

Rossendale Borough Council

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30 MAR 2022

Dear Sir / Madam,

License application for
Whitworth Valley Football
Club Rawstren Street.

I wish to object to the
above license application
on the following grounds
1. the granting of this
license would have a
severe negative affect
on mine and my family's
life. I have

[REDACTED] steps in the
[REDACTED] directly
across from the football
pitch. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] so this
could greatly interrupt
[REDACTED] also in the
summer months, bedroom
windows will be open at
nighttime meaning for

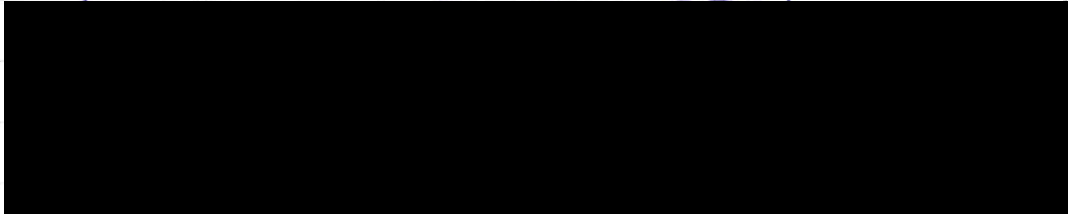
it to be even louder.

2. on the effect on my property, I have a large loss window in my living room so therefore people stood in the field can look directly into my house causing me to feel uncomfortable. I am also concerned about my car and garden being destroyed by intoxicated people throwing rubbish over the fence.

3. the decrease in my house value. I feel it would severely decrease my house value as nobody would want to live next to a licensed venue, especially an outdoors one. we bought our property 6 years ago and

would never have done
so if this already
existed, therefore
making us feel if this
goes ahead then we will
have no choice but to
sell our beautiful home
and move.

4. I am also concerned
for the elderly people's
home that lives behind
us as it would greatly
disrupt their lives, esp-
ecially with all the
traffic waiting past
there. I am also concerned
about people parking on
our street as it is only
a 6 house could a 3 a c
yours Faith Foley



To Whom it May Concern:

Re. The request for a premises license under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 by Whitworth Valley Football Club

We are registering a personal objection to the issuing of the Alcohol/Outdoor Licencing for outdoor entertainment and live music requested by Whitworth Valley Football Club.

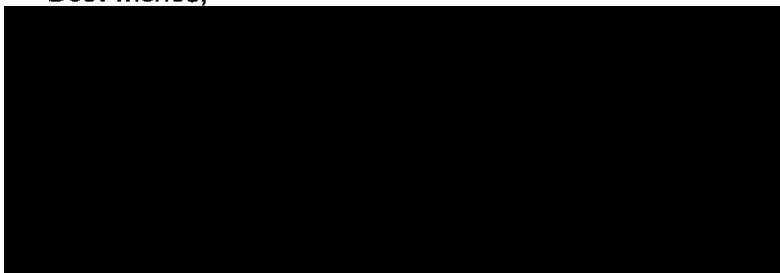
[REDACTED] and an alcohol and music license until 10:30pm Monday-Sunday would significantly impact upon their [REDACTED] and family wellbeing as per the 1998 Human Rights Act. The building and outdoor covered shelter they describe and will sell alcohol from are next to our house and therefore the noise from this will be easily heard.

There is also no explanation of how the events they plan to run will be managed. For example with parking for events; what actions they will put in place to ensure the impact on residents is minimised. There is also no information about how they will regulate noise levels for the live music etc. It is unclear what the capacity for events would be and how large crowds would be managed. Furthermore, there is no information on the licensing request of how Whitworth Valley Football Club will facilitate large queues leaving their event and what time events could end (past the music and alcohol timescales), which again could be very loud and disruptive to nearby houses. All these issues are concerns that we do not feel have been addressed responsibly or fully by the application. We strongly feel a full premise license allows unknown events to be carried out without consideration of the surrounding residents.

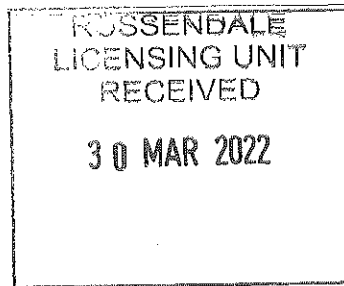
We formally request that the application for the external amplified music and live entertainment and the sale of alcohol (Monday-Sunday noon-22:30) is denied as this will impact on the many households surrounding the football pitch.

