Sent:28 Jun 2020 11:50:25 +0100 To:Entertainment Licensing

Subject: Drighlington Rugby League Club Ltd

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you with great concern about the application made to grant a premises licence for the premises known as Drighlington Meeting Hall, Moorland Road, Drighlington, BD11 1JZ.

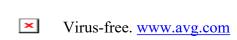
This area has always been very quiet and tranquil, ideal for the majority of the retired and/or disabled population that live around the fields. We are concerned that a licence to sell alcohol for such extended hours every day of the week will cause unnecessary noise, disturbance and distress to many potentially vulnerable, elderly and disabled residents living in such close proximity to the proposed premises at unreasonably late hours.

We feel that the sale of alcohol for such long hours has the potential to lower house prices and reduce the standard of living significantly in an area that has always been so highly regarded.

Another concern is that there is a school directly opposite the Rugby Club and the proposed licence would allow the sale of alcohol all week during school hours. Children walking home or playing out during break times may be subject to witnessing drunken/inappropriate behaviour, violence, swearing as well general disruption to their learning. This is a serious safeguarding issue and I implore that you reconsider the hours. We feel that more reasonable hours would be from 4pm - 11pm Sunday to Thursday and 2pm - 11pm Friday and Saturday.

Please consider this before granting a sale of alcohol license to these premises.

Kind regards,



Sent:6 Jul 2020 22:59:58 +0100 To:Entertainment Licensing

Subject:PREM/04554/001 - Premises licence new application

Dear Sirs

Content:-

I did try to submit a licensing application comment. Unfortunately it wouldn't go through, therefore please see details copied below.

Case Officer :- Charlotte Deighton Commenter type :- neighbour response Stance :- object

I'd like to lodge an objection to the proposed licensing hours requested by Drighlington Arlfc for the above premises on Moorland Road.

The clubhouse is situated in a residential area that's already served by a number of well established pubs and clubs. Therefore I cannot see any reason why the licenses for alcohol or music should extend past 11pm, whether it's a weekday or weekend. This can only lead to the prospect of increased levels of public nuisance and antisocial behaviour during the later hours of the evening and early morning.

Also, with its close proximity to the local primary school, the licensing hours in themselves could represent a safeguarding issue for local children, which is another cause for concern in respect of public safety.

Should people want a drink before 12 noon and after 11pm, then I'm sure you will agree there are plenty of alternative venues in environments that are far better suited to accommodating extended opening hours.

Please can you forward onto the relevant person and confirm receipt.

Thanks in advance Kind regards

Sent from my iPad

Sent:12 Jun 2020 14:13:47 +0100

To:Entertainment Licensing

Subject: LICENSING APPLICATION: DRIGHLINGTON RUGBY CLUB LTD.

I am writing with regard to the licensing application made by Drighlington Rugby Club Ltd. in relation to Drighlington Meeting Hall, Moorland Road, BD11.

I wish to register my concerns about the proposed opening hours of Sun-Thurs 10.00-23.30 and Fri-Sat 10.00-01.30.

The Meeting Hall is surrounded on three sides by playing fields frequented by dog walkers and young people, and on the fourth by a school and residential properties. The availability of all day drinking, and late night extended hours on Friday and Saturday, is incompatible with the community which the Meeting Hall is intended to serve.

I am particularly concerned about rowdy behaviour, late night noise, increased litter and the potential for vandalism of the Moor (which is a historic civil war site) and surrounding properties. The police are already regularly visible in the area as youths congregate around the back of the Meeting Hall and on the adjacent basketball courts. The Meeting Hall has also been broken into on more than one occasion; having alcohol on the premises makes it an even more desirable prospect.

Additionally we already have a problem with cars, motorbikes and quad bikes driving at speed along Moorland Road and Moorside Road. Both roads see significant foot traffic, including school children and people crossing to walk dogs or play on the Moor/Outdoor Fitness Trail. Add readily available alcohol into the mix and there is huge potential for serious injury.

I would be very grateful if you would fully investigate these concerns as part of the licensing process.

