

Thank you for your consultation regarding the application for a premises licence (with alcohol) at Croston Sports Club, Westhead Road, Croston, Leyland, PR26 9RR.

I wish to submit a representation about the likely effect of the application on the promotion of the following licensing objective: The Prevention of Public Nuisance.

I have been investigating a complaint since February 2019 from the residents at 20 Westhead Road, Croston regarding noise arising from loud amplified music and noise from patrons associated with the premises. I am also aware that the Council has received previous complaints about noise nuisance. I have attached a plan of the area highlighting the complainant's property in relation to the applicant's premises (PC01).

I initially installed the Council's noise recording equipment on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019 to record any disturbances when the premises were a venue for weekend of Croston Fest which several premises in the area are used to host live music artists. Understandably, this is one of the busier weekends that will be held at the premises throughout the year but live music is to be regularly held in the future and the Croston Fest is likely to be an annual event. I have enclosed a transcript of the recordings made by the residents of 20 Westhead Road over that weekend (PC02). In summary there was sufficient recordings of noise from loud amplified music and from patrons to suggest that if it recurred that a statutory nuisance would exist.

I made arrangements to visit and discuss the findings with representatives of the premises along with Nathan Howson- Enforcement Team Leader and Mike Howson- Licensing consultant acting for the premises. We met on 20<sup>th</sup> March and discussed future events along with the range of possible control measures in order to prevent further disturbances from occurring. We highlighted the forthcoming beer festival as an event which could cause further disturbances and that we would be installing the monitoring equipment again for this event.

The recording equipment was installed to cover the weekend of the beer festival (19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> April) and I attach a transcript of the recordings for information (PC03). The recordings detailed that there was still a problem with loud amplified music emanating from the premises and also with regard to patrons and staff causing noise nuisance outside the front of the premises sometimes until 02.08am.

I was satisfied that there was a likelihood of a recurrence of a statutory nuisance so as required by the Environmental Protection Act 1990, I served two abatement notices on the premises on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019. The notices require the premises to abate the nuisance within 21 days of the date of service (i.e 31<sup>st</sup> May). Several members of the committee and the proposed DPS were at the premises at the time of service and I explained the situation in full to them at the time.

I have considered the proposed control measures and do not feel that they are robust enough to further prevent a public nuisance from occurring in the future. I have outlined a range of options to the club, in particular with regard to the amplified music controls and offered them every assistance possible to enable them to comply with the notices served.