

LICENSING ACT 2003
REPRESENTATION FORM

Other Persons

Name/Company Name/Name of Body you represent	Philip Weaver
Postal & email address	[REDACTED]
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Name & Address of premises for which the representation is being made

Ludlow Rugby Football Club
Linney, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 1EE
Ref Number: 22/04161/LPREM

Your representation must relate to one of the following four Licensing Objectives. Please detail the evidence supporting your representation or the reason for your representation. Please use separate sheets if necessary.

THE PREVENTION OF HARM TO CHILDREN

The grounds (and club house) of the Rugby Club are immediately adjacent to a well-used public playground. It is inappropriate to be serving alcohol all day long, especially in an open-air site with little or nothing to separate the venue from the playground. With a larger well-resourced event, such as the spring festival it may be possible to effectively segregate the outdoor venue/grounds and drunken individuals from the playground, but not with all events, especially private ones.

TO PREVENT PUBLIC NUISANCE

The Rugby Club is situated in a very open site in a very quiet residential area, with no effective noise barriers between the venue and numerous residential homes. With evening events held inside the clubhouse under the existing or previous license the levels of disturbance can be enough to prevent sleep etc, but the current shorter licensing hours make this manageable.

The extended hours would mean that the noise disturbance/nuisance would be extended into the early hours of the morning, while the extension of the license to cover the external grounds mean that the disturbance levels will be *far greater and affect a much larger number of residents*. It is inappropriate to cause obvious excess levels of noise disturbance in such a quiet residential area, especially at night.

In addition, there have been numerous incidents of drunken behaviour in the street following events at the Rugby Club, even with the current shorter licensed hours and a much smaller indoor venue. The Linney is very poorly lit, which provides the cover of darkness for antisocial behaviour, while the street is very narrow in

places meaning that noise travels easily. It is also quite a lengthy walk into town, so a substantial number of residents are affected. With greater numbers of people and longer hours these disturbances will inevitably increase enormously.

Access to Linney and the Rugby club by car is very narrow. The Rugby club is quite some distance from public transport links as the streets are far too narrow for anything other than an occasional a bus or coach, so car access is the norm for events. This license extension would greatly increase the volume of cars trying to navigate the Linney, with inevitable congestion and potential for damage to parked cars.

To prevent crime and disorder

As mentioned above there have been sporadic incidents of anti-social behaviour following events at the Rugby Club, and these have included damage to vehicles, street furniture and gardens, as well as occasional fights or scuffles, and extensive littering.

These are currently relatively small in number and manageable, but a greatly extended license with longer hours and much larger numbers of people, as enabled by this application, would inevitably cause the number of incidents to grow significantly.

PUBLIC SAFETY


The extremely narrow pavement and narrow road mean it can be hazardous and intimidating for pedestrians. Greater car usage due to events at the club would only make this far worse. The road has poorly defined footpath edges and cars negotiating parked vehicles frequently need to mount the pavement to avoid collision.

Suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy your representation or other suggestions you would like the Licensing Sub Committee to take into account. Please use separate sheets where necessary - refer to checklist.

We would have no objection to the license application if it was restricted to a small set number of days per year for a specific pre-notified outdoor event, such as the three days of the Spring Festival. Residents, including ourselves, would be able to plan around such an event and take measures to reduce or avoid disturbance and nuisance.

If you do make a representation you will be expected to attend the Licensing Sub Committee and any subsequent appeal process. All representations in their entirety, including your name and address, will be disclosed to the applicant for the premises licence and any other interested parties. If all parties agree, the application can be dealt with without holding a hearing.

Signed:



Date:

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Business and Consumer Protection Service
Shropshire Council
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