Kind Regards



Sent:11 Jun 2020 17:48:46 +0100

To: Entertainment Licensing

Subject: Drighlington Rugby Club licensing

Importance:Normal

To whom it may concern.

I am very concerned about the licensing application from Drighlington Rugby Club for the Meeting Hall on Moorland Road. The requested hours of opening are inappropriate for the situation of the Hall, which is on a residential street and opposite the primary school. Drighlington is a quiet village with largely family housing, surrounding the Moor, which is a peaceful area, used by villagers for walking, exercising and playing with their children and dogs. Although residents understand that the Rugby Club needs to be able to entertain and to generate income, hours of opening from 10.00 to 23.30 Sunday to Thursday and 10.00 to 01.30 on Friday and Saturday, will cause noise and traffic disturbance, leading to distress in particular for the residents of Moorland Road and of the Kingsway estate which is just behind Moorland Road. It will also affect the ambience of the village.

Yours,

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Sent:19 Jun 2020 10:25:33 +0100

To:Entertainment Licensing

Subject: Application for licensing hours by Drighlington Rugby Club, Moorside Road,

BD11.

I'm writing to express my reservations about the application by DRC to serve alcohol from 10.00 am until 11.30 pm Sunday - Thursday, and 10.00 am until 1.30 am on Fridays and Saturdays.

As I understand it, when, in 2015, Leeds City Council agreed unanimously to transfer Drighlington Meeting Hall to the Rugby Club, it was on the premise that the Rugby Club would bring people together in the heart of the village and bring many benefits to the community. Drighlington has been a close knit community for many years, well served by pubs and clubs; and I fail to see how introducing lengthy drinking hours to such a strategic part of the village, adjacent to a famous civil war battle site which is enjoyed by walkers and families alike, will benefit those who do not wish to drink virtually round the clock.

Extended drinking hours open the potential for rowdy and unsavoury behaviour. I'm particularly concerned about the effects on the Primary School, which is directly across the road from the Club, and on the residents close by. Not everyone uses social media; and, frankly, the notice of application was hardly conspicuous when I first saw it. Then, last weekend, someone went to great lengths to turn the notice upside down in a clear bid to render it unreadable! The fastenings had been replaced in a way which made the misdemeanour hard to rectify. To date, it has remained that way.

I know some villagers are not in favour of the plans but do not want to raise objections for fear of reprisals. The fact that you are obliged to publicise the details of those who raise concerns does not help in this regard. Surely valid objections should be for Leeds City Council to investigate and verify.

In my opinion, the proposals are completely at odds with the ethos of the village.

I look forward to your comments, please.

Regards,



Sent:11 Jun 2020 17:47:48 +0100

To: Entertainment Licensing

Subject: Drighlington Meeting Hall, Moorland Road, Drighlington, BD11

Regarding the above premises, I wish to object to the proposed licensing hours applied for by Drighlington Rugby League Club Ltd.

My objection is based on Drighlington being a village with many older residents. The licensing hours applied for are totally unsuitable for a residential village with occupied properties very close to the premises.

Sun-Thurs 10.00 - 22.30 Fri-Sat 10.00 - 23.30

These are very fair and more than adequate for their proposals.

Disgusted Drighlington resident

Sent from my iPad

Sent:11 Jun 2020 18:30:46 +0100

To:Entertainment Licensing

Subject: Drighlington Rugby Club Licencing Application for the Old Meeting Hall

Good morning.

I am concerned about the licensing hours the Rugby Club are seeking for the old Meeting Hall, particularly the 1.30 a.m. finish for Friday and Saturday nights.

Even if this is only for occasional private events, I feel this is inappropriate for the location, so close to the Kingsway estate, and also for the village which, in spite of the new building, has retained an atmosphere of peace and tranquillity for this Historic battle site. As a long-time resident of Drighlington I have fears that this will lead noise pollution, especially in the summer months, when users of the Rugby Club are likely to open the windows and doors and maybe move outside onto the moor. Totally inappropriate for this Historic peaceful setting.

