

To Whom It May Concern.

We make the following comments to the two letters':

1. Undated.
2. Dated 30<sup>th</sup> November

The first letter was posted through letter boxes in Lower Court/Seymour Road/Downhayes Road/ Palmer Road. This letter was followed up by a visit after dark to the Lower Court residents, we are unable to say if or when he made house visits to others.

The second letter is a follow up based on the very little response to his first one, we cannot say when this was delivered but one presumes it was 30<sup>th</sup> November onwards.

*The two contain supposed facts regarding the current licence application by the cricket club, the method and way these so called facts are shown is designed to mislead the recipient and is clearly untruthful. It is not our intention to do other than point out just how misleading these letters are, the preparation and presentation of which is designed to have the club application dismissed by devious and probably illegal methods.*

*We are also concerned that Mr Aldham appears to have information about this application that that we do not have and have never been made aware until a few days ago. PARA FOUR letter 30<sup>th</sup> November as an example.*

So the sake of brevity we will not comment on every paragraph.

Letter undated.

Para's

1. He clearly has a down on the club.
2. Comments imply 8 to 10 live music events PER MONTH up to 2.00am in the morning this is downright unethical and written to mislead it's also untruthful.
3. He is unable to say this.
4. A and b we consider total nonsense.
5. He has now had a considerable number of attempts at getting witnesses and to date has very few, certainly not in the very nearest houses in Lower Court, nor will he.
8. These hours were applied for as we were advised to do just this by your department. It was never envisaged that we would abuse them in the manner suggested and detailed.
9. We were not aware of this until a few days ago, and certainly well after Mr Aldham, how did HE GET to know??

No further comments on undated letter.

Letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Persons reading this document will be aware of the background to this letter, therefore we will not comment on every paragraph.

Para's

4. We are aware and have made constant efforts to mitigate the impact Guy Sharp will I am sure confirm this to be true.
- 5a The club withdrew its appeal because Mr Colin Poplett, who was the main witness had suffered a major heart attack some years before, this continued pressure from the councils solicitors was beginning to effect his health. The Club withdrew for this reason alone.
- 5b. Total nonsense.
13. Not applicable.
14. Never been a problem, why should it be now?
- 15a He is unable to say this.
- 15B A problem during the period 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday due to probation service Parking, perhaps he could arrange double yellow lines for all of the Lower Court resident on this run in to the club??
16. The police will confirm that the cricket is one of the best establishments in Trowbridge at controlling the public/visitors. We do not have a problem.

We have no further comments, other than to re-state we believe Mr Aldham has been misleading and untruthful in his presentation of so call FACTS, his presentation as such is deplorable and made with the intent of 'leading' witnesses to say something they probably never would if in full possession of the TRUE facts.

Dear Neighbour,

1. I am writing to bring to your attention that Trowbridge Cricket Club is applying to change their licensing hours and who they can serve alcohol to. You can see the blue notices on lamp posts on Lower Court which give a brief description of the application. The full application can be viewed at the Council offices in Bradley Road. I have nothing personal against the Cricket Club and I do understand the sporting asset and cultural value they add to our town. **But**, I believe these proposed license changes will have a detrimental impact on our lives.

The Proposed License Changes are:

### Longer Hours

Basically, the Club want to open longer hours and be able to play live and recorded music until the following times:

2. Friday until 1.30 am

Saturday until 2.00 am.

### Public License.

3. I understand that currently the club operate on a member's only license. So, the general public cannot go unless they are signed in by member. The application is to allow **anyone** to go and buy alcohol. These people won't have a vested interest in the wellbeing of the club. Also, this change will mean that many more people will be going and leaving the club since it will not be restricted to members only.

4a. Having spoken to some neighbours, there is agreement that these two changes are quite significant. Under the proposals **ANYONE** will be able to drink at the club until **LATE**. This will have severe repercussions on those who live in the vicinity of the Cricket Club.

- 4b
- More people will be leaving much later having had time to drink more
  - Not all of these people will be members
  - There will inevitably be more anti social behaviour – and potentially criminal damage to gardens and cars.
  - Taxis arriving up to 0230 honking their horns
  - Car doors slamming in the small hours in the car park
  - General noise from those leaving in the car park and on Lower Court in the small hours
  - Inappropriate short cuts taken to Palmer Road and Seymour Road through peoples gardens.

I believe it is likely that the changes will create a public nuisance and have crime and disorder issues for us, our families and property.

5. I have spoken to several neighbours. At the moment, neighbours do hear people leaving. This is around 11.30pm and is not intimidating. Under the proposals, this disruption is likely to be **more extreme, last longer, be more frequent (i.e. every Friday and Saturday night) and take place much later** – probably up to **2.30 am** at the weekends.

6. I have spoken with Council officers about how to make comments. And as you can imagine it is not straight forward! You can only object to the four licensing objectives.

7. I think these proposals could cause a public nuisance and crime and disorder issues for you and me. If you agree, then I would urge you to write to the council outlining your views. I am willing to prepare something for you to send to the council.

The closing date for any representation is the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

Yours faithfully,

Tel: (please call after 6pm)

8. PS: If the Cricket Club representatives say to you that they won't cause a problem and they are only asking for these operating hours just in case they need them. Be careful! Because if they didn't want to operate these hours they didn't need to apply for them! I think the only reason they are applying to open LATE and serve ANYONE is because that is exactly what they intend to do – every weekend.

9. You should also know that the Cricket Club have been served a Noise Abatement Order on them this summer by the Council because they are already causing a public nuisance from live music events. Whilst this may not affect you directly, it does affect some neighbours. As a responsible entity you may have thought the Cricket Club would have taken positive action to deal with their negative impact. But, the fact is, they do not seem to have done so. Amazingly, they seem to have done **nothing** and have breached the noise abatement order on **THREE** occasions!

You will have to ask yourself what the Club's attitude will be to any negative impact they cause to you, your family or your property from their proposal to open LATE and serve ANYONE.