

Lowerhouse Lane
Burnley
BB12

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Principal Licensing Officer
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RE: LOWERHOUSE MILLS CLUB – Premises License Application

Dear Mr Clucas,

I am writing to raise a formal objection to the premises license application submitted by Christopher and Kirk Gorton in respect to the premises named above.

I am objecting on the grounds of prevention of a public nuisance of the Condition of License licensing objectives.

My objection is the noise nuisance that I am currently suffering from the club. My house was once part of the club premises and was split off in the 1960's. We share a party wall and when the work was carried out to split the property, I do not think there was enough if any soundproofing put in.

Mr Gorton has been working with myself and Environmental Health to try to solve our noise issue, for which I am grateful for their co-operation and efforts. However, at the present moment the issue has not been resolved. Measures to soundproof the party wall by Mr Gorton has not been effective and Environmental Health have not been able to undertake a sound survey due to the current situation with Covid-19.

There is a noise limiter still to be tried and possibly further steps taken to soundproof the wall if Mr Gorton agrees to carry out the work, but for my part, I think the only resolution that would solve my noise nuisance issue is for the premises licence to restrict the bar area currently holding a club licence to only play background music. No amplified recorded or live music to be played in this area.

The other issue that concerns me is the location of the smoking shelter next to my front door, outside our adjoining wall and the high levels of noise this generates. Whilst I applaud Mr Gorton's efforts to better manage the smokers frequenting his establishment and Environmental Health have made several useful recommendations, I feel it would be better if the smoking shelter was not adjacent to my property but moved to another location. Either to the other end of their frontage, round the side of their building or a shelter installed on the car park. As in its current location, I feel that there will be a huge impact in the enjoyment of my front garden come the better weather.

I do appreciate the efforts Mr Gorton has already undertaken to resolve the issues we are having and hope that his co-operation continues, he has undertaken a very difficult challenge to make a business out of a failing club and I hope that we can come to a conclusion satisfactory to all parties.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

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