

**Cooper, Phil**

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**From:** Rachel McCauley [redacted]  
**Sent:** 05 December 2013 22:19  
**To:** Cooper, Phil  
**Subject:** Concerns about licensing application for Cheltenham cricket club, Princes Street

Dear Phil,

Firstly, thank you for taking the time to read our email detailing our concerns about the above. We will keep this short and sweet as I am sure you have received rather a lot of correspondence about this application from other residents.

We live at no.18 Princes Street, just a few doors down from the only entrance to the cricket club. We bought our property in March 2012 and have since then slogged our hearts out to restore this very early Victorian house back to its formal glory, we are still not finished- the work has been expensive and extensive ( and all done with our own fair hands) and now we are so disheartened to hear that our usually tranquil little street (unless the cricket ground is holding an event) may soon become over run with cars and noise.

We bought this house (as first time buyers) due to the safeness and quietness of the area, to start a family was always on our minds and Princes Street seemed the perfect spot. Now I am 35 weeks pregnant with boy/girl twins and can think of nothing worse than having their sleep disrupted night after night with drinkers passing the house gone 11pm every night of the week and live music blaring out - who in their right minds would want that going on in their street, and so close to our front door, I ask - would you?

We do not have front gardens here, our houses open out right onto the pavement, so disruption from the punters is unavoidable. We also already have a lack of parking in the street, as do the nearby streets such as Leighton Road and Duke Street. Every time the cricket club has an event on, their members/visitors bombard our streets with their cars and I end up having to park streets away. This I do not mind a few times a year ( I.e. During their yearly fireworks display and the cider festival etc) but if this becomes a frequent thing it will be an absolute nightmare for me with two tiny twins to get in and out of the car, two dogs, a double buggy, shopping bags etc... you can imagine the scenario.

If this application is successful it will unbalance the whole equilibrium of our street, it will affect the children and the elderly residents in the street not just because of the noise of the punters, but also the live music and the constant stream of cars driving in and out of the cricket ground entrance. In the summer we will have to keep all of our windows shut to try and minimise the noise. This simply is not fair, the cricket ground was never supposed to be a pub/live music venue- we would not have bought our property in the first place if we thought that was the case.

Please do consider young couples/families like us when you read over the cricket clubs licence application, a couple who have spent their life savings trying to build a safe and quiet environment to raise a family in.

Thank you Phil, please do keep us residents informed.  
Rachel & Daniel McCauley  
[redacted]

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Marilyn Brien

**Sent:** 02 December 2013 16:02

**To:** Cooper, Phil

**Subject:** CHELTENHAM CRICKET CLUB PRINCES STREET.

In respect of the new licence applied for by the above I wish to raise my objection ( as do many other people living in this residential area""").

As we understand.

This is a residential area which hosts a cricket ground.

This is not an area whose primary purpose is to accommodate the cricket ground. Indeed as far as we are aware quite a few members of the club do not appear to live in this area.

It appears the application for this license has not been published obviously, many residents are still not even aware of it, but the few who do are very upset, at not even being made aware of it.

When the cricket club has events, the parking is not only impossible ( we often come home from work and have to park several blocks away from our homes).

There have also been incidents of collisions. Kings Road and Princes street are not equipped for this level of traffic.

After a recent event at the club, we had smashed glasses thrown into a neighbour's garden. |Also we were told that the noise that woke us , was a drunk person leaving the premises making noise that woke us up in the early hours with a neighbour contacting the police, because the person drove off after damaging a parked car. Apparently this was reported to the police.

Again this is a quiet residential area with young and old ( working people) living here. How on earth do the licencing committee think we/children will be able to sleep at reasonable hours, with the hours applied for"".