Sent:2 Jul 2020 09:33:01 +0100 To:Entertainment Licensing

Subject:Drighlington Rugby Club Application

Good Morning,

I wish to object to the application in its current form for the following reasons

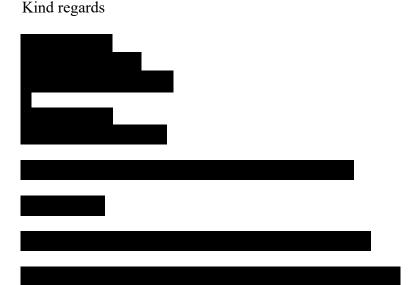
- 1. prevention of public nuisance specifically the length of opening hours
- 2. protection of children from harm

I am concerned that if the licence is given for opening upto 1.30am it will cause a noise nuisance to my household and the other residents on the street. If drinks can be served until 1.30am then it will be after 2am before the patrons will start leaving. This will be noisy with traffic movement as people make their way home.

I suggest a licence up to 12am which is a more reasonable hour in a residential area.

It is proposed that the licence will operate from 10am 7 days a week, whilst this may be ok on a weekend, during the week this may be an issue as the club is directly opposite the primary school.. in theory people could be in the club drinking for 5 hours before school closes at 3.15pm. This is a safeguarding risk.

Should you need to speak to me concerning this matter please call me on



Representation



Section 1 – Licence application details				
Please indicate as appropriate : I wish to object to the following application: I wish to support the following application:				
Applicant premises name and address Drighlington Rugby League Club Ltd Drighlington Meeting Hall Moorland Road Drighlington Bradford BD11 1JZ Application No. PREM/04554/001				
Section 2 – Your personal details				
Title	Mr Mrs	Miss Other		
Surname				
First name(s)				
Address (incl postcode): Please note that a full copy of your representation (including your name and address) will be sent to the applicant and will be a public document at the hearing. If this is a concern please contact Entertainment Licensing and we will go through your options.				
On what basis are you making this representation: Resident Business Someone representing a resident or business:				
Section 3 – Representation grounds				
The representation is relevant to one or more of the following licensing objectives: Please tick relevant box(es)		Prevention of crime and disorder Prevention of public nuisance Protection of children from harm Public safety		
Please select : I object to the application being granted at all I object to the application being granted in its current form				

The grounds of the representation is based on the following:

You need to complete this box as fully as possible. If you do not then the Licensing Authority may not be able to assess the relevance of your representation. Try to be as specific as possible and give examples, e.g. on 1 February I could hear loud music from the premises between 10pm and 1am. I am concerned that if the premises open until 2am this will cause a nuisance to me and other residents of the street.

I trust Condition 19 of the Grant of Outline Planning Permission Decision Notice 14/02452/OT dated 22 July 2014 and Item 4 of the Approval of Reserved Matters Decision Notice 16/02948/RM dated 11 August 2016 will inform your consideration of this application.

Condition 19

The function room shall be restricted to 0700 hours to 2330 hours Monday to Saturday and 0700 hours to 2200 hours on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

In the interests of residential amenity in accordance with adopted Leeds UDP Review (2006) policy GP5 and the National Planning Policy Framework

Item 4

Approval pursuant to Outline Planning Permission Ref. No. 14/02452/OT dated 22 July 2014 and subject to the conditions attached thereto. This RM permission does not absolve the applicant from discharging & complying with any conditions attached to the OT permission.

In addition to the above I am concerned about the following:

- 1. The proposed licensing hours of up to 02.00 on Friday and Saturday and up to 12 midnight Sunday to Thursday) will result in an increase in the amount of noise in the area as people walk home through the surrounding residential streets home from the club, disrupting residents sleep and a providing a significant increase in the risk of public nuisance in the local area.
- 2. There is a high risk of noise breakout from the playing of Live and recorded music and the concern again is for disruption to the residents, particularly if the music is permitted to be played until the early hours of the morning.
- 3. There will be an increase in traffic around the club and the surrounding streets with additional noise from the slamming of car doors at unsocial hours.