We formally request this matter be determined by the Licensing Sub-Committee.

Best wishes,



Rossendale Borough Council



█ The Meadows +
Whitworth
Rochdale
Lancs
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Dear Sirs

Licence Application for Whitworth Valley Football Club Rawstron Street Ground

I wish to object to the above licence application on the following grounds:

- The granting of the licence would have a severe negative impact on the enjoyment of my property and my quality of life. █ the football club hut █ and the granting of a music licence would create a severe noise nuisance in my lounge, bedroom and garden in particular. My █ As well as being disturbed in the evenings, it would also be impossible to sit out in my garden due to the noise. I would also suffer a loss of privacy as █ grounds. █ and have lived at the property for 45 years. I am █ and to have this venue on my doorstep fills us with dread. I feel we would have no alternative but to move after all these years. I am also concerned that the proposed venue would devalue my property as few would want to live next door to an outdoors and indoors licensed venue allowed throughout the week.
- In addition to the effect on my property, the football club hut and field is situated in a residential area with numerous properties surrounding the site, Many of these properties contain young children who would be disturbed by music in the evening after their bedtimes. There is also an old people's home on Rawstron Street, within line of sight of the proposed licenced venue, in which many elderly and vulnerable people live. The noise of any outdoor event would be heard in the care home and the peace of the residents would be disturbed. They may also be made uncomfortable by increased numbers of people (including those who may have overconsumed alcohol if this is available) passing directly past their building to reach the field. This will also affect all local residents.
- The football and cricket social club is also situated on Rawstron Street approximately 100m away from the club hut and already has a music licence (in that case, while faint music can occasionally be heard, this is indoors only and is therefore not disruptive in the way that the proposed outdoor licence would be). Other social venues in the immediate locality include the Cock and Magpie, the Band Club and the Sportsman. There is therefore no need in the area for another venue with an all week alcohol licence and opening one could have a negative impact on the existing businesses.

I should therefore be grateful if the proposed licence application is refused.

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The above concerns are also shared by my wife, [REDACTED] who also wishes to object to the application and has counter signed this letter accordingly.

[REDACTED]

Rossendale Borough
Council

The Meadows
Whitworth

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Licence Application for Whitworth Valley football
club Rawstron street Ground.

• The granting would have a severe negative
impact on the enjoyment of myself and my
families home life and quality of life.

Our property [redacted] Whitworth football
club so to have a venue from 8am-11pm that has
a licence for external Amplified music and live
Entertainment along with the Sale of Alcohol
Outside within the clubs football field Seven days
a week would be utterly devastating for us.

[redacted]
[redacted] We would
be on edge every day, especially weekends,
as to when the noise will start or stop. We
also work full time jobs and are in bed early
too.

It is hard to understand why someone would
apply for this licence knowing the club is
positioned in such a built up area. From my
front door to the fence next to the club [redacted]
[redacted]

• [redacted] The Meadows is right next to the

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club and they [REDACTED] This will also have a huge impact on them and cause much distress.

There is 6 houses on the Meadows with 5 having very small children as well as babies under 1 year of age. Given the extremely close proximity of all our properties I plead with you to listen to us and understand how much stress and anxiety we are all feeling.

Putting small children to bed is hard enough without the noise nuisance and them being woken up throughout the evening.

- If this goes ahead, not only will this have a huge impact on our lives we are also concerned this will devalue our property as few people would want to live next door to an outdoor and indoor licensed venue allowed throughout the week.

I would therefore be extremely grateful if the proposed licence application is refused.

Myself and my partner strongly object to the application and has counter signed this letter accordingly.

Yours Faithfully,

[REDACTED]



WHITWORTH VALLEY FOOTBALL CLUB

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30 MAR 2022

Ref: WVFC/Premises License Application

29th March 2022

FAO Neighbours and Local Community.

We have recently applied for a Premises License for Whitworth Valley Football Club, we are aware this has caused concern for a couple of neighbours and the local community, I wanted to produce this letter to clarify our reason for the Application.

As Neighbours of our club, we value the relationship that we hold with you all, and the last thing we want to do is upset that relationship.

The main reason for the Premises License Application is for the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebration which we hope will be a fantastic event to bring all of the Community back together after the last 2 years living with Covid-19.

Within the Application Process we had to submit a building layout which are labelled as Plan A and Plan B – Plan A is an Aerial Shot of the Area, Plan B is the current layout of the Existing Building. We do not have any plans or applications to build a new building.