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Marilyn Brien



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Date: 29<sup>th</sup> November 2013

To whom it may concern,

**[Representation against Public Premises Licence for Cheltenham Cricket Club, GL52 6BE]**

RE: Cheltenham Cricket Club  
Address: Princes Street,  
Cheltenham,  
Gloucestershire,  
GL52 6BE  
Type of licence: Public Premises Licence

I wish to confirm that I have an interest in this application which is greater than the public generally on the following basis:

- *I live in the immediate vicinity of the premises in question, close to the entrance to the Cricket Club on Princes Street and would be particularly affected by the rise in noise nuisance, public disorder and crime the granting of a Public Premises Licence would bring*
- *I have already dealt with the effects of public safety, public nuisance, crime and disorder, incorporating a risk to children from liquor misuse and public licensing linked to this premises, notably having glasses and bottles thrown into my garden and smashed, nuisance and noise disturbance related to the premises and road traffic incidents (a road traffic collision on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October)*
- *I have a real concern for the health, well-being and safety of children, young people and the schools using the facilities and living and passing in the vicinity which a Public Premises Licence and all day/ late night drinking, increased traffic and intoxication would bring*
- *The vicinity around Princes Street, King Street and the top of Leighton Road is a quiet well established residential area with a high proportion of older residents or working families with school aged children and is wholly unsuited to a late night drinking and music/ entertainment venue open to the general public (bringing all the attendant problems and nuisances that brings)*

Replacing the existing Club Premises Certificate, currently enabling the sale of alcohol and the provision of entertainment to genuine club members, with a Public Premises Licence

allowing entry to the general public under the same licensing hours of any late night drinking establishment, late licensed pub or nightclub in the town centre, will bring profound noise, nuisance and disruption, elevated crime and public order offences, health and safety risks and hazards to the local residents, particularly children and those living near to the entrance premises. The granting of a Public Premises licence to these premises will seriously undermine the quality of life of local residents and change the nature of a relatively safe, quiet residential area forever.

As such I request that the Planning Committee consider my objections with the utmost integrity and act accordingly and reject this application out of hand on the grounds that I list below.

My objections to the granting of a Public Premises licence to this premises are based on the harmful impact it would have on the residents, particularly those of Princes Street and Kings Road and would contravene all four "licensing Objectives" established under the 2003 Licencing Act ;

- The Prevention of Public Nuisance
- Public Safety
- The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
- The Protection of Children from Harm

Plus,

- Further grounds which should be considered by the Licencing Committee but don't currently apply to the four objectives.

#### **Grounds for Objections to this licencing application**

The particular impact on me as a resident and on the local residents from the potential grant of this Public Premises Licence would be as follows:

##### **• The Prevention of Public Nuisance**

1. **Noise nuisance, general:** The area is a densely populated well-established residential area with a high proportion of older residents and working families with children and is completely unsuited to a late night public drinking and music/ entertainment venue operating all day and at anti-social hours which a Public Premises Licence rather than a Club Premises Certificate would create.
2. **There is no history of a public licenced premises or nightclub at this location** and as such this is a largely quiet residential area. Local residents are in agreement that this was is of the prime attractions of this area and defines its unique character; its attraction as a quiet and safe location for families, children and older residents. The nature of this pleasant quiet residential area would invariably be changed for the worse by the granting of a Public Premises Licence in a location unused and entirely unsuited to one.
3. **Noise nuisance and disturbance caused by regular live and recorded music:** Princes Street and the surrounding area is a long established and very quiet residential area with a dense residential population and old narrow streets in which noise carries.



Many of the houses front directly onto the pavement, significantly increasing the impact any additional noise nuisance would create. The lives of countless residents would suffer from any increase in the number of incidents of loud live and recorded music and the associated noise disturbance that a late night Public Premises Licence will invariably bring.

