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Sent: 19 June 2022 17:41
To: Licensing Team <LicensingTeam@blackburn.gov.uk>

APPENDIX 3
REP 1

Subject: Objection to Application to vary the premises licence at THE BARLOW, Edgworth,

Good afternoon,

I wish to object to the application to vary a premises licence at The Barlow, 216 Bolton Road, Edgworth, BL7 0AP on the grounds:

1. Edgworth is a village with a rapidly increasing traffic problem due to the extension of social and sports functions centered around the Barlow estate and this has been exasperated since the White Horse closed its car park to everyday parking by installing cameras with a penalty for non-payment. The main road has become a one-way road at certain parts of the day and evenings and at a recent event these problems spilled over into the Moorfield estate. I understand that at future events Moorfield Ave will be barricaded off and only house owners will be allowed to park there so this will throw more congestion onto the main road which is grossly unfair to the houses facing onto Bolton Road. Has this been agreed with the local Council?

Traffic has increased drastically since the MUGA was opened and most evenings and at weekend the car park is full and cars and vans are driving around looking for somewhere to park. Most evenings cars and vans are left overnight in the car park and this has a knock-on effect the following day and is often filled by mid-morning. Allowing an extension to the opening hours with an extension to the sale of alcohol will almost certainly increase the number of cars left overnight.

2. The Barlow Estate is situated in a residential area with houses facing the front of it, and on the right-hand side as you enter there is a retirement complex of 20 houses and 8 of these houses have bedrooms overlooking the recently renovated glass lean-to as well as overlooking the newly erected veranda. At present, the glass house and veranda are used during the daytime for dining but in the evening, when the tea room is closed it becomes a smoking area. This means that, if the extension is granted, the local residents on Bolton Rd and Barlow Court may have to put up with noise until after 1 am on some evenings as well as car doors being banged, engines revving and headlights shining into our bedrooms as well as the sound of music from the Barlow.

I trust that, if you are persuaded to grant the extensions requested, that some very strict rules are laid down such as all windows and doors to be kept closed after 10 pm, no use of the glass house and veranda after 10 pm, a person of authority to be present to see that any restrictions are obeyed and also someone at the doors to see that patrons leave the building in a civilised manner and are requested to depart quietly and that no music or events are permitted outside after 10 pm.

The residents have had problems in the past with noise from the cricket club but since Covid, there have not been any real problems, which is, I believe, down to the restrictions placed on them when they got their extension so I trust that, if the Barlow is granted the new extension to their opening times, very strict restrictions will be attached to the permission on music being played outside, no use of the glass lean-to and veranda after 10 pm, doors and windows to be closed at 10 pm and someone of authority to oversee the event and ensure any restrictions placed on the licence are strictly obeyed.

Best wishes

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From: AILSA BANCROFT [REDACTED] >
Sent: 21 June 2022 11:23
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Subject: Concerns regarding the application of the Barlow Institute to extend licencing hours

Good Morning

The application relates to extending the opening hours of the licenced premises at the Barlow Institute Edgworth at weekends until the early hours of the morning, to 1 am.

Bolton Road in Edgworth is already very busy, with parked cars on both sides of the road, many on pavements, impeding pedestrian access. Extending the licencing hours will bring more traffic to the vicinity. Emergency service vehicles would struggle to get past these parked cars , as the road is narrowed considerably.

The houses in the proximity to the Barlow Institute , including Barlow Court, mainly accommodate elderly people, many who have extensive health issues. To have people emerging from the Barlow Institute at 1 am and later, intoxicated, noisy , seems to be very inconsiderate. We believe that none of the Trustees of the Barlow live near to the building. They will not be affected directly by the extended opening hours. The plans include a range of events, all of which will disturb the peace in what used to be a quiet village - live music till 1 am is not welcome in Edgworth by those nearest to the Barlow Institute.

We do not suggest that people should not experience live music or the other types of events that are proposed in this application , but there are other places , such as town centres, where disturbance will not be caused to too many in the vicinity.

Please consider the impact of the effects of this application on those who live nearest to the Barlow Institute: they will not wish to have their sleep disturbed beyond 1 am at weekends, they will not welcome the extra parking chaos and the prospect of a blocked Bolton Road, increased traffic and noise. The current licencing hours of the Barlow Institute and those of the nearby cricket club, already have harmful effects on others, as we experience anti- social behaviour, increased littering, traffic congestion, unwelcome noise etc.

Regards

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