

Representations by Resident A

I am writing to put forward my objections to the music and alcohol licences applied for by Wattsville Community Group. At the present time we already have to endure extreme foul language with Wattsville Football club when they are training and playing matches at the pavilion to the extent that we cannot allow our grandchildren in our back garden and if the football club will be using these premises then this will obviously escalate with alcohol being served at the premises.

From Crosskeys to the Wylie there are already at least 10 pubs and clubs, including 1 in Wattsville itself, why is there the need of another one in such close proximity?

My wife is up at 5 O clock in the morning to go to work, we already have to sleep in the back of the house due to the amount of traffic that comes through the village so this will have a large impact on our lives and our health through lack of sleep.

During the summer we had a taste of what would happen if the licences were awarded.

When we were all supposed to be keeping to safe distancing rules due to the pandemic, the people who were there doing work at the pavilion went against all national advice by camping out in tents by the pavilion using it like a private club with not a mask in sight accompanied by loud music, which we put up with as thought it was a temporary measure. I understand that they were outdoors but they were going in and out of the pavilion as if the pandemic rules didn't exist and weren't obviously from the same household..

If they have such a disregard for something so important and essential to public health how can they be responsible enough to have the licences awarded to them? I am also surprised that in the current climate such licences are being considered.

If mediation is deemed necessary then I am willing to take part. We are awaiting your decision on this matter and hope that for once common sense will prevail and that residents will have the outcome they deserve.