

Licensing Manager  
Rossendale Borough Council  
Town Hall  
Rawtenstall  
Rossendale Lancs  
BB4 7LZ

14 May 2012

Dear Sir or Madam

**Stand Athletic Club, Manchester Road, Ewood Bridge.**

The attached petition is in opposition to Stephen Sourbutts and Matthew Heys' application under the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of the above premises to hold boxing entertainment to take place between the hours of 14.00-23.00, live music to take place between 10.00-23.00, recorded music to take place between 10.00-23.00 and the supply of alcohol to take place between 12.00-23.00 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Rossendale Borough Council notice states that there are only plans for 18 August 2012, but it also specifies Friday, Saturday and Sunday, which leads us to believe that if this license is granted it will lead to further similar events - following a telephone call to Rossendale Borough Council this assumption has been confirmed.

As residents of Ewood Bridge we wish to let you know that we are extremely concerned about this application and have the strongest objections to this proposal. First of all there is the first and obvious objection because of the **noise pollution** - our homes are within 200-300 yards of Stand Athletic Club and the prospect of music blaring out all day is inconceivable. Added to that there is the **parking problem** - the majority of residents in Ewood Bridge don't have garages, so street parking for owners' vehicles is of paramount importance - the inevitable overspill from the event such as the one proposed would only compound this problem and could cause considerable upset and nuisance to local residents. The **supply of alcohol from ten in the morning until 11pm** is another very worrying factor with the prospect of people under the influence of drink being **rowdy and noisy** creating a nuisance and throwing litter into the road, over the wall into the river and gardens.

As much as we would like to see the site being used for none-licensed events, eg football and crickets matches etc, we hope and trust that you will support the residents of Ewood Bridge and reject the above mentioned application for 18<sup>th</sup> August 2012 and any other similar applications that are applied for in future.

Yours faithfully

PP  
Residents of Ewood Bridge, Haslingden  
cc Anne Cheetham Ward Councillor

