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Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 11:21 AM
To: WWW: Licensing <licensing@caerphilly.gov.uk>
Subject: Blackwood Cricket Club Licensing Application

Hello,

This e-mail is regarding the application submitted by blackwood cricket club to vary their alcohol licence.

I feel that the application as its stands could have an effect on all of the 4 licencing objectives so I would like to make the following comments:

- The boundaries of the club cover a vast area, amounting to possibly hundreds of square meters. To extend the area where alcohol can be consumed to cover the entirety of the premises with no "designated area" will allow for uncontrolled numbers of patrons and noise. This could have a detrimental effect on public safety, public nuisance and disorder on numerous adjoining properties and extend further to those in the vicinity. Many of those could have children in adjoining gardens that could be subjected to some harm.
- The proposed extension of area does not have any restrictions on timing. At present the clubs licence hours end at midnight Mon to Sat and 23.00 on Sundays. Allowing uncontrolled times for the outdoor consumption of alcohol will have a detrimental effect on public nuisance and disorder. There also do not seem to be any controls for the protection of children from harm during these hours.
- I feel that monitoring the proposed extension of the drinking area would be extremely difficult. When alcohol is consumed indoors in a set area there are options to use CCTV and control entry with Door Supervision, in such a vast open area I feel that public nuisance, noise and crime/disorder could not be effectively controlled without these or similar measures in place. Even if the patrons are members and their guests there do not appear to be any limits on numbers proposed or any access controls. In such a large area extended to the full club boundaries the effectiveness of CCTV could also be limited.

I have also been given a copy of the attached reply from the committee at the club and have the following comments to make:

This application is not limited to a certain period of the year so with regards to waste there is a rota during cricket season only – They have not identified controls for containing waste at any other time.

The letter claims that the club can only be used by members and bonfide guests. This is not strictly true as I have been made aware of club advertising for events and room hire i.e. wakes/parties e.t.c where the room is “Hired” out to non-members by the club. There are also adverts for community events held there that are not limited to members. There are also the visiting teams to consider and home/away supporters that have not been considered, I assume they would be able to use the outside areas proposed to consume alcohol.

I totally agree that members should be able to enjoy the cricket and support it fully, but this could easily be controlled with a “designated” members area that is only to be used for consumption of alcohol during cricket matches. I feel that set limits on timing, numbers of people that can use this members area and access controls would go a long way to control and minimise disruption to neighbouring properties and the wider area.

Catherine Brewer

(I would appreciate it if my Personal details could be redacted)