Signed:	Date: 07 July 2020

Sent:20 Jun 2020 17:12:20 +0100

To:Entertainment Licensing

Subject:Licence application PREM04554/001 Drighlington Rugby Club,

Importance:Normal

I'm writing to express my reservations about the application by DRC to serve alcohol from 10.00 am until 11.30 pm Sunday - Thursday, and 10.00 am until 1.30 am on Fridays and Saturdays.

As I understand it, when, in 2015, Leeds City Council agreed unanimously to transfer Drighlington Meeting Hall to the Rugby Club, it was on the premise that the Rugby Club would bring people together in the heart of the village and bring many benefits to the community. Drighlington has been a close knit community for many years, well served by pubs and clubs; and I fail to see how introducing lengthy drinking hours to such a strategic part of the village, adjacent to a famous civil war battle site which is enjoyed by walkers and families alike, will benefit those who do not wish to drink virtually round the clock.

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In my opinion, the proposals are completely at odds with the ethos of the village.

I look forward to your comments, please.

Regards,



Sent:18 Jun 2020 12:31:17 +0100

To:Entertainment Licensing

Subject: Drighlington Rugby Club (Drighlington Meeting Hall)

I would like to object to the opening hours of the above premises. Firstly the opening of the club at 10am which is opposite Drighlington Primarily & Junior School which produces a lot of traffic and parking problems on Moorland Road and Kingsdale Avenue Secondly the late open times on Friday & Saturday which goes into Sunday early morning. If closing at 01:30am the disturbance to local residents will be at least 02:00am people leaving after closing time. Thirdly when it went for planning these times were not

and strongly object

to the opening hours that have been applied for.

Sent:27 Jun 2020 14:30:58 +0100

To: Entertainment Licensing

Subject: REPRESENTATION RE APPLICATION FOR DRIGHLINGTON RUGBY CLUB'S ALCOHOL AND

ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE

Having attended a public meeting it has become clear that the full story of how the club would operate was not disclosed. At no time, even on being questioned, were we were made aware of the extension to the 'normal' opening times. An underhanded scenario and one unlikely to generate community trust in future.

In addition, it has now emerged that the club is requiring a high price for the continuation of the Library - run by volunteers - and this must now close. This does not show empathy with the needs of the residents of the village. The hall would be open anyway. This certainly lacks empathy and support of local residents.

There have been several incidents regarding groups assembling adjacent to the building and causing destruction to nearby property in recent times. Having alcohol available from 10 am - 11.30 pm Sunday to Thursday would be a bigger draw to certain groups. A probable public safety issue also.

Additional traffic, coupled with that relating to the school, will be a hazard. It is difficult and dangerous to leave Kingsdale Avenue at either end at certain times of day and this will be worrying for the safety of the children at the end of the school day particularly.

The licensed hours requested are much longer than normal licensing hours. When Leeds City Council were responsible for the upkeep of the Meeting Hall all events had to be ended by 12 am. Now the proposal is for a 1.30 am end on both Friday and Saturday. Combined with an 11.30 pm end Monday-Thursday, these hours are much longer than any other licensed premises in Drighlington. Noise will be a definite public nuisance to the surrounding area. Any events including music can normally be heard by the houses in the locality now but to continue until the early hours is totally unacceptable. The impact on the lives of the residents in the houses directly opposite and on Kingsdale Avenue and Gardens will be immense.

If the requested proposals are granted there will not be a single day of the week without disruption and nuisance to the surrounding community. I would appreciate your understanding of the above.