4. **Noise nuisance, increase in the volume of patrons:** The granting of a Public Premises Licence will invariably bring a significant increase in the volume of patrons (in significantly greater numbers than the current Club Premises Certificate caters for), both arriving and leaving the premises, particularly drunken and noisy patrons at anti-social hours between 2300 and 0100 hours on evenings and weekends. After "drinking-up" time this could be 01:00AM at weekends and into the early hours! This will be even more significant during the summer months and is wholly unacceptable.
5. **Entrance and exit via Princes Street only:** Patrons leaving late at night and into the early hours will invariably disrupt the sleep patterns of local residents near the premises, particularly those with children, those working and the elderly. Again this will be even more significant during the summer months and again, for local residents this would be wholly unacceptable.
6. **Volumes of patrons and corresponding increase in noise nuisance:** With the decline in alcohol sales and the failure of many late opening City Centre pubs and nightclubs it is logical to assume that by operating a Public Premises Licences this premises will only survive by significantly increasing its volume of patrons and significantly increasing its alcohol sales, particularly late at night. This is the clear business driver behind the survival of any Public Licenced Premises. As such the club would have to target greater volumes of patrons, which will inevitably increase all aspects of noise nuisance and disturbance to the residents living within the vicinity, both in terms of noise nuisance from rowdy and intoxicated patrons leaving the premises at night and in the anticipated increase in vehicle traffic, particularly taxi's late at night.
7. **Noise nuisance, increase in noise disturbance caused by vehicles and taxi's dropping-off and picking-up late at night:** The only vehicle access to the premises is on Princes Street, which is already the common drop-off and pick-up point for events held at these premises. Noise nuisance and disturbance to residents from vehicle traffic into and out of the premises late at night and during busy periods (sports, local and club related events) is already a serious problem and disturbance for residents. An increase in the volume of traffic, numbers and the disturbance caused by an increased number of cars starting-up, vehicles/ taxi's arriving and leaving, particularly late at night and in the early hours of the morning which the granting of a late drinking and live and recorded music licence (a Public Premises Licence), rather than a Club Premises Certificate, would create is unacceptable to Princes Street residents.
8. **Noise nuisance, impact at the entrance to the premises on Princes Street:** The houses along the approach to the only entrance to the premises in Princes Street, face directly onto the pavement and are in very close proximity to the public highway and are particularly susceptible to noise disturbance from pedestrian and taxi/ vehicle traffic. Furthermore the narrow streets at this point have an amplifying effect on noise for these properties, particularly for bedrooms and living rooms at the front of these properties where pedestrian and taxi/ vehicle traffic would pass, congregate and pick-up/ drop-off.



The residents of Princes Street already encounter significant noise nuisance and disturbance when public and larger club events are conducted at the premises, but accept these as they are currently infrequent and largely community based events. However, the increase in noise disturbance, particularly late at night and on a regular (7 nights a week) basis for a late night drinking and live/ recorded music venue which the granting of a Public Premises Licence to this applicant would provide, will disturb the resident's lives every night of the week. This simply is unacceptable and must be rejected.

• **Public Safety**

1. **Increase in the volumes of patrons and traffic hazards:** vehicle traffic & public safety hazards: As it is logical to conclude that the survival of these premises as a commercially licenced Public Premises rather than a Club Premises would be predicated on an increase in the volume of patrons for late night drinking it is also logical to assume that this will equate to an increase in traffic and an increase in traffic related incidents. With limited parking at the premises but free on-street parking in the vicinity there will inevitably be an increase in traffic using the licenced premises both during the day as well as late at night.
2. **Increase in existing public safety issues during public events at the premises:** During public events held at the club there have already been a number of close call's involving pedestrians, children and fast moving vehicles in the vicinity dropping-off or picking-up from the club – and the risk of a serious incident occurring will only increase significantly by the granting of a late night Public Licence.
3. **Increased vehicle traffic to licenced premises & risk to public safety caused by an anticipated surge in incidents of drink driving:** As is well documented (significant precedent available to corroborate this point) it is inevitable that there would be an increase in drink driving offences related to intoxicated patrons driving to and from Public Licenced Premises, particularly where parking is seen as being readily available – both late at night – and worryingly given the proposed licencing hours, also during the day, when children are around – 7 days a week! I have already witnessed one such incident on the corner of Princes Street and Kings Road, a road traffic collision with a clearly drunken driver crashing into a parked car on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October and fleeing the scene of the accident. This was reported to the local police who attended the scene and I should be able to provide further details if required.
4. **The misuse and abuse of alcohol and public safety:** The grant of a licence to this applicant would increase, rather than reduce, the misuse and abuse of alcohol and increase the risk of crime and disorder/ public safety in the vicinity due to the late licencing application and sale of alcohol to the general public in an area which has poor street lighting, the presence of dark poorly lit areas in the immediate vicinity of the premises, dark low lit streets and the residential nature of the neighbourhood.
5. **The misuse and abuse of alcohol and crime and public safety/ the safety of young people:** Given the extensive use of the site by young people there is also a genuine risk that the sale of alcohol to the general public in such close proximity to the playing field areas and around the premises would act as a magnet and encourage



