

29th October, 2021

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Dear Ms Winn

PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION – THE CLUB, WHITECROSS STREET, MONMOUTH

Thank you for your detailed but standard letter dated 19th October 2021.

We are writing to confirm that we would like our letter dated 17th October 2021, together with this letter, to be registered as a formal objection to the proposed Licence Application submitted by The Club and to be included within the report to the Licensing Sub Committee. Your letter mentions house prices. Our letter made no reference to this issue.

In addition to the points made in our first letter, we would like to add the following:

1. The fact that The Club already has an alcohol and live and recorded music licence is irrelevant. The Club is seeking to change its business model. It would no longer be a members-only club where non-members have to be 'signed in' by an existing member. A members-only club involves an element of control and accountability – members should be responsible for the behaviour of their guests.
2. The application by The Club to "streamline" their current licencing hours in reality means that they are applying to extend those hours. The extended hours are totally unacceptable for premises in such a quiet, residential area. Why, for example, is it necessary to have a live music and an alcohol licence beginning at eight o'clock in the morning? Similarly, it is unacceptable to have live music playing and alcohol being consumed up to 12.30 am, possibly every day of the week. We reiterate that The Club is next door to a block of flats where elderly people live. Some of these residents are already suffering from distress because of the noise currently emanating from The Club.
3. You mention in your letter that the application relates to activities being "for inside the premises and not outside". Does this mean that The Club will be closing their outside garden? In Covid 19 times? The actual live music and entertainment (televised sporting events) may be inside The Club, but will people not still be drinking outside until closing time, ie until 12.30 am?

4. It is not particularly surprising that the Police have no record of any incidents at the premises to date. That is more than likely because it has been a members-only club which, as noted above, introduces an element of member accountability.

Finally, the health and well-being of people living in this area of Monmouth are of paramount importance and should not be ignored. The *Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act* has been introduced so that people living in Wales can live in better, more harmonious communities where the decisions made by one group do not disregard the views and lives of others.

Yours sincerely