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Tameside MBC
Licensing
Tame St Depot,
Tame St.
Stalybridge SK15 1ST

Dear Sir/Madam.

Mottram Cricket Club, Application for Premises License Dated 25th May 2022.

I write in connection with Mottram Cricket Club's re-application for a Premises Licence.

I grew up at the above address and have never made any complaints to the Cricket Club as I understand the need for sport, recreation and entertainment.

Whilst I consider the amenity of a Cricket Club an asset in this community, I believe that the issue of a Premises License would enable the Club to hold non-cricket related functions that would be inappropriate for this residential area.

The License would permit Public Nuisance to be created seven days and nights a week through amplified live/recorded music and public address systems from 10-00 hrs to 23-00 hrs Sunday to Thursdays and up to midnight Fridays and Saturdays. The serving of refreshments will continue beyond these times. If Off Sales are permitted (not clear on Tameside's Register) it will result in more street litter and provide an opportunity for alcohol to be supplied to minors. As the Club is not within walking distance of other licensed premises, patrons leaving one establishment upon closing will have to drive to the Club for extended drinking hours, which vastly increases the risk of drink-drive accidents in the area. The Club already have insufficient parking for their present levels of activity, and additional functions generated by a Premises Licence and extended opening times will only exacerbate the situation. If the proposed changes were in place when I was in my childhood and teen years, this would not have made for a healthy environment due to the impact on sleep, ability to study, and general peace and safety.

At the last application consultation, we were promised two-weeks' notice of all outside events to be held by the Club; unfortunately, this notice will not mitigate the effects on those who wish to enjoy their gardens and who live close to

the Club, unless they move away during the times of the outside events. The associated noise of people and vehicles leaving the Club will extend beyond the licensed hours.

In addition to the above there are some inconsistencies with the Application.

- 1) Four notices have been posted on the Ashworth Lane/Broadbottom Road boundaries, unfortunately one of these notices has been affixed to the outside face of the entrance gate which is frequently left open during the day and folded against the inside face of the hedge thus hiding the notice from passers-by on Broadbottom Road. Compliant display could have been achieved by affixing the second notice to the Club's notice-board, telegraph pole or the lamppost on that boundary.
- 2) The consultation period unfortunately extended over the Platinum Jubilee weekend and whilst compliant with guidelines, this further denied people the opportunity to comment within the timescales.
- 3) The notice of the Application has again been published in the Tameside Correspondent, which, was not circulated in this area at the date of the previous application and is not listed in Tameside's guidance notes. This notice is dated 3rd June 2022 and specifies a closing date 28 consecutive days after the date of the Notice for comments/objections which is the 1st of July
- 4) Tameside's Register of Applications specifies the 21st of June as the closing date for comments/objections. 21st June or 1st July? This confusion will no doubt have an effect on the public response.
- 5) The notice contained in the Tameside Correspondent specifies the address for comments/objections to be the Wellington Road office, this differs from the Tame Street address specified in the guidance notes. This is irregular.
- 6) Tameside's Register of Applications does not make mention of Off Sales on this re-application. The word 'both' is randomly stated. Is this a typo? The public do not appear to have been properly informed of the Club's intentions.

Given the inconsistencies, errors and conflicting information that have occurred in the Application, I would suggest that it does not comply with Tameside's Guidelines for this License Application and is therefore invalid.

Yours sincerely,