underage drinking, vandalism and foul litter. There is published data which supports these concerns that granting a Public Premises Licence will increase the occurrence of these incidents.

• **The Prevention of Crime and Disorder**

1. **Criminal damage, crime and disorder and public order offences related to public events at the premises:** As described earlier it is the logical and obvious conclusion that the only way this premises will survive as a Public Licenced Premises is by significantly increasing its volume of alcohol sales and by greatly increasing its volume of patrons for late night drinking. This will inevitably lead to an increase in public order offences, drunken disorderly offences, criminal damage and damage to motor vehicles and an increase in public safety risks to the residents living within the vicinity of the premises.

These are already problems faced by local residents during busy public events held by the cricket club involving the sale of alcohol to the public and held at the premises, with smashed glasses and bottles being left in front of residents property, on residents window ledges, glass and litter thrown into residents gardens, vomiting and urinating against property, minor damage to residents motor vehicles (most commonly wing mirrors being damaged) and other litter being left on residents window ledges, in gardens or in the street. I have already personally experienced this during the Cider Festival, held at the premises in early September since moving into my property in early September where my car was scratched and where branded glasses from the Cider Festival were thrown into my garden and smashed. I have had friends with their young children round and have still been finding glass until recently. And I understand that many local residents have experienced similar problems and feel that this is already a problem associated directly with the cricket club and which have consistently been inadequately addressed.

There is published data which supports these concerns that granting a Public Premises Licence will only increase rather than decrease the occurrence of these types of incidents and this would be a serious problem for residents.

2. **Expected increase in vehicle traffic and damage to resident's vehicles:** With an increase in road traffic expected should the club be awarded a Public Premises Licence it is expected there will inevitably be incidents of damage to resident's motor vehicles, both as a result of patrons attempting to park in the already fully stretched local area, particularly at night. This is expected to result in both accidental and deliberate damage to resident's vehicles and increase the risk to public safety. This will be inevitable.
3. **Parking levels and potential for increased friction with residents:** With parking limited at the premises but the premises being located in a quiet residential area with free on-street parking there will inevitably be an increase in patrons attempting to park in the already congested residential area to use the premises and the potential for increased road traffic incidents in the vicinity of the Cricket Club and particularly around Princes Street, Kings Road and Leighton Road. When combined with already overstretch parking in the area and the increased risk of damage to resident's vehicles this will lead to an increase in existing friction and the real



possibility of the occurrence of public order offences between the cricket club, its patrons (particularly when these are increased significantly to include the general public and late night drinking and music/ entertainment) and local residents.

4. **Drink driving:** As already described in my concerns over public safety and is well documented it is inevitable that the granting of a Public Licenced Premises would be followed by an increase in drink driving offences by intoxicated patrons driving to and from the venue, particularly where parking is seen as being readily available - both late at night. This concern applies to both public safety for residents and children and to the residents' concerns over an increase in crime and disorder which the granting of an all-day/ late night drinking licence would provide. There have already been incidents related to drink driving, including one road traffic collision which I witnessed, involving a clearly drunken driver crashing into a parked car on the corner of Princes Street and Kings Road and fleeing the scene of the accident. This was reported to the local police who attended the scene. Again I repeat that this is a residential area and unsuited to hosting a late night drinking venue with the potential for this type of activity.
5. **General public disorder and nuisance associated with late licensing in a residential area:** On the basis of the experiences of other areas in town with (already established) late night drinking and music venues it is inevitable that public nuisance, drunkenness, crime & public disorder; including anti-social behaviour, liquor misuse and abuse, general drunkenness, noise nuisance and shouting, fighting, glass and bottles litter providing the potential for more serious offences should be expected should the licence application be accepted. And it will be the residents of Princes Street who will suffer most. Local crime data would support this assertion. Again this is a residential area unsuited to hosting a late night drinking venue with the potential for this type of activity and this application must be rejected.