As a Community, we do not expect you to notice a difference to our current operations. The reason for our Application being Monday-Sunday 12:00 to 22:30 is purely to allow us to use the facilities should we need to for Football and Community Events. We are in discussions to host some Football Cup Finals these can be any day of the week depending on the League Plans. We have been in discussions with the Sports Council to host events for the Sports Festival. We wanted to be in a position that if the ground suited a community event we could use our facilities without having to apply for additional licenses.

We are also working with the High School whilst the building work is being carried out, providing the use of our pitch to host School Football Matches.

The Application is for the Supply of Alcohol, Recorded & Live Music, & Performance of Dance. This is to cover all aspects of what the area could be used for. We don't have any plans for this to be a regular occurrence just as and when required such as the Queens Platinum Jubilee Party.

We hope you understand and support our Application.

If you would like any further information or to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards

Craig Dixon
Chairman

Contact Details

Craig Dixon
Lisa McDowell

Email: whitworthvalleyfootballclub@gmail.com
Email: whitworthvalleysecretary@gmail.com



Club Chairman: Craig Dixon

Club Secretary: Lisa McDowell

Club Treasurer: Lisa McDowell

Licensing Act 2003
Representation (Objection Form)

I object to the following application:

Section 1 – Premises Details

Name of Premises	RAWSTON ST. GROUND WHITWORTH
Name of applicant	WHITWORTH VALLEY FOOTBALL CLUB
Address of Premises	RAWSTON ST., WHITWORTH
What is the application you oppose	PREMISES LICENCE, SECT.17.

Section 2 – Objector's Details

Title:	[REDACTED]
Surname	[REDACTED]
First Name	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
<i>*By providing an email address, you consent to receiving notices and correspondence in this regard by return email.</i>	
Daytime phone number:	[REDACTED]
<i>(This is essential as we may need to contact you by phone)</i>	

If you are representing residents or businesses, please complete the boxes below and attach any additional sheets showing the details of those you have been requested to represent and authority to do so.

Organisation name (if applicable):
Nature of representation, for example, Resident's Association, Ward Councillor etc:

Section 3 – Representation Details

Which of the four licensing objectives does your representation relate to? (Tick as appropriate)	1	Please state your representation here. Use separate sheets if necessary.
Prevention of crime and disorder		

Use this space to provide further information in support of your representation or to explain any supporting documentation you have provided with this representation:

Please tick as appropriate:

<input type="checkbox"/>	I object to the application being granted at all
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I object to the application being granted in its current form

Are there any changes the applicant could take which would alleviate your concerns detailed above?
YES NO

If yes, please give details below (use separate sheets if necessary):

SEE ATTACHED LETTER.

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YES NO

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Determination hearings are held on weekdays during normal business hours. If your representation is deemed relevant in whole or part, would you want to attend the hearing?

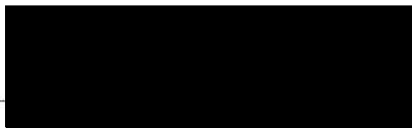
YES NO

If no, please say why:

Section 4 – Declarations

I am aware that a full copy of my representation (including my name and address) will be sent to the applicant and will form part of a public document prior to any hearing on this matter.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
I declare that all information contained within this form is correct and true to my knowledge.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
By providing an email address, I consent to receiving notices and correspondence about this matter by return email.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Signature: _____



Date: _____

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Once complete, this form should be returned to the Licensing department by email to licensing@rossendalebc.gov.uk or by post or personal service to the Council offices. You must ensure that the representation is received within the statutory objection period as late representations cannot be considered.

Rawstron Street
Whitworth
Rochdale

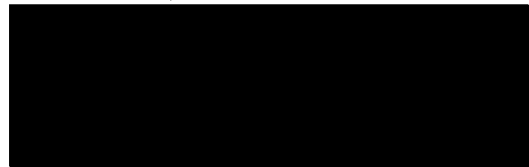
2/04/2022

Licence Committee, Rossendale Borough Council

My wife and I are opposed to the granting of a permanent Premises Licence to Whitworth Valley Football Club. We do not want our outdoor leisure time to be shattered by loud music being played outside the club, on we do not know how many occasions. There could be a problem with car parking and alcohol related issues. We think the letter we received from Whitworth Valley Football Club could be a Red Herring, and a lot of events could be in the pipeline. If the licence is going to be used on special occasions, why can they not apply for an occasional licence as and when required ?

