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## Huntington Parish Council

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Dear Mr Davies

### Romsley and Huntington Cricket and Bowls Social Club

Further to your Email of 21<sup>st</sup> October 2009, I can confirm that Huntington Parish Council strongly object to the application submitted by the above Cricket Club.

Huntington is a small semi rural parish nestled in the greenbelt with approximately 220 households. The Cricket and Social Club was established in 1900 as a sports club for the benefit of the members who played cricket, bowls, tennis etc. and somewhere to have refreshments after their game. It was never intended to be used as a public house, open to all, with late music into the early hours. It is in close proximity to residential property. There is no access to the club during the evening by public transport as all buses cease around 6.00pm and the nearest town is approximately a 30 minutes walk.

The Cricket Club has been holding unregulated entertainment for example karaoke and live bands, contrary to its current license, as it does not hold an entertainments license. The Cricket Club holds a Clubs Premises Certificate which authorises the supply of alcohol to members and bona fide guests during the hours of Mon to Sat 10.00am to 23.00pm and Sun 12.00 till 22.30pm. We have been informed that members of the public who are not members or bona fide guests are being served alcohol and leaving the premises a lot later than 23.00pm.

Local residents have experienced considerable trouble from rowdy, drunk clients leaving the premises early in the morning, obviously under the influence of alcohol, with some of them driving home. Residents regularly experience problems with clients of the Social Club, parking on the drive of the adjacent properties, despite it being clearly marked as a "private drive". This parking also extends onto the main Bromsgrove Road and footpaths, forcing local residents to walk in the busy road. The nature of the parking is highly dangerous and it is only time before a serious accident occurs. Police have been called to the Cricket Club on many occasions due to high levels of noise and parking problems.

The Parish Council has spoken to the residents and they have no desire for the Cricket Club to change to a public house selling alcohol and having entertainment till the hours of 01.30 in the morning. We already have The Sun Public house and the Swallows Nest public house within the two parishes of Huntington and Romsley. The residents wholeheartedly support our objection and will be writing under separate cover to you.

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Could you please record our objections.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely



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