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Mr Austen Young
Senior Licensing Officer
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**LICENSING ACT 2003. Fullerians RFC, Coningesby Drive Watford WD17 3PB.
Notice of application REF 19/10705/CPCV**

Dear Mr Young.

I wish to object to the proposed licence variations set out in the above document, on the following grounds:

Crime and disorder

As a long-term resident of Coningesby Drive I have experienced a number of instances of criminal and disorderly behaviour as a result of alcohol-fuelled events at Fullerians RFC. We have had instances of people climbing on to cars parked at the roadside and walking over the roof, leaving dents in the metal. On another occasion my car was damaged when it was hit by another vehicle en route to a Fullerians event. The car did not stop. When police investigated, they found the damaged vehicle at Fullerians RFC, but no sign of the occupants. Coningesby Drive residents have also suffered damage to fences and walls at the hands of revellers leaving Fullerian events.

Prevention of public nuisance

It is well documented that the combination of alcohol and darkness increase the likelihood of public nuisance. Late night revellers with weak bladders already urinate in my front garden. Extending licensing hours will only make this worse. The proposed variations will also increase late night traffic flows along Coningesby Drive and throughout the estate - particularly Langley Way. The Cassiobury estate is a peaceful residential area. We have no objection to Fullerians RFC operating as a sports venue with its current alcohol licence so it can provide drinks for its players and supporters. The proposed variations and the late night playing of loud music will effectively turn it into night club. Maybe this should be investigated as a change of use.

It astonishes me that Fullerians wants to extend its licences to 3am on New Year's day. The New Year begins at midnight. To allow three hours drinking-up time after toasting the New Year at midnight is too much!

I urge you to reject the variations.

Yours sincerely

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