As a retired magistrate, and having sat on the licensing committee, I know that once a Permanent Licence is issued, it is very hard to have it rescinded. We are not objecting to occasional events.

Yours faithfully



[REDACTED] Beech Close, Whitworth, [REDACTED]

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04 APR 2022

To Whom it May Concern,

**Re. The request for a premises license under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 by
Whitworth Valley Football Club**

We are registering a personal objection to the issuing of the Alcohol/Outdoor Licencing for outdoor entertainment and live music requested by Whitworth Valley Football Club.

We live [REDACTED] to the building and outdoor covered shelter that they describe and were they plan to sell alcohol and intend live outdoor music events. The noise pollution as it carries within the valley area will be extremely noisy and disturbing. The noise levels we hear at present from football matches and training evenings can be very intrusive but this proposal has the potential to be considerably greater and impact our lives greatly. There is no information about how they will regulate noise levels for these live music events and it is unclear what the capacity for events would be and how these large crowd events would be managed.

The parking it already intrusive with cars parked in our street and surrounding streets, blocking driveways and double parking making it extremely difficult for emergency services to get through on match and training sessions days. There are no details of what actions they will put in place to ensure the impact on residents is minimised. Furthermore, there is no information on the licensing request of how Whitworth Valley Football Club will facilitate large queues arriving and leaving these events and what time events could end (past the music and alcohol timescales), which again could be very loud, disruptive and disturbing to nearby houses.

These issues are concerns that we do not feel have been addressed responsibly or fully by the application. The application for a alcohol license and live music venue (Monday-Sunday, noon-22.30pm) we strongly feel is totally unacceptable and unnecessary as there are number venues within the community that provide similar opportunities and events. A full premise license also allows unknown events to be carried out without consideration of the surrounding residents.

We formally request that the application for the external amplified music and live entertainment and the sale of alcohol Monday-Sunday noon-22:30pm is denied, as this will greatly impact our lives and the lives of other residents in the surrounding community.

We formally request this matter be determined by the Licensing Sub-Committee.

Kind Regards
[REDACTED]

**Licensing Act 2003
Representation (Objection Form)**

I object to the following application:

Section 1 – Premises Details

Name of Premises Whitworth Valley Football Club
Name of applicant Whitworth Valley Football Club
Address of Premises Rawstron Street Ground Whitworth OL12 8BA
What is the application you oppose Application for a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003 (Section 17)

Section 2 – Objector's Details

Title	
Surn	
First	
Address:	
	Correspondence in this regard by return email.

If you are representing residents or businesses, please complete the boxes below and attach any additional sheets showing the details of those you have been requested to represent and authority to do so.

Organisation name (if applicable):
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Section 3 – Representation Details

Which of the four licensing objectives does your representation relate to? (Tick as appropriate)	✓	Please state your representation here. Use separate sheets if necessary.
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Prevention of crime and disorder	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Prevention of public nuisance	✓	The location is surrounded by quiet residential housing. Where alcohol is involved there is the possibility of inappropriate behaviour. The licence application is for the sale of alcohol on and off the premises which could lead to public nuisance in the surrounding areas once the event(s) have finished. Amplified music, whether it be live or recorded, could cause a noise nuisance to the surrounding residential housing, depending on the volume
Public Safety	✓	There is no provision for parking other than on street parking. This could cause traffic obstruction and reduce visibility both for pedestrians and other traffic, as well as ambulances exiting Greenbrook House (a housing with care scheme for people aged 55 and over who have an assessed need for care and/or support). The larger the event the greater the problem. As stated in the application the car park on Rawstron Street has no connection to Whitworth Valley Football Club.
Protection of children from harm	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Use this space to provide further information in support of your representation or to explain any supporting documentation you have provided with this representation:

By selling alcohol/drinks for consumption off the premises this could increase the amount of litter in the vicinity, as could events selling food. There are only two litter bins in the vicinity - one on Rawstron Street and one on Cowm Park Way South.

I have been reliably informed that, even if there are 'problems', it is difficult to have a licence rescinded once it has been granted.

I have attached a photo showing the parking problem – this was taken on a wet Wednesday evening when a football match was taking place with very few supporters on the pitch.

I have no objection to occasional events but as the application is open ended and for 7 days a week from 12 noon to 22.00 with alcohol sales finishing at 21.30, it could potentially be used every day.

