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Subject: Fullerians RFC application to vary licence Ref 19/01705/CPCV

FAO Austen Young, Senior Licensing Officer, Watford Borough Council

Re: Licensing Act 2003.
Fullerians RFC, Coningesby Drive, Watford WD17 3PB
Application Ref: 19/10705/CPCV

Dears Sirs,

Whist writing we wish to record that:

- only one near neighbour received notification of this application;
- i.e. no-one in Coningesby Drive or in Langley Way was notified;
- the application was not mentioned in the Council's Licence Tracker email circular of 13th December;
- cllr Peter Jeffree was unaware until notified by us on the 19th;
- none of our ward councillors were advised of this application;
- the Park Liberal Democrats Newsletter emailed on 21 December 2019 at 18:15 was the first mention and notice for the vast majority of residents on the estate;

and would ask that concerns of this failure to notify either residents or ward Councillors be noted, and steps be taken to remedy to prevent any recurrence.

In reflecting the wishes of the majority of the local residents, we must echo, emphasize and reiterate their views and representations, and therefore must strongly object to the granting of this variation of the existing licence in its own terms and also having given full weight to the conditions put forward by the Environmental Health team should the variation be granted:-

It must be remembered that the sole access to the Clubhouse is only via Coningesby Drive, the sole access to which is via residential roads and side-roads; and in turn sole access from the main road, i.e. Hempstead Road, is only via two roads: Stratford Way (and thence via Cassiobury Drive in the main but with both Parkside Drive and Woodland Drive being used from time to time) or Langley Way.

The increased volume of traffic and speeding, and increased volume of late night traffic, and activities of late-night departures, both in themselves and arising therefrom, would be against the aims of preventing or minimising crime and disorder, and maintaining public safety, and against the aim of prevention of public nuisance; and during school-time evenings and night-time minimising disturbance to school children resident and asleep in these residential roads.

Also, there are many reports of anti-social behaviour in the access roads mentioned and in several nearby front gardens, including vomiting, urinating in public, damage to private property and to vehicles, the sounding of late-night car horns, and intoxicated individuals causing a late night disturbance in the grounds and in the vicinity, when leaving the premises and grounds.

Furthermore, Cassiobury Drive is a longish stretch of level straight road and sees late-night and night-time speeding and vehicle racing, both of which create:

- public hazards and a threat to public safety;
- speeding crimes;
- public nuisance;
- and disturb sleeping residents including many schoolchildren.

Moreover, there are concerns that when complaints are made to the Environmental Health team there is little if no alleviation or remedy to prevent a recurrence the very next week or event, whether of noise, or disturbance in general, or activities arising from events. And in this regard, several residents have specifically mentioned the lack of on-site monitoring of licence terms and conditions, and of event noise in general.

There seems to be a general feeling that the Fullerians clubhouse should be generally subservient and ancillary to the sports activities of the club itself, the delicate and appropriate balance of which, given its residential setting, would be upset by the granting of such a variation to the existing conditions on the several grounds cited in the foregoing.

We should like to see the current licence terms and conditions and the Environmental Health regulations enforced.

Should this application come before a public hearing, we would be available to attend and speak to residents' concerns.

Accordingly, we have no objection to the Fullerians operating as a sports venue with its current alcohol licence terms and conditions so it can provide alcohol for players and supporters, but do object to these licence variations at the present time and request the application be refused.

Yours faithfully,

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Chairman, Cassiobury Residents' Association