

# **APPENDIX**

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## Hannah Sweetman

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**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**

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

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

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**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

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

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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**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 <sup>NOT RELEVANT</sup> 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*

*Hitchin*  
*SG4 ORS*

**Hannah Sweetman**

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

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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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

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

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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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

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

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

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**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).

NOT RELEVANT

~~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.~~

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

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

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

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

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

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**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**

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

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

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**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  
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**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**

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**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  
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**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

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

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

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**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  
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**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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**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  
**Flag Status:** Completed

**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

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**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

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**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**

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

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

**From:** Nicholas Lerner  
**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 Lerner

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

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**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

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**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

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

**Importance:** High

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

**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

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**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

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**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**

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

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

**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**

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**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

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**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  
**Flag Status:** Completed

**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

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**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

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**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  
**Flag Status:** Completed

**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**

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**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

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

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

**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

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**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  
**Flag Status:** Completed

**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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**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

35 West Hill, Hitchin, SG5 2HY

## Hannah Sweetman

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**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**

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**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

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**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

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**From:** Licensing  
**Sent:** 19 November 2018 09:14  
**To:** Hannah Sweetman  
**Subject:** FW: Licensing application ref 8146

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

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**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.~~

Yours respectfully,

NOT RELEVANT

Rebecca Turner  
58 Lancaster Road  
Hitchin  
SG5 1PE

## Hannah Sweetman

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**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**

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**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

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**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**

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**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**

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**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

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**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

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**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

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

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

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**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

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**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.~~

NOT RELEVANT

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.

NOT RELEVANT

~~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

Matthew Gardner  
24 Wratten Road West  
Hitchin  
SG5 2AX



## Hannah Sweetman

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**From:** Licensing  
**Sent:** 21 November 2018 09:16  
**To:** Hannah Sweetman  
**Subject:** FW: License Application 8146

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

From: Fiona Lavin  
Sent: 21 November 2018 06:10  
To: Licensing  
Subject: License Application 8146

Dear Sir or Madam,

NOT RELEVANT

~~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.

NOT RELEVANT

Fiona Lavin  
12 Moormead Close  
HITCHIN  
SG5 2BA