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Sent: 04 May 2015 10:20
To: Licensing
Subject: Licensing application: Anglian Ruskin Students Union at Saffron Walden Rugby Club, Henham. 30/05/15

Dear Sirs,

I would like to make some comments about the above application. My wife and I have lived opposite Saffron Walden Rugby Club for the past 30 years and have had no issues or problems with the rugby club over that period. The club does have a number of functions each year and we do hear the music. However we feel that one or two functions each year is no real issue and the music always finishes by midnight or 1am at the absolute latest.

I have spoken to the owners of two of the other properties that are neighbours of the rugby club and the general consensus seems to be that a function with live and recorded music with an attendance between 1200 and 1500 people is out of proportion at this location. Loud music played outside until 2am in the morning is certainly a public nuisance. There might only be a few houses in the locality but we are still members of the public and have a right not to be kept awake till the early hours of the morning. If the music continues until 2am it will be at least 3am before the 1500 possibly drunk and noisy people and vehicles vacate the site. I also have concerns about the safety of the participants. If people do leave the site for whatever reasons they will be out onto a narrow country road that has a 90 degree blind bend right next to the site. A driver coming round that blind bend that night could easily be confronted by people in the road and a serious accident thus caused.

I appreciate that a function of this size has never been held on this site so we have no evidence as to how big a public nuisance it might be. If in spite of our objections you see fit to grant this licence I would ask that you at least restrict the finishing time for the music. A midnight finishing time would mean that at least we may be able to sleep after 1am. I would also draw your attention to the fact that the application shows the start date of the licence as 30/05/15 and the end date of the licence applied for is 30/05/15. In this case a licence granted until 2am would take the end of the licence past the end date applied for i.e. into the 31/05/15.

Anglian Ruskin Students Union operate from a campus in Chelmsford and a campus in Cambridge and I would have thought that there must be a more suitable site on one of the two campuses or in one of the two cities.

Yours faithfully

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