• **The Protection of Children from Harm**

1. **Detrimental to the health and well-being of children:** Being located in a densely populated residential area with a high proportion of families with young and school aged children, the granting of a late night **Public** drinking and music Licence to this premises would have a particularly serious impact on the health and well-being of children and younger residents living in the vicinity. The increase in noise disturbance late at night and into the early hours of the morning inevitably associated with a substantial increase in intoxicated patrons, late night vehicles traffic (car engines starting-up, vehicle pick-up's and taxi's) particularly between 2300 and 0100 hours, will disrupt and have a serious and harmful effect on the quality of sleep of children living in adjacent streets, and particularly those living near or adjacent to the entrance to the premises. In the narrow streets around the premises sound carries and can even be amplified. Any sleep disruption caused will directly harm the well-being and health of the children affected. This would be even more significant during the summer months and around exam times. This would be unacceptable.
2. **Risk to children's safety: The unsuitability of a this premises for a Public Premises Licence to sell and consume alcohol with open access to areas where school sports**



**events are conducted and children play unaccompanied:** The areas of the premises for which the applicant proposes be granted a Public Premises Licence is widely used as leisure and recreational area by local residents, including unaccompanied children and families with young children and regularly provides sporting facilities for Birkhampstead Private School, where children between the ages of 3-11 use the field for sporting activities.

The granting of a Public Premises Licence open to all members of the public to premises directly attached to the playing field area where children play unaccompanied and where regular sporting events are conducted by schools raises serious concerns over the proposed licencing application for a Public Premises Licence. Residents have grave concerns over this issue in particular. We feel that the supply of alcohol and intoxicating beverages in such close proximity (attached to and overlooking the playing area) would pose a direct threat to the safety and wellbeing of children and pose a risk of harm to the vulnerable. Should the premises be opened up to the public and no longer cater to club members only, will the licence restrict the sale of alcoholic beverages when unaccompanied children are in the vicinity of the playing field area? How will the areas be designated as restricted areas or supervised areas. How will this be policed? We have grave concerns over childrens safety in light of this spurious application and feel it must be rejected.

3. **Risk to children's safety, increase in traffic around the premises:** The area around the premises, particularly in the vicinity Princes Street, Kings Road and Leighton Road is widely used by children, young people and parents with babies and toddlers, both using the field for recreational purposes, or just walking – and there have already been a number of near incidents involving children and motor vehicles in the area. The increase in traffic that the granting of a Public Premises Licence to this premises would bring, particularly whereby potential patrons would be aware that there is (albeit limited) free on-street parking available in the vicinity, would significantly increase the risk of a child being involved in a serious road traffic incident. Residents already report that when sporting and public events are on, traffic to and from the premises increases significantly in both volume and frequently at excessive speeds around the narrow streets in the vicinity Princes Street, Kings Road and Leighton Road. Increasing the traffic level by opening a Public Licenced Premises to the area and the sale of alcohol day and night will significantly increase this risk to children and young people using the area. This is a residential area and not suited to a public drinking establishment day and night. It would only be a matter of time before a child will be seriously injured or killed.
4. **The misuse and abuse of alcohol and young people:** The grant of a licence to this applicant would increase, rather than reduce, the misuse and abuse of alcohol because of the proximity of the proposed internal and external licenced drinking area and easy access to/ from the site frequented by young people. Given the links between the premises and the site (the playing field) with local schools and young people's sports clubs the establishment of a Public Licenced Premises is particularly ill advised. There is an abundance of published data which supports these concerns.

