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Mr (Chris)

I spoke to you this week about the license application for Coppull Conservative club, it is regarding this I am e mailing you today.

First of all, I would like to thank you, for taking time out of your day, to call me and explain the reason for the Conservative club application for a license so clearly, secondly, I will apologise for the length of this e mail. I have a great affinity for Coppull Conservative club, I have spent many happy hours in there, I served on the committee when there were not enough people to form a committee, I have also helped decorate the club when funds were quite low, I have even been in the club on new years eve buttering barm cakes for the snacks on new years eve, so I am not in any way disliking the club, I have a number of friends who regularly go in the club, and I certainly don't want to spoil anyone's enjoyment, however myself and some other neighbours have had on going problems with the club, particularly with disturbance from music loud and late night and parking (please find attached 2 x letters sent to your predecessor Steven Culleton earlier this year). I initially contacted the club, probably 3 years ago, to ask for the music to be turned down it was 11.40 p/m and it was blaring away, instead of getting an apology, and offering to turn down the music, the steward started arguing with me and telling they had a music licence, when I rang he could hear me and had to go outside the club so he could do so loud was the music, the next time it happened I went to see the club chairman who just was not interested, following numerous other occasions I went and spoke to the club secretary (who is also the chairman's wife, and their grandson is the club steward) in fairness she was very nice and said she did not want issues with any of the neighbours, but what she said was, once the artist goes on its out of their control

(which quite bluntly staggers me, they should be in control of everything that happens in that club). Following a number of other late night disturbances, I wrote a letter to the secretary, and she rang me, she said there had never been any other complaints from neighbours, the disturbance did not stop, so I contacted her again, she sent me a nice letter, once again it said that only I had complained, none of the other neighbours had, I told her that my grandsons slept with us most Saturdays, I explained that my youngest grandson is Autistic and it was not fair that he should be unsettled by loud music, she agreed, however she suggested that we put our grandchildren, in the back of our house which we cant do, I think its their job to reduce the noise levels not us to adapt our lifestyle. In May this year at bank holiday weekend , the music was extra loud and we could not get to sleep on the Friday and again on Sunday, so I went and spoke to 3 of the neighbours, all 3 said they had had disturbance from the club for years, Mr Hignett who's letter I have attached says he has had problems for 17 years, and only weeks before he had to get dressed and go round to the club to get the music turned down, just a few days ago, one of the other neighbours advised me that they had been disturbed by the loud music, so it seems the club have not been straight with us on people complaining. Chris, just to put it in context, my mother in law goes in the club on a Monday,

to the bingo evening, its only a very small club, she is 86 years old and hard of hearing at the moment, however she can hear the bingo being called from the floor, in our home we cant hear the bingo being called, so clearly that volume works and is acceptable, so then why on an artist night when we live approx 30 yards away, can we hear the music as if it were in our bedroom, its not like a Conservative club, its more like a town centre pub. The management of the club treat the local residents with contempt, and have a total disregard for peoples home life, they allow parking all along then front of the club, which can mean people on disability scooters having top negotiate their way round the parked vehicles, also young women having to take their pushchairs into the road, its really not fair, also when a concert night ends, its quite common to have people who have been drinking, shouting and laughing on the club car park in the early hours also beeping their horns and shining headlights through our bedroom window.

In closing, on the notice by our home, notifying residents of the clubs licensing application, its states 4 categories which residents can object to

- 1/ prevention of crime
- 2/ prevention of public nuisance
- 3/ public safety
- 4/ protecting children from harm

I have no concerns about the crime one, protecting children from harm I have no concerns about

Public safety I do have concerns about, due to the parking aspect

Public nuisance, this is really relevant, I request the council not to allow the music part of the licence, as the club are not able to control it and it causes regular disturbance to a neighbours, if however the licence is approved, I would ask, I WOULD EXPECT -- that clauses are applied

- 1/ for a noise control device must be installed
- 2/ all music live or recorded MUST end by 11.00 p/m 23.00 hours at the latest
- 3/ people exiting the club must be supervised by the steward or suitably qualified person to stop noise flashing lights and horns sounded
- 4/ if anyone rings the club to ask for a reduction in the noise level, this should be done IMMEDIATLEY without delay

5/ notices to be placed around the car park and in the club to leave quietly do not disturb the neighbours.

GOD Bless

David Whelan

Please would you acknowledge receipt of this email thank you

Hi Dave,

Regarding the situation with the club we can have issues with the noise on Friday and Saturday nights, particularly after 11 pm. It's at its worst when the doors are open and people are gathered on the balcony area overlooking the bowling green, especially once they have a few drinks in them and voices become raised.

Parking can also be an issue when they have events on, with inconsiderate drivers parking across our drive or so close to the driveway that exiting the drive becomes difficult due to the view of traffic coming from the right being severely reduced. I'm afraid we don't have photos of this at the moment.

Regards,

Richard