

# **APPENDIX**

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## Hannah Sweetman

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

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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**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

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**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  
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**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**

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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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**

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**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**

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

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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**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

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

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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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

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**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

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

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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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

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

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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**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

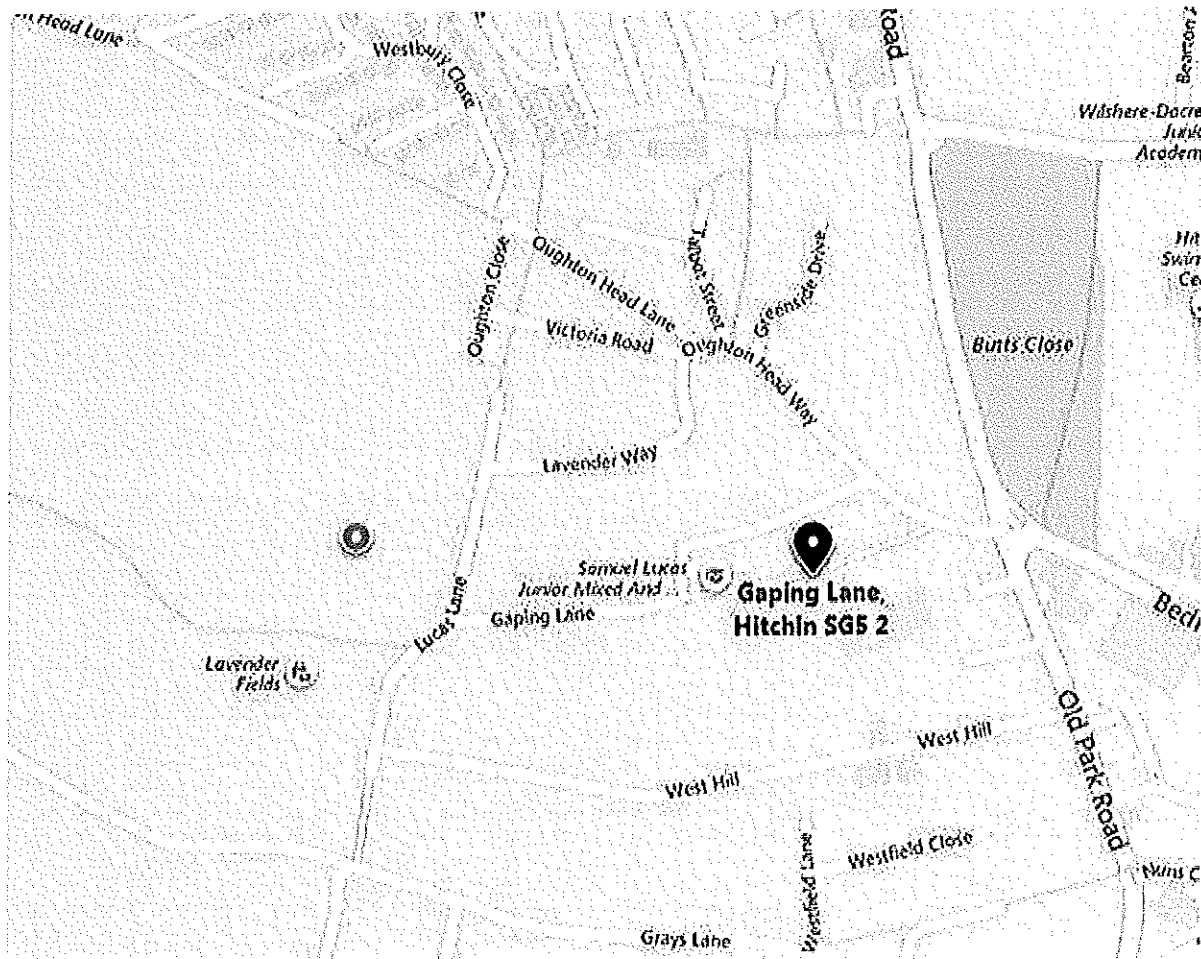
The licence application is for alcohol, food, live and recorded music, and the proposed hours are for 1200 to 2300 Sunday to Thursday

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

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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

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

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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**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**

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

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

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

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**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  
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**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.~~

NOT RELEVANT.



Nafisa Sayany  
44 Gaping Lane  
Hitchin SG5 2JQ

**Hannah Sweetman**

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**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.

**Objection on grounds of preventing public nuisance:**

- 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.

NOT RELEVANT

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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**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  
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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

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**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.

NOT RELEVANT

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



## Hannah Sweetman

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

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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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

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**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

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

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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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**

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

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

**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

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**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  
**Flag Status:** Completed

**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

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## Hannah Sweetman

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**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

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

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

**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**

**16<sup>th</sup> 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  
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**Hannah Sweetman**

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**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  
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## Hannah Sweetman

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

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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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  
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