- **Additional grounds for objection which should be considered by the Licencing Committee**



1. Property prices will suffer – causing rising public objection to the cricket club in general.
2. **Other more suited and ESTABLISHED drinking venues:** There are in town other far more suitable locations for the establishment of a late night drinking and entertainment venue, including existing premises vacant (i.e. the Fiery Angel). A long established quiet residential area is completely unsuited to accommodate the noise, disruption, social and unlawful activities which this type of licenced premises invariably attracts. The committee must consider the tone and culture of the local area in reaching a decision on this licencing application, as the damage which may be caused would be long-term and profound.

**Rejection of the clubs application for a Public Premises Licence and call for a formal review of the terms of the club's existing Club Premises Certificate**

The vast majority of local residents, including those most directly affected along Princes Street, Kings Road and Leighton Road would support the retention of the clubs existing Club Premises Certificate, enabling one-off, annual and occasional organised community events run by the Cricket Club in aid of the community, schools and local clubs, predicated on a review of the terms of its existing certificate relating to clear-up, traffic measures, site access, clean-up in the vicinity of the premises and adjacent streets following events, and greater consultation with local residents, particularly those most closely affected by its activities. But the local residents of Princes Street cannot accept nor support the application for a Public Premises Licence.

I hereby call for a formal review of the terms of the clubs existing Club Premises Certificate.

**The reasoning given behind the application for a Public Premises Licence and an alternative route to a solution**

The reasoning given by the Cricket Club for the application for a Public Premises Licence to the Licencing Department at Cheltenham Borough Council, the Environmental Health Department and the Police by the applicant, rather than retention of the existing Club Premises Certificate, is that a Public (licenced) Premises Licence is required because the restrictions placed on the club by its existing Club Premises Certificate do not permit the Cricket Club to grant the following:

1. to provide access to the club and its bar to non-members during specific community and public events, and,
2. to enable the club to allow members more than one guest each into the bar area of the club

This is clearly not the case. The 2003 Licencing Act does not stipulate the number of guests a member to a private club may invite during a visit, nor does it restrict the club on the number and composition of its membership, guests nor its affiliates. The restriction placed



on members of the club to only one guest per member is wholly dictated by the internal membership rules of the club – and can easily be amended within the club and under compliance with its existing Club Premises Certificate to enable both an increasing in the number of guests a member may invite from and to enable an increase in club membership to be extended to local residents and those with genuine connections to the community and sporting / community clubs and societies, currently required by internal club policy.

It is clear that the Licencing Act 2003 and the Club Premises Certificate do not impose these restrictions on the clubs membership and policy on the admission of guests, but that these restrictions are placed on the clubs members by the clubs own membership rules and conditions.

Both of these can easily be achieved within the clubs existing licencing privileges and by retaining the safeguards and community protection that the clubs existing Club Premises Certificate currently grants. As such, the grant of a Public Premises Licence is neither required, not sensible.

The area is a quiet well-established residential area, wholly unused and unsuited to hosting a late night public drinking and music/ entertainment premises open to the public.

Furthermore the grant of the licence would be against the Sale of Liquor Act's object of reducing liquor abuse. Under section 35 of the Sale of Liquor Act 1989 the 2003 Act and I ask the Authority to consider the impact on the residents and the neighbourhood generally and the object of the Act specifically when considering this application.

For these reasons I object to the grant of a Public Premises licence for this applicant at these premises. It would contravene the object of the 2003 Act and the council's Licencing Objectives and it is highly likely, negatively impact on those living in the immediate vicinity, near the entrance and approach to the premises and particularly the residents of Princes Street and Kings Road and lead to serious and on-going problems for the residents and children in the area.

On the basis of the objections I have raised herein I strenuously advise that this licensing application for a Public Premises licence be rejected in the interest of the local residents and the local community as a whole.

I wish to appear should a formal hearing of this Application be held.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Jonathon Beddoes, Resident



Sarah Mustoe  
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4/12/13

Dear Phil,

As a resident of Princes Street I am writing to register my objections to the licensing of both alcohol and live/recorded music activities at the Chatterhouse Cricket Club.

