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The Licensing Section  
Caerphilly County Borough Council  
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25<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Licensing Department

**Pontymister Welfare Bowls Club**  
**Ty Isaf Bowls Pavilion**  
**Pontymister**

I am making representation in respect of the notice proposal by Pontymister Welfare Bowls Club to:

- Add outside bowling green for consumption of alcohol as part of the licensing area
- Extend provision of alcohol hours until 23:30 for both on and off sales
- Add provision of recorded and live music

Firstly, I make my concerns around the ambiguity within these proposals to confirm the frequency when these additions and extensions would operate, daily, more than once a week, weekends.

Second, would the music commence at a particular time, for example evening or is there a possibility that this would extend for longer periods of time?

As a resident whose home is two doors from the bowls club, I am concerned on two levels, the frequency of the noise of music and the potential increase of footfall and increase in noise level of voices. Prior to this proposal (and Covid-19 restrictions), frequently had people speaking at the end of my garden late at night and vehicle leaving the premises.

Therefore, I am:

- Opposing an extension to extend the alcohol hours to 23:30 for both on and off sales.
- Opposing the added provision to of recorded and live music to 23:30
- I would also oppose the consumption of alcohol outside the premises on the basis of the risk of alcohol being taken outside the bowling area and again this increased outside noise.

I would also draw to your attention my concern that this proposal had only been posted in the Welfare Ground by the Bowls Club, and not publicly brought to the attention of us residents. I have taken a very cynical view of the way in which the Licensing Department operates with openness and transparency, with what comes as a lack of consideration and respect of neighbours living next door to this facility. I am raising the process by which this proposal has been made know to CCBC's complaints department.

The Welfare Grounds astro turf already attracts a lot of youth who will on frequent occasions have music playing, albeit not for lengthy prolonged periods. For those of us living in numbers \*\*\*\*\* and \*\*, we continually have footballs accidentally kicked into our gardens by the enthusiastic youth. This additional request from the Bowls Club is a request that adds to the overall totality of activities that occur in the Welfare Grounds, and this is something that CCBC should take cognisance of.

I would be extremely disappointed with any decision by the CCBC to grant this additional half hour to this proposed request.

Yours faithfully

Ms Coughlin

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C.C.        Councillor Owen  
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