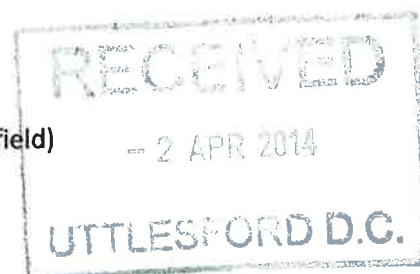


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RE: The Sports Pavilion, Crabtrees, Saffron Walden

Dear Mr Hardy

I am the occupier of the above address and am writing to you to outline my objections to the possible granting of a licence to the Sports Pavilion, Crabtrees, Saffron Walden.

My property overlooks the Sports Pavilion at a distance of around thirty metres. I have a three year old daughter and my wife is due to give Birth in May to our second child. The new babies bedroom is at the rear of our property and directly overlooks the Sports Pavilion. From this bedroom window we have a clear and unobstructed view of the said premises. There are no trees or hedges obstructing the view (that also might help to attenuate any noise). I fear that if the Sports pavilion is granted a licence to stay open late and sell alcohol then there will inevitably be noise associated with this. This noise will disrupt my children's sleep as it will happen at a time after they have gone to bed. Similarly, I am aware that other properties that overlook the venue also house small children.

The road leading to The Sports Pavilion is currently a very quiet cul-de-sac and the local children play there on their bikes and scooters as there is minimal traffic. Using the Sports Pavilion for events will lead to an increase in through traffic and an associated increased risk to local children from drivers coming into the location who may be unaware of how the area is currently used. Also, there is only a limited amount of parking at the venue. This will lead to patrons parking where they can. The only other areas to park in the local area will be on pavements and verges. This will force local people to walk in the road to get around the cars

My drive way abuts onto the road leading to the Sports Pavilion. This drive way is private property yet we still have regular problems with people walking across the driveway and climbing the fence or gate to access the Sports Pavilion. I fear this problem and foot traffic across our private property will increase if the Sports Pavilion is used for late night social occasions. This will inevitably lead to an increase of alcohol related anti-social behaviour at the location and across my private property. If this happens I will have no hesitation calling the police and reporting the issue to the council.

Whilst I understand that the Sports Pavilion could be a potential source of income and for the clubs using the ground, I feel that using it as a social venue with an alcohol licence will bring unwanted noise, anti-social behaviour and traffic dangers to the area. Had I known there was going to be licensed premises so close to my address I would not have moved in. I also fear that it will adversely affect the value of my property. There are already numerous venues in Saffron Walden that sell alcohol and can be cheaply hired for social events that are not located in the middle of a quiet residential area. I am very happy to see the Sports Pavilion and the associated facilities being used for sporting and recreational purposes but strongly object to their use as a social club selling alcohol into the night.

Please do hesitate to contact me should you wish to speak to me further or clarify any point

Yours Sincerely

Simon Turner