Please tick as appropriate:

<input type="checkbox"/>	I object to the application being granted at all
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I object to the application being granted in its current form

Are there any changes the applicant could take which would alleviate your concerns detailed above?

YES NO

If yes, please give details below (use separate sheets if necessary):

Restrict the number of events which can be held per year

Only sell alcohol for consumption on the premises (no off sales)

Possibly negotiate with the Whitworth Football & Cricket Club for use of their car park to reduce on street parking and manage the on street parking

Keep the amplified music to a reasonable level for the comfort of the immediate neighbours

Determination hearings are held on weekdays during normal business hours. If your representation is deemed relevant in whole or part, would you want to attend the hearing?

YES

NO

If no, please say why:

Unable to obtain the time off work at short notice

Section 4 – Declarations

I am aware that a full copy of my representation (including my name and address) will be sent to the applicant and will form part of a public document prior to any hearing on this matter.	✓
I declare that all information contained within this form is correct and true to my knowledge.	✓
By providing an email address, I consent to receiving notices and correspondence about this matter by return email.	✓

Signature: _____



Date: _____

6-4-2022

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Licensing Act 2003 Representation (Objection Form)

I object to the following application:

Section 1 – Premises Details

Name of Premises RAWSTRON STREET GROUND
Name of applicant WHITWORTH VALLEY FOOTBALL CLUB
Address of Premises RAWSTRON STREET GROUND WHITWORTH Post town ROSSENDALE Postcode OL12 8BA
What is the application you oppose Application for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003

Section 2

Surname:
First Names:
Address:
Email:* <i>*By providing an email address, you consent to receiving notices and correspondence in this regard by return email.</i>
Daytime phone number: <i>(This is essential as we may need to contact you at short notice)</i>

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Prevention of crime and disorder	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Prevention of public nuisance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Public Safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Protection of children from harm	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Use this space to provide further information in support of your representation or to explain any supporting documentation you have provided with this representation:

The premises are situated in an area which comprises predominantly residential, domestic properties where the nuisance caused by noisy open air events is disproportionate and limits nearby residents enjoyment of their properties.

The premises has no car parking facilities. The adjacent road (Cowm Park Way South) is narrowed by parked cars which then permits only one-way traffic. Currently, when matches are played, the road becomes one-way for 50 yards plus and occasionally parking overflows into adjacent roads – which themselves become effectively one-way streets.

Section J Indicates that the sale of alcohol for consumption is intended to be both on and off the premises. The sale for consumption off the premises is not consistent with the stated aims of consumption at community events.

The application is for a licence for 7-days per week, 52 weeks per year. This is not consistent with occasional use for community events. No indication has been given of the expected occurrence of these events nor, as far as I am aware, has any consultation with the football club's neighbours been attempted.

The football field has had only very rare and extremely limited use for community events outside football matches for some considerable years and the existence of Whitworth Community High School (situated about a half-mile away and with playing fields) and the Ashcroft (roughly half a mile away) have presumably been able to accommodate existing events.

Please tick as appropriate:

<input type="checkbox"/>	I object to the application being granted at all
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I object to the application being granted in its current form

Are there any changes the applicant could take which would alleviate your concerns detailed above?

YES NO

If yes, please give details below (use separate sheets if necessary):

The application is simply too broad. There should be stated limits on the nature and type of the events and on their number. The vague and extremely wide description of 'Community events' is not reassuring. I am not familiar with licencing requirements but a 365-day licence would seem inappropriately wide for occasional 'community events'. However, a licence permitting sale for consumption off the premises is entirely inappropriate under any circumstances and this part of the application should be withdrawn.

The issue of car parking is a consideration as it impedes traffic flow in the immediate area and some further consideration should be given to restrictions on car parking given the stated presence of children.

As a resident living near to the premises I certainly have no objection and indeed I support occasional and genuine community events on these premises: they enrich the wider community and were enjoyed by my own children some 40 years ago. Such events are presumably held elsewhere at present or perhaps they are envisaged to be part of the development of new community events - but it is disconcerting that so little information has been given. For example, could events such as privately hired outdoor/marquee family celebrations come under the present wide definition?

Determination hearings are held on weekdays during normal business hours. If your representation is deemed relevant in whole or part, would you want to attend the hearing?

YES NO

If no, please say why:

Section 4 – Declarations

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I declare that all information contained within this form is correct and true to my knowledge.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Signature:

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Date

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..... 19th April, 2022

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