Thank you,

Representation



Section 1 – Licence application details				
Please indicate as appropriate : I wish to object to the following application: I wish to support the following application:				
Applicant premises name and address: Drighlington Rugby League Club Ltd 27 Wakefield Road Drighlington BD11 1DH				
Section 2 – Your personal details				
Title	Mr Mr	s Miss Other		
Surname				
First name(s)				
Address (incl postcode): Please note that a full copy of your representation (including your name and address) will be sent to the applicant and will be a public document at the hearing. If this is a concern please contact Entertainment Licensing and we will go through your options.				
On what basis are you making this representation: Resident Business Someone representing a resident or business:				
Section 3 – Representation grounds				
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The grounds of the representation is based on the following:

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A public meeting was held last year at which 'Drighlington Rugby league Club', Local Parish Councillors, Morley Independent City Councillors and members of the public were all present Many issues concerning the re-location of the Rugby Club to Drighlington Meeting Hall on Moorland Road, were discussed. During that discussion, the issue of 'Licensing Hours' was discussed and in my view, it was agreed that the Club would operate 'normal licensing hour' with the exception of extended licensing for private functions. By the term 'normal licensing hours, it was understood that the sale of alcohol would finish at 1100 at night.

This application is submitted for the sale of alcohol from 10 in the morning until 1130 at night during the working week and from 10 in the morning until 0130 the following morning at weekends. In anyone's view, these timings cannot be considered 'normal licensing hours' and are contradictory to what was agreed at the Public Meeting. In addition, the proposal for extended licensing hours each weekend is not the same as "the occasional private function" as was indicated at the public meeting.

In the application, it is stated that the Meeting Hall has "no immediate neighbours." The Meeting Hall stands *across the road* from a Primary School and a row of private houses. I therefore consider this statement within the application to be untrue and misleading.

By the very nature of what this Organization's business, namely a Rugby League club, it provides opportunities for all age groups to participate, indeed the younger generation from primary school children to teenagers, is well represented. It concerns me that having participated in training and playing activities, children will be witness to the consumption of alcohol on a far greater scale than what would be considered normal. A direct result of extended licensing hours.

The car park that adjoins the Meeting Hall is not very large. Indeed the issue of adequate parking facilities was the subject of discussion at the public meeting. As a result, it is expected that an over spill of parked cars will be seen within the immediate residential area. Bearing in mind that directly opposite the Meeting Hall, the Primary School has mandatory no parking, thus reducing the amount of available parking within the vicinity of the Meeting Hall, which in turn means parked cars venturing further into the residential area.

These points I raise are valid whatever the licensing hours and local residents will deal with the consequences as they arise. However, in the spirit of good community relations, 'normal licensing hours' are more tolerable than the proposals within this application. I therefore object to the licensing hours proposed within this current application.

There are a number of Pubs and Clubs within Drighlington and to my knowledge they all operate what can be regarded as 'normal licensing hours'.

Signed:	Date: 26.06.2020

Deighton, Charlotte

Subject:

FW: Drighlington rugby club licence

From:

Sent: 24 June 2020 13:08

To: Entertainment Licensing < Entertainment.Licen@leeds.gov.uk>

Subject: Drighlington rugby club licence

I am writing to object to the licence application by Drighlington rugby club. I have no objection to there being a licence but believe the times are excessive.

The Meeting hall is opposite the primary school and next to the children's games area. The application is for a licence from 10am each day. As the rest of the pubs in the village are not open at that point this will mean that drinkers will congregate here. We only need one person who drinks and drives to have a potential death of a school child on out hands. An opening from 12 noon would be a much more reasonable thing especially during weekdays. This would allow for the rugby club to be a venue for special occasions or funerals.

My second objection is the lateness of closing. The routes home from the meeting hall are near to houses. Once drinking up time is finished during the week it will be midnight which is not good for the families and older people who live nearby.

My major objection is the time they want the licence to on a weekend. Drighlington is a family place. It is not the centre of a town or somewhere for an ending more akin to a night club. If the club is used for a special event then midnight is quite late enough. It would not be fair for the lives of those who live locally to be ruined just so that others can drink later as they can always invite their friends back to their homes to carry on partying or go into Leeds or Bradford in order to stay up later.

Local residents will suffer from increased parking and noise during the day especially if the football club is also based there and it is unfair if this also means that they cannot have at least 8 hours of relative quiet to sleep.

The meeting hall was a community venue that benefited the whole community, sadly community groups have now found other homes due to the exorbitant rents for reduced spaces that the rugby club want to charge.



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