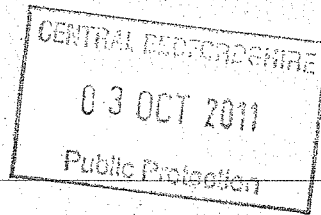


The Cedars
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20th September 2011

Dear Sirs,

I have recently been made aware of the application for a variance to the licence for the United Services Club, with a view to extending their hours of operation.

Application for their hours of operation to be extended to allow opening until 24:00 on a Thursday evening and until 01:00 on a Friday and Saturday evening.

I would wish to contest this application as the change would have an adverse effect on my living conditions.

The Club during the summer have failed to operate with consideration to the resident of the Cedars Flats in that they have had loud music playing late at night as part of their licence including entertainment. The club has air conditioning installed but left their doors and windows open creating noise pollution.

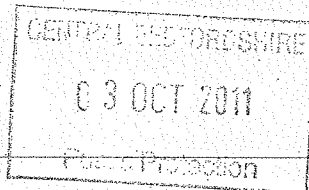
We would like to be considerate and good neighbours to all in our community and feel that it is only right that this consideration should be reciprocated, with the club this has not been the case.

The club car park is less than 6 metres from the windows at the rear of my flat. Allowing these variances to their hours would adversely affect my and neighbours living conditions as the rear bedroom would not be suitable for comfortable sleeping as the noise of their customers leaving the building, with parting conversations after an enjoyable night being regularly at higher level would mean we would have our sleep interrupted. I know that some of my neighbours have small children, who sleep in the rear bedroom and this would result in them having their sleep disturbed. We would also have to suffer the slamming of car doors again disturbing the sleep patterns and adversely affecting their development, schooling and futures.

These variances requested would affect the sleep pattern of anyone having school and work resulting in poor performance potentially and negative responses on reports and job prospects.

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20th September 2011

Dear Sirs

I have recently been made aware of the application for an alteration to the license for the United Services Club to enable them to extend their hours. This would allow opening until midnight on Thursdays and until 1.00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings.

I want to contest this application as the change would have an adverse effect on my living conditions and of course those of neighbours. During the summer the Club has failed in consideration to residents of the Cedars flats and those nearby. Their licence includes entertainment and, as a result, they have felt free to play loud music late at night. They have air conditioning but have left their doors and windows open. This is surely noise pollution. We would like to be considerate and good neighbours to all in our community at the Cedars but feel it is only right that this consideration should be reciprocated. This has not been the case with the Club.

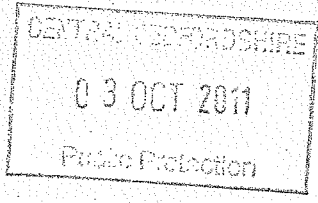
The Club car park is less than 6 metres from my bedroom windows, which I like to open at night. Allowing these variations to the Club's hours would adversely affect me and my neighbours' well-being. Rear bedrooms, such as mine, are particularly vulnerable to noise from the Club and it will be difficult to sleep if the hours are extended. Naturally, when people leave the building after an enjoyable evening they chat and call out to each other, often quite loudly and car doors are slammed. Even at 11.30 at night this can make sleep difficult, at midnight or 1.00 a.m. it will make for poor rest and tiredness the next day, especially for children. This is something I can ill afford myself as I am still getting over an operation, followed by radiotherapy, for cancer.

These alterations to hours requested by the Club would affect all the residents of the Cedars flats and other homes nearby resulting in poor performance potentially for workers and school children alike, and possibly in negative responses on school reports and work assessments. They could also lead to a poorer existence for both the very young and the elderly, as well as any who are sick.

Yours faithfully

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20th September 2001

Dear Sirs,

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Application for their hours of operation to be extended to allow opening until 24:00 on a Thursday evening and until 01:00 on a Friday and Saturday evening.

I would wish to contest this application as the change would have an adverse effect on my living conditions.

The Club during the summer have failed to operate with consideration to the resident of the Cedars Flats in that they have had loud music playing late at night as part of their licence including entertainment. The club has air conditioning installed but left their doors and windows open creating noise pollution and causing some of my neighbours to phone me late at night to complain about the noise and seeking my views.

We would like to be considerate and good neighbours to all in our community and feel that it is only right that this consideration should be reciprocated, with the club this has not been the case.

The club car park is less than 6 metres from the windows at the rear of the flats where the windows are located. Allowing these variances to their hours would adversely affect my and neighbours living conditions as the rear bedroom would not be suitable for comfortable sleeping due to the noise of their customers leaving the building, with parting conversations after an enjoyable night being regularly at higher level this would mean we would have our sleep interrupted. I know that some of my neighbours have small children, who sleep in the rear bedroom and this would result in them having their sleep disturbed. We would also have to suffer the slamming of car doors again disturbing the sleep patterns and adversely affecting their development, schooling and futures.

Thursday's variance request would affect the sleep pattern of anyone having school or work the following day, resulting in poor performance potentially and negative responses on reports and job prospects.

The Friday and Saturday variances would mean it would be even worse as the recovery most people seek at weekends would not be possible and the long term effects of sleep deprivation is well known as the results of its use in what our government consider as torture practices. To inflict this on people in their homes is unacceptable.

The fiscal benefits to be derived for the club and its members is understandable for their request, but this would also have adverse fiscal effects on the owners of the Cedars Flats both individually and as a residents company. The club previously sold the land on which the Cedars Flats is built for residential development, they were happy to take this money and must have realised then that being next to a residential development would have some restrictions on their practices into the future. Had they not taken the developers money then in all probability they would no longer be in existence to be applying for a variance to their licence.

Sent: 11 October 2011 17:48

To: Licensing Enquiries

Subject: Representation re application to extend opening hours of United Services Club

APPENDIX D (4)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing regarding the current application by the United Services Club of High Street South, Dunstable to extend it's opening hours to midnight on Thursdays and 1.00am on Fridays and Saturdays.

I am a neighbouring resident to the Club premises of 20+ years standing, owning a flat in the block to the rear of the Club premises, i.e. The Cedars, LU6 3JB.

I object to any extension of the Club's opening hours on the grounds of the additional nuisance and disturbance it would cause to my 13 year old daughter and myself. One of our two bedrooms faces the Club premises within a few metres of the carpark and we are already frequently disturbed by the Club's patrons outpouring at closing time with loud conversations (sometimes including arguments) and car doors banging, taxis hooting etc.

If this were to occur any later in the night it would impact even further on our ability to have a night's sleep, and adversely affect performance at both work and school.

We also both rise early on the weekends as well to attend Music School on a Saturday and Church on Sunday, so extended weekend opening hours would also be detrimental to us.

Despite having an air conditioning system, the Club frequently leaves its doors open in the summer so the noise from functions, often involving loud music is clearly heard within our property even with our double-glazed windows closed.

Any extension of operating hours for the Club would only add to the existing detriment of our living conditions caused by the United Services Club.

Furthermore, since the ban on smoking indoors our enjoyment of our communal garden is adversely affected by the Club's patrons smoking outside, with the smoke wafting onto our property and the accompanying conversations, not always containing polite language being overheard by children as well as adults. Any extension of the Club's opening hours would only exacerbate the distress caused to us by this factor as it would continue on even further into the night.

One of the consolations of having the United Services Club as our neighbour has always been that whatever has been going on it would be all over by midnight (or earlier during the week) - please do not destroy this by granting the request for extended hours.

Yours faithfully,