Having lived in this generally quiet and safe area for over ten years I would like to put forward concerns to all four licensing objectives:

Public Safety:

- All access for traffic and pedestrians is funnelled through this small built up area with difficult and dangerous junctions immediately off Kings Rd and Leighton Rd. The build up of traffic and the small provision for parking results in the vehicles, often in queues, having to resort to reversing and



turning in the street. This congestion present a real danger of traffic and pedestrian accidents, particularly to the old and young residents.

### Prevention of Public Nuisance

The introduction of live/recorded music will create noise issues in what is a quiet residential street.

Residents purchased have precisely because it has been recognised as such. Loud music will affect the mental welfare of residents - the noise will heard over loudspeakers around the Cricket Club.

People leaving and arriving at the venue at different hours, by foot and vehicle, will exacerbate the noise disturbance.

### Prevention of Crime + Disorder

Damage to both property and vehicles owned by residents has already been experienced when the Cricket Club has held licensed entertainment previously. Plants have been damaged and taken from outside homes, wing mirrors and car



windows broken, and eggs thrown at horse fronts etc. - few examples. Arguments and fights in the early hours also occur.

## The Protection of Children from Harms

- Danger from traffic, see above

Also one may consider what effect the total change in this historically quiet and safe backwater might have on families who did not choose to bring up their children near the kind of licensed premises being proposed. I am deeply unhappy over the application and stress that the proposed changes will affect the wellbeing of the resident children.

Yours sincerely



20, Princes Street

Cheltenham

GL52 6BE

1st December 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write in connection with the current application for a Premises Licence in regard to Cheltenham Cricket Club in Princes Street.

20, Princes Street is a terraced house approximately 25 yards from the entrance to the Cricket Club, situated between the Cricket Club and Leighton Road.

I own 20, Princes Street jointly with my brother, Robert Hickling, and my sister, Jane Bramley. My 91 year old mother has lived at this address since November 1963.

We are only too aware of the current and ongoing problems in regard to vehicle movements and parking in the immediate area of the Cricket Club, of which the entrance in Princes Street is the only access.

The situation is difficult on normal days and weekends, the majority of the houses in this street only being as wide as a normal vehicle, these properties in the main fronting directly onto the pavement with no off street parking available.

The situation is made worse when a function is held at the Cricket Club, whether that be a sporting or social event at night or during the day. Any event that attracts visitors and/or vehicles to this immediate area automatically has an adverse effect on the residents.

The current application for a Premises Licence to allow general opening hours, the sale and supply of alcohol, live and recorded music to be licensed until either 2300hrs or midnight every day of the week will have a dramatic and very adverse effect on the area of Princes Street, Kings Road and Leighton Road where both young families with small children and elderly persons reside.

The adverse effects should this inappropriate application be granted will be :

1. Greater public nuisance.

As stated any event at the Cricket Club as it currently operates presents a heightened degree of nuisance, in particular regard to noise levels caused by larger numbers of pedestrians passing directly adjacent to ground floor living room windows both towards and away from the premises. There is also greater nuisance caused by visitors arriving in cars, entering/leaving the very restrictive car park of the cricket club with all the manoeuvring that entails, parking or attempting to park in an already vehicle-saturated area.

Any enhanced usage of the club will multiply the above nuisances, with the addition of alcohol and music availability late into the night this will add further noise over protracted periods to the above list.

2. Crime and Anti Social Behaviour

Experience identifies direct links between crime, anti-social behaviour and the availability of alcohol with social gatherings in confined spaces. My partner has been in the Police service for 38 years and

confirms that general anti social behaviour will undoubtedly increase should this application be granted, along with reporting of crimes such as damage (to parked vehicles, residents houses and property), litter etc.

Such criminality then creates "ASB Hot Spots" which become subject of Police Tasking and Co-ordination processes, joint partnership consultations and working etc. This diverts resources from other areas of Policing, at a time when Police resources are stretched to the limit anyway.

Far better to prevent this situation, rather than enable it and then try to manage it.

