

**Sent:** 27 October 2009 11:29

**To:** John Davies

**Subject:** Application for Extension of Licensing Hours by Hunnington Cricket Club

Dear Mr Davies

We would like to register our objection to the application to extend licensing hours by Hunnington Cricket Club.

We live on the Bromsgrove Road further down from the Club and we experience problems especially at the weekend with cars roaring down the road at great speed after leaving the Club. It is quite frightening to lie in bed and hear these vehicles racing past at well in excess of the speed limit (30mph) on a dark road with no street lighting. We live on a bend where there have already been four accidents in the past two years caused by drivers taking the bend at excessive speed. Whilst these accidents have not to my knowledge involved people leaving the Club we feel it is an accident waiting to happen. To extend the hours would undoubtedly mean drivers leaving later and, one might reasonably assume, having consumed more alcohol, hurtling down past our homes at about 2 am which we feel is totally unacceptable in a semi rural environment. We also experience noise nuisance from people walking back home towards Halesowen having left the club. Again, having people leaving in the early hours of the morning having one might assume consumed considerably more alcohol is only going to make this worse.

We feel that the proposals would in effect put the cricket club on a par with a night club and there is no way that such establishments should be located in semi rural residential districts with no street lighting. In city centres when these establishments empty out in the small hours of the morning there are police officers and security personnel on duty and taxi ranks etc nearby. We have nothing similar. Also, to judge by the terrible parking situation caused by this club, many of its clients drive there and back and we feel extending the hours will only increase the likelihood of drink driving and all its potential consequences.

We feel that to grant this application would be sheer madness and we hope that the council will take residents' wholly legitimate concerns into account when coming to their decision.

Many thanks

29/10/2009

29<sup>th</sup> October 2009

Dear Mr Davies,

Ref Romsley and Hunnington Cricket & Bowls Social Club

Further to the recent notification to our Parish Council outlining the application of the above business to vary its licence, may we confirm that we strongly object to the application.

We have lived in the Parish for many years and own two businesses that are directly adjacent to the Club. These are the Caravan storage site at the old railway station and what was the old Toffee factory shop, which is now a rental property containing 5 households. We have over the past few years experienced a number of problems with the Social Club. These have been outlined to the Parish Council and Bromsgrove Council previously, the latest was reported to you in August 2009.

In our view, allowing what was traditionally a small members club to sell alcohol and allow live entertainment until 01.30am, would be extremely detrimental to the local area and will only increase the problems we have previously experienced and is likely to have an adverse affect on our business, in particular the rental property. As landlords, we have been contacted regularly by our tenants over the past 2 years and been asked to resolve complaints, which originated from activity at the Social Club. These complaints included:

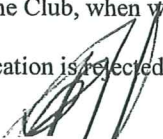
- Excessive noise in the small hours
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Should these issues become a regular occurrence, which allowing alcohol to be sold in a rural area until 01.30, we believe they undoubtedly would, we have grave concerns that we will lose our existing tenants and will then also have difficulty re-letting.

Our caravan storage clients have been affected by dangerous and stubborn parking, particularly on dry summer weekends, when both the cricket and bowling facilities are heavily used. Patrons of the club have regular parked in the private drive and blocked the top of the entrance to the driveway. These problems are only resolved by the Club, when we now complain. The club do little to control potential problems.

We trust the application is rejected

Yours Sincerely,



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- Risks/Drunken influences to parish residents, in particular its children
- Drink driving risks – no local transportation links

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The club and its amenities were designed to serve its members & guests, which it can still do adequately in our opinion, without offering cheap, late night alcohol to all and sundry. Minor issues also exist with Littering (broken bottles/glasses) and general rubbish levels increasing greatly over the last 2 years. These generally have to be cleaned up by local residents. We believe this would only get worse and spoil what is a highly sort after rural area.

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J Davies Esq  
Licensing Assistant  
Planning & Environment Services  
Bromsgrove District Council  
Burcot Lane  
Bromsgrove  
B60 1AA

1/11/09

Dear Mr Davies

We strongly object to Romsley & Hunnington Cricket and Bowls Social Club to vary its licence.

The situation as it is with licence the club already holds is out of hand. With weekly live entertainment and music we are subjected to noise levels and disturbances from drunks into the early hours which is not acceptable. People parking their cars dangerously on the grass verges and pavements, blocking our entrance/exit. More over dangerously stopping the emergency services in accessing various premises including our own, the station, the flats and The Bluebird toffee factory.

We have had abuse from these people when asking them to move.

This is a village cricket club for members and limited guests only. Not a Town Social Club.

You may believe the parking issue is for the police, but it is the clubs responsibility to abide by their licence and you not to allow a variance of it. If this was to be enforced then these events would not be taking place, hence the club would be used for its original purpose.

I do not wish the Club to close but to remain as it was a quiet village cricket club for the villagers, not a social club for the rest of the west midlands.



**Subject:** Romsley and Hunnington Cricket and Bowls Social Club

Dear Mr. Davies,

I have received from Ruth Mullett notification of the application from Romsley and Hunnington Cricket and Bowls Social Club to increase the hours of the sale of alcohol from 10.00p.m. to 1.30a.m. from Monday to Sunday.

Regulated entertainment from 10.00p.m. to 1.00 a.m. Monday to Sunday.

Live music from 10.00 p.m. to 12.30a.m. Monday to Sunday.

To remove conditions retained by the licensing act 1964.

