific activities such as fireworks (finishing around 8pm) or scheduled entertainment (ending around 10pm), then the licence hours should be restricted accordingly. As many of us residents have been here for a long time now, we are used to, and expect a quiet, calm living environment. Allowing events until midnight is simply too late. The application is also too ambiguous as it does not state how many events will be run. This creates scope for significantly more use than is the current expectation, especially as parties/individuals involved in the management of events and use of the grounds change over time. From a longevity perspective, as someone who will be living by the school for many years to come, there are too many unknowns when the application makes use of words such as "occasional", "infrequent" which are very subjective. There are additional concerns regarding the impact on the local area. These include noise [REDACTED] pollution, [REDACTED]

Such events are not in keeping with the character and expectations of the area, particularly for a school site. In my opinion, this license application is too broad and ambiguous, and requires significant refinement and restrictions before a permanent venue licence can be approved for a school in a highly residential area.

Objection 7 – Catherine Slack, 1 Grosvenor Road, Baldock

I am writing to formally object to the premises licence application for the Hartsfield school site in Baldock, addressing three of the four licensing objectives. My primary concern relates to the proposed hours extending until 10pm on weekdays and midnight on Friday/Saturdays for live / recorded music and the supply of alcohol. Late night events are inconsistent with the typical use or purpose of a school site and such late timings are not appropriate for a residential area. This would significantly disrupt the reasonable expectation of peace and quiet for local residents. In addition, noise disturbance is unlikely to cease at the stated end time, as attendee dispersal, vehicle

movements and site clear-up activities will inevitably extend the impact beyond the stated licence end times. It is unclear why late night hours are required given existing events, such as those run by the school, Country Boots and community fireworks, do not justify the end times stated in the application. If these events form the basis of the application, then the permitted hours should be aligned accordingly. The application further raises concerns due to its lack of clear limits. The number of events permitted appears open-ended, as does the nature of organisers (e.g. “third parties”), allowing significant discretion for future events. This creates uncertainty and the potential for an increase in events frequency over time, further intensifying the impacts. The language used in the application—such as “infrequent”, “occasional” and “limited”—is subjective and undefined, offering little reassurance or enforceable restriction. There are also practical concerns regarding the impact on the local environment and community.

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[REDACTED] Potential increase in crime rates due to increased footfall, including anti-social behaviour linked to the supply of alcohol Overall, the proposal is not in keeping with the character of the local area or the expectations of residents who have chosen to live near a school, where activities are typically limited in nature, scale and duration. Temporary Event Notices would be a more appropriate mechanism for managing occasional events, as they provide better control and oversight without granting a broad and ongoing licence. For these reasons, I respectfully request that this application be refused.

Objection 8 – Kay Croft, 4 Grosvenor Road, Baldock

Recorded and live music until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays is far too late! Whilst we wouldn't want to stop events such as Country Boots taking place we would not want regular events happening throughout Summer Weekends. If you saw where we live you would understand why we are so worried! Our gardens would become unusable.