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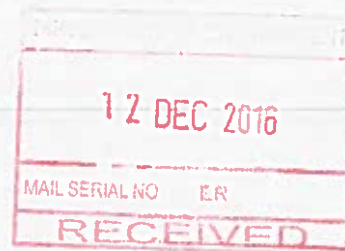
Head of Public Protection

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am writing in objection to the application for an extension to the premises licence in relation to:

Mold Alex Football Club, Alun Park, Mold, Application number MT532970

I live approximately 50m from, and in direct line of sight, of the proposed licenced premises. I am raising my objections based on the principles of the prevention of public nuisance and the prevention of crime and disorder.

Alun Park is situated in a residential area, and is overlooked by a number of houses. In addition, a planning application has been submitted (Planning Ref 053356) to construct and additional 5 dwellings immediately adjacent to Alun Park.

Users of Alun Park must gain access via a small road which passes immediately to the rear of a number of houses. Those exiting Alun Park either on foot or by car in the late evening / early morning cause a nuisance to residents of these houses. Please see attached diagram.

Also, the playing of loud music causes nuisance to local residents and may disturb the sleep of a number of children. The premises are of a modular temporary construction (Portakabin type) and do not provide adequate protection from noise, even with windows kept closed we are still able to hear music, especially the base as it reverberates around the estate.

We already suffer significant disturbance from activities undertaken at Alun Park. During football matches we have to put up with screaming and shouting and swearing from the players and the fans. The swear words echo right across the estate and can be clearly heard by all the residents including children. We also have disturbance from a circus, monster truck stunt show, fair and bonfire / fireworks display. We do not object to these additional events as they are infrequent and

they are not on late, but as you can see we have enough disturbances already so why should we also have to endure the disturbance from amplified music and noise from patrons attending a late night venue up to 7 nights a week. It is just not fair to expect us to have to put up with this as well. I believe it will seriously affect the quality of our lives.

I also have a crime and disorder concern as the granting of an extension to the licence will allow the sale of alcohol to those attending the football and other late night events held at Alun Park. I am concerned that the consumption of alcohol at such events will lead to a rise in public order offences and antisocial behaviour especially as users of the site leave the area via the narrow access lane. Residents of houses overlooking Alun Park have already been the victim of crime and antisocial behaviour and have reported numerous incidents via the North Wales Police non-emergency number. I myself have reported several occurrences of antisocial behaviour from those using the car park at night or Gaining unlawful access to Alun Park, the most recent being the 16 of February 2016. The CCTV installed overlooking the car park seemed of little deterrent as the men / youths involved were screaming and shouting, revving their car engines and making a general nuisance of themselves. I am glad to say that after dialling 101 the police arrived within 10 minutes and dealt with the situation. I am certain that incidences such as this will increase if this licence extension is granted and the police have enough to do already.

There are many function rooms and community facilities for hire (e.g. Bryn Griffiths Club, Ex-Servicemen's Club, Parkfields Community Centre) and public houses / bars already in Mold. Granting an extension to the licence will take business away from these established facilities and stretch the police further in the vent of antisocial behaviour.

Finally I have a concern about the perceived underhanded and cynical way the licence for these premises was applied for in the first place and is now trying to be extended. The application for a licence fundamentally changed the operating hours and use of Alun Park, which previously only held daytime and early evening events without amplified music or sale of alcohol. A number of objections to the original application were made (including a petition with over 100 signatures), and that application was suddenly withdrawn. I have been informed that the applicants did not have the land owner's permission and did not have planning permission for the premises. The portakabins were placed upon the site late last year without planning permission and had to have it granted retrospectively before it existing premises licence could be granted. It appears that because this original application was withdrawn, all the original objections became null and void, and when a second application was submitted residents were not informed of the application as they had been previously. Signs were not posted in the same place, and were not posted on our estate at all. Many residents were disappointed that the local authority granted the licence without consideration of why there had been no objections when the original application received so many. I acknowledge that the second application did alter the opening hours to a more reasonable 11pm but now we have a third application to vary (extend) the licence. I can only consider this chain of events a cynical and devious attempt by the applicants to get what they want without any though or consideration to local residents. The withdrawal of the original application (no planning permission, no landowner permission), making objections null and void, the altering of the second application (different applicant, different hours) and submitting without proper notice (not posting notices in the same locations as the original), hoping local residents would not find out until it was too late, and now this extension means that the applicants will have achieved their aims by manipulating the

system and the licencing authority and ignored the objections of their neighbours. This perceived underhanded action does not bode for a productive future relationship between the club and its neighbours and makes me seriously doubt the integrity and honesty of those involved at the club.

This venue is not needed, and is not wanted by a large number of the local community who will be most affected by its presence and have enough disturbance already.

Thank you for considering my objections.

Yours Sincerely



Mr Lewis Corbett.

