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Subject: Objection to extended licencing hours for the Oakmead

Happy Days

Alpha Road

CO16 8NP

Dear Tendring Licencing Section

Ref: Objection to extended licencing hours for Oakmead Social Club, CO16 8NW

I am aware aware that the Oakmead Social Club has applied for extended opening hours to serve alcohol, I wish to object in the strongest possible terms. I submit my objections.

It is my personal belief that the need to maintain the prevention of crime and disorder and additionally to maintain the prevention of public nuisance, and also for the maintainance of public safety, this application should be turned down.

I live barely 5 minutes away from this establishment. so can say using fact and surity, that the immediate neighbours of the Oakmead have barely recovered from the public nusciance caused by the Oakmead during a period of government imposed UK Lockdown. If disorder, public nusciance and escalated crime eminated from the Oakmead during this period of government controlled lockdown, I truly fear for the potential disruption that may happen during extended licencing hours, if these are granted.

During lockdown this property was let out to what can only be described as a 'Motley crew' and during their numerous months that they were in total control of the Oakmead and the area immediatly outside and alongside, we had to witness anti-social activities on a disturbing and criminal scale.

Fear from residents about the potention for further harm to public safety and also their awareness that the emergency services were pushed to their limits already, prevented a lot of the crime and anti-social behaviour being reported. What could the police have done anyway about unknown criminals travelling around from the Oakmead and into the Oakmead/ Alpha Rd Estate if there were no witnesses to the late night and early morning activities? We have enen before lockdown been subject to drunken intruders late at night who have been responsible for thefts from inside the boundaries of our property

Absolutely no concern was shown towards the immediate neighbours whilst the owner had sanctioned the letting out of the property and surrounding area throughout lockdown, nor was any explanation or apology given for the disruptions caused. If the owner was not responsible for the protection and security of the Oakmead Club and its immediate neighbours during lockdown, then I have little faith that they will be responsible when lockdown is lifted and there might be extended licencing hours granted.

This unsocial and often criminal activity emanating from the Oakmead Club only ended on the day after a manic drink and drug fuelled Halloween night, when the club itself was thrashed completely. I believe this and the additional police involvement necessary is cause for me to question the level of public nuisance control and crime prevention that immediate and surrounding householders could be vulnerable to if extended licencing hours were granted.

During lockdown we the local residents had to also become aware of discarded intimate and sexual litter, discarded alcoholic cans and glass bottles, motor vehicle theft and vandalism caused along with numerous unknown intruders prowling around inside householders private boundaries in the dead of night and even interference of private householders property, including my own.

There is no public transport to and from the club during any extended and I believe unsocial licencing hours now being sought. If control of the Oakmead Club and outside areas were lost during lockdown, then what guarantee can be made when late night drinkers of alcohol are encouraged to head for the Oakmead Club when there there will be no other local licenced establishments for several miles? There is also the fact that even before lockdown, we were subject to noise, criminal nusiance and unpleasant littering from this establishment and its visitors.

The journey to and from the Oakmead Club will have to be made by private transport during the extended licencing hours being sought as there is no public transport during the extended hours being sought. There are quite possibly minicabs but can these be guaranteed to be taken? Point Clear Rd has already seen numerous late night car accidents and actual fatalities alcohol and speeding related.

Additionally, there is not even public lighting turned on by Tendring on the public and private roads during the extended licencing hours being sought, so public safety will be very likely compromised too.

It is my personal opinion that this extended licencing hours application should be turned down due to the potention risks to law and disorder and antisocial behaviours based on the past experiences and loses of local residents. I ask you to please protect us (the local residents) from further potential disruptions by denying this application.

Kindest regards

Annette Potter