

## **APPENDIX 6**

Re: Premises Licence Application/Dukestown Workingmen's Club, 1, Evans Terrace,  
Dukestown, Tredegar, NP222 4EH,

Dear Sirs

I write today on behalf of myself, .....  
My Son .....  
and My Daughter, .....

The Three properties are situated next to The Dukestown Club and as a family we are the occupiers of the three properties, me and my wife in ....., my son in ....., and my daughter and grandchildren in .....

Please could I ask you to accept our representations as three individual representations for the purpose of our Objection to the licence application as it is applied for?

As you are aware we have been having continuous problems together with the entire neighborhood, for nearly 2 years, and have sent an enormous amount of complaints to the environmental health team, the licensing team and the police over the same period, on a weekly basis and ask with respect if our complaints & evidence which was submitted to the licensing review for the same premises on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022, could be included in the licence application for consideration.

My objections to the application of a premises licence as applied for are listed below:-

1, The club has applied for an extension to open hours on a Saturday Night to 00.00 hours. At the licensing review a few weeks ago the Licensing Committee, reduced the open hour from 00.00 hours to 11.00 hours because the club premises is situated in a residential area, with residential dwellings situated on four elevations of the boundaries of the property.

2, At the review there were conditions added to the licence, because of the nuisance caused to neighboring properties throughout the surrounding areas, so I feel that any new licence granted should have the same conditions imposed.

3, The existing license has a condition which states the club should not omit any noise through the structure of the building and I believe this condition should remain on the new licence if granted.

4, During the review of the licence in February 2022, the premises were issued with a 28 day suspension of the current licence, which was quickly appealed against by the club premises management committee,

The appeal has yet to go to court, but already the management committee has applied for an extension of opening hours, which in my view shows a lack of respect to the licensing committee, the environmental health team, the local residents and the police who made representations in the said review.

5, I note within the application it states, supply of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises.

I strongly object to the consumption of alcohol in the outside spaces of the premises, i.e., the front car park, smoking shelters and all areas of the outside spaces contained within the club premises boundaries.

The consumption of beverages and patrons gathering in the outside spaces of the premises, have to date caused excessive noise levels and disruption to the enjoyment of our homes. [These are listed below within the summary sent to the previous licensing review]

6, In relation to live and recorded music, when these activities take place, I would ask if a condition could be placed on the licence to limit the sound levels [with noise monitor limiter equipment] of such activities, so as not to cause the neighbouring properties noise discomfort.

7, Finally could a condition be imposed, that the patrons be monitored when using the smoking shelters and leaving the premises, to make sure they act in an appropriate manner, not to cause a nuisance to the surrounding residential area.

Listed below briefly, are the problems we have been suffering due to the activities of the Duketown club and its patrons, which were submitted to the licensing review in February 2022.

1, Loud Music, recorded and live which can be clearly heard over the televisions in our living rooms, in the bedrooms, in fact throughout the whole of the three properties.

When this activity takes place it seems to be turned up more excessively at 10-30pm until 12-00am and continues on to the early hours.

I feel at this review, the hours of the playing of recorded music and live music should be reduced, taking into account that this is a residential area and the premises is completely surrounded by residential properties to all elevations.

2, The car park was turned into a beer garden over the last 18 months, the tarmac area was covered over with false grass and picnic tables encouraging patrons to gather outside.

There has been loud music and live music played in the car park at excessive levels and even a speaker system which could be controlled off the patrons mobile phones.

I believe that the car park area should have change of use planning permission granted before being used in this way and I would strongly object due to the noise and disturbance this has been causing would continue to cause in the future.

I also believe that the consumption of alcohol should not be permitted in the car park and on the pavement outside.

3, The patrons are out in the car park area Drinking, talking [but they don't seem to talk they shout, in point of fact you can hear this inside our properties with the windows closed]

swearing, taking dirty about members of the opposite sex [that's both men & women], taking drugs [in fact myself and my family have witnessed patrons snorting, what I assume to be cocaine], smoking cannabis, urinating, fighting etc. The same problems are being experienced by myself at the rear of the property where there is a smoking shelter.

4, There's cars pulling up outside the club premises and the occupants are dealing drugs, to some of the patrons blatantly.

5, There's always fighting there [in fact it's every week], it spills out onto our streets,

6, There's glasses and bottles dumped and smashed on the street and in our gardens, even on the driveway, by patrons, when leaving the premises. I believe that the patrons should not

be allowed to leave the premises with bottles and glasses and of course this should be monitored by the management and committee.

7, Underage drinking.

8, Vehicles honking horns, Revving the engines, wheel spinning, being driven at excessive speeds & dangerously to and from the premises, parked in the surrounding streets [Twyn Star, Greenfield Cottages, St Lukes Rd., Crown Ave.] on the pavements and bus stops, These factors have become a concern for public safety.

I have lived here next door to the Dukestown Club since 1993, and never experienced problems like this, it's a disgrace.

Dukestown has always been a lovely quite place to live, in fact a much sort after area to live and I would love to see this problem solved so we can return back to normality.

A very worrying factor is some of the older residents are getting frightened and living in fear by the activities when it spill into the streets.

I would also like to advise that its not only the immediate surrounding areas are affected by some of these problems, it extends further as the patrons return home into the early hours.

The club management and the managing committee have no respect for the surrounding neighbourhood and its residents, and this matter needs to be addressed. I'm sure they wouldn't put up with this disgusting behaviour outside their own homes.

May I take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your kind considerations in relation to our representations.

Regards,