Having read the application with increasing horror, I wish to object on the grounds following:-

On the occasions that they have held functions the music can be heard a great distance away and is most disturbing and most invasive.

The noise from vehicles leaving the site late at night is excessive, some drivers continue to blast music from their cars as they drive away.

Parking of cars attending these functions spills on to the Bromsgrove Road and surrounding private areas, and becomes a danger to residents. The road is already a danger to all residents, no care seems to be taken at all by cars passing through the village as to any speed limit restrictions, and a number of accidents have taken place in the vicinity of the cricket club. If an extension to hours is allowed residents will be further victimised by thoughtless actions of visitors to the cricket club.

The careless parking makes the roadway and exits from houses much blinder and therefore more dangerous, and non use of street lighting makes things even worse..

The area is rural and a quiet retreat which is why residents choose to live here, many move into the area for that reason alone, and to allow the extension of hours for outsiders merrymaking is totally outside the understanding of happy residents, who do not wish this disruption to occur.

We are not decrying anyones need or desire for recreation or entertainment, but would consider 11.00p.m.cut off, a reasonable compromise.

Yours faithfully

25th. October,2009

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**Subject:** Romsley & Hunnington Cricket and Bowls Social Club - licensing application

Dear Sir

This email is sent on behalf of the owners and occupiers of [REDACTED] Bromsgorve Road, who have only just been made aware of the current application to extend and vary the Licence at the above premises.

Please place on record our objections to the extent of the variations sought, on the grounds that the following problems, which we already experience, would be greatly exacerbated:

1. There are already major problems with car parking on the nights when the club is used for social events. Their car park is too small and there is extensive parking on the road outside. This is already a dangerous section of the road, and speeding is common. Parking on the bend - as now occurs - is extremely dangerous to other road users and pedestrians, and is a breach of the Highway Code. There have been a number of accidents on this bend, some of which have involved cars crashing into our garden.
2. As one of the 3 closest residential premises we already suffer from excessive noise and disturbance when users leave the premises at night.
3. There is a strong spotlight at the club which is directed straight at our property and shines through into our rooms.

Subject as set out below, we would not object to minor variations of the Licence permitting:

- a. Sale of alcohol until 11 pm on weekends only.
- b. Entertainment and music until 11.30 pm on weekends only

Conditions should be imposed to restrict and control the problems we already experience as outlined above.

In particular, double yellow parking lines should be drawn on the section of road which incorporates the bend outside the club and the stretches of road on either side. This should be properly policed and enforced.

We trust this indicates our willingness to compromise and not be completely obstructive.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email.

Regards

**Sent:** 28 October 2009 11:43  
**To:** John Daviès  
**Subject:** FW: Licence change to Hunnington Cricket club

Dear Mr Davis,

I am writing to you on behalf of my parents [REDACTED] Bromsgrove Rd Hunnington Halesowen in respect of the proposed licence variation at the Hunnington Cricket Club. They are of the opinion that the proposed opening hours for the sale of alcohol are excessive in a residential area and are likely to further increase the noise disturbance you refer to in your letter and increase the risk to local residents due to the parking of vehicles along the Bromsgrove road forcing pedestrians to walk on the busy road in an unlit area. Obviously as reasonable people they understand the benefits of this facility to the local community who use it and in no way wish to spoil the enjoyment of others but feel living opposite the club as they do, they also have a right to comment on the proposed opening hours.

With this in mind they suggest a compromise to the proposed opening times.

- Sunday to Thursday 10 am until 11 pm
- Friday and Saturday 10 am to 01.30am

This they believe would respect both residents of the area who have to work during the week as well as allowing extended opening hours at the weekend to support the wishes of the members. I trust this letter will be treated in the strictest of confidence and will not be disclosed to whom ever has requested the licence variation. Obviously as local residents they are open to any reprisals from disgruntled applicant or club members. Incidentally I would like to make you aware that as a local resident of Hunnington I am a club member but live further up the Bromsgrove road and therefore have not experienced any inconvenience as yet as a result of the resented popularity of the Hunnington Club but fully understand the concerns of my parents and other residents in closer proximity the club than myself, hence me supporting my parents in writing this mail to you.

I look forward to your reply in respect of the confidentiality issue and hope my that parent's comments help you make a decision that respects both the local residents and the applicant that has made the licence variation request.

Best Regards

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JOHN DAVIES  
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THE COUNCIL HOUSE  
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29<sup>TH</sup> October 2009

Dear Mr Davies

RE PLANNING APPLICATION CRICKET CLUB HUNNINGTON

I object to the Cricket Club wanting to increasing licensing hours. I think that that the hours are long enough and I think it will encourage people to drink more and possibly encourage rowdy behaviour.

I also think that it will lose its identity as a village cricket club and become a Social Club/Public House.

I would appreciate any comments that you have.

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**Sent:** 03 November 2009 07:43

**To:** John Davies

**Subject:** Romsley Cricket Club

Good morning John,

Further to the request of the above club to change and extend opening times and the new application to include live music, i would like to show my objections. The club should only compliment the local cricket club and bowling club therefore the opening times and entertainment should be in relation to its proposed uses. In the village many complaints have already been raised because of live loud music which i believe has been allowed to carry on without the correct license, many parking issues have also been raised because of the severity of the parking positions of the club users & to the new club users who show no respect for our village or our values!

The cricket & bowling club is a key part of the village and should be available to the members, but under no circumstances should it be allowed to become a public house.

I trust you will reach the right decision on this matter.

03/11/2009