### 3. Public Safety.

The area at the top of Princes Street adjacent to the Cricket Club, and including the junctions of Kings Road and Leighton Road, already generates safety issues in regard to the interaction of road users and pedestrians. The give way lines at the junction with Kings Road are ignored on many occasions daily, the existing parked cars create serious problems regarding driver lines of sight on closed junctions, and pedestrians and cyclists are regularly subjected to "near miss" situations owing to the amount of vehicular movements in this very restricted area.

Several of the residents within the immediate area affected by activities at the Cricket Club have young children, with more expected.

As previously stated, these domestic dwellings have no front gardens so concerns regarding child safety already exist.

These concerns and dangers will inevitably be greatly increased should this inappropriate application be passed.

Overall we regard the application under consideration from the Cricket Club to be wholly inappropriate to the maintenance of law, good order and the safety of local residents.

The application relates to permission to supply services that already exist within a very short walk or vehicle journey of the applicant premises and is totally out of keeping with the surrounding area.

The undersigned therefore wish the above objections to be noted, and will hold the Council/Licensing Authority to be responsible for any of the adverse consequences relating to the above should the application be granted.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon BATEMAN

pp Robert HICKLING  
Jane BRAMLEY

Signed letter sent recorded delivery to : Licensing Section - Public Protection  
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Attached is a copy of a licensing application which has been submitted to Cheltenham Borough Council.

The application includes, in the evenings – weekdays until 11pm Friday- Saturday 12 midday until midnight. Sale of alcohol 7 days a week, Performances of live music seven days a week. Performances of recorded music seven days a week.

This would increase the lack of parking in Princes Street, which already has parking problems, and nearby streets as many attending events in the cricket ground use vacant places in the streets rather than the car park, which is often full. Local residents are already suffering inconvenience.

Vehicles leaving the events frequently do so at inappropriate speeds for a residential area where small children and elderly people live. There have been incidents of near collisions at the junction of Kings Road and Princes Street where busy parents drive at speed at dropping off and picking up times. Extended alcohol licences are not likely to alleviate this, only make things worse.

Live or recorded music is loud and can be heard over large residential areas. Seven days a week is excessive and will cause a public nuisance. What about parents getting babies and young children to sleep.

It appears the application for this license has not been publicised obviously in the area giving the residents the chance to raise legitimate concerns.

This is a quiet and safe residential area when the cricket ground is not holding events.

**IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THIS LICENCE APPLICATION PLEASE CONTACT THE LICENCING CASE OFFICER [phil.cooper@cheltenham.gov.uk](mailto:phil.cooper@cheltenham.gov.uk) letting him know your objections before December 5<sup>th</sup> 2013.**

Thank you

M R Brien

22a Princes Street

**Sent:** 02 December 2013 10:57

**To:** Internet - Licensing

**Subject:** Premises Licence - Cheltenham Cricket Club

Dear Sirs,

In respect of the new premises licence applied for by the above.

I wish to raise an objection for the following reasons:

The application includes, in the evenings, sale of alcohol 7 days a week, performance of live music 7 days a week, performance of recorded music 7 days a week.

This is a residential area which hosts a cricket ground. This is not an area whose primary purpose is to accommodate the cricket ground but its primary use is residential. Therefore the possibility of live and recorded music, which is loud, 7 days a week would cause a public nuisance to the residents who live here.

Granting of this application would increase the lack of parking, which is at critical levels, as many attending events in the cricket ground use vacant places in the streets even when there are spaces in the car park. Also when the car park is full this obviously has an adverse effect on parking availability.

Again granting of this application would exacerbate this causing a public nuisance to residents who live here.

Vehicles leaving the events frequently do so at inappropriate speeds for a residential area where children live. There have been incidents of near collisions at the junction of Kings Road and Princes Street. Extended alcohol licenses are not likely to alleviate this and would dilute the protection of children from harm.

It appears application for this license has not been publicised obviously in the area giving residents the chance to raise legitimate concerns.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Many Thanks,

Rod Brien.