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Re: Notice of application for variation of a
Club premises certificate (dated 30/9/19)
- increase hours of Regulated Entertainment
and sale of alcohol

Dear Sir / Madam,

should the application be approved
can it be made subject to sensible noise levels
being maintained by the Club.

In previous years, particularly at "turning
out" time, these have left a lot to be desired.
At worst residents have endured shouting
and violent behaviour.

I trust should this reoccur any given
licences can be withdrawn immediately.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted address]

The Licensing Section
Huntingdonshire District Council
Pathfinder House
St Mary's St
Huntingdon PE29 3TN

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15th October 2019

Dear Sir or Madam:

Ref: Montagu Club licensing application - Hartford Road, Huntingdon

I am writing in response to the application from the Montagu Club for an extension to their alcohol licence and opening hours until midnight during the week and until 1am at weekends.

I have lived  the Montagu Club for over 30 years, and we have all experienced their noise and anti-social behaviour on a regular basis. I am therefore strongly opposed to this application which is completely unreasonable on several grounds.

I understand the purpose and scope of HDC's licensing policy is to prevent public nuisance and the prevention of crime and disorder, and any extension of hours will certainly cause an increase in all these.

The Montagu Club has not been a good neighbour to us in this residential street. We have had to call the police many times over the years due to the anti-social behaviour of their patrons leaving the club, including physical fights, loud swearing, shouting and damage to residents' cars.

Quite frankly I think the club is fortunate we have not complained about this long term behaviour already.

If there are any notices inside the club asking to consider people living close by, they clearly do not work. We regularly have to put up with the considerable noise of people leaving the club after drinking for hours, shouting and swearing, idling taxi and car engines well after 11pm, sometimes closer to midnight.

Many people in this road, including young children, sleep in their front bedrooms, just a few metres away from the club, and are disturbed by this noise regularly already. We have to go to work and school after being woken up already. To think that this disturbance will go on until well after midnight and after 1pm is completely intolerable.

We would urge the licensing section to turn this application down on grounds of complete unsuitability in a residential street.

We would also ask the club to be much more considerate of their long suffering neighbours who already put up with so much.

Yours sincerely

Mardon, Sarah (Licensing)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 October 2019 19:05
To: Licensing (HDC)
Subject: Montagu Club licensing extension application

[REDACTED]
Huntingdon
PE293RE
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to object in the strongest terms possible to the licensing extension application by the Montagu Club.

I have lived at my property [REDACTED] the Montagu Club for over 30 years and have had to suffer and endure the noise and nuisance this club's patrons have caused the residents of Harford Road.

I believe this club already falls foul of the 2003 Licensing Act by causing a public nuisance by their patrons noise and anti-social behaviour and by causing an increase in crime and public disorder.

An increase in licensing hours can only make this worse.

Extending the licensing hours of the Montagu Club provides their patrons with the opportunity to drink more, and thereby creating the opportunity to cause an even greater antisocial nuisance later into the night and into the early hours in this residential area.

On numerous occasions I, along with my neighbours, have had call the police to break up the fights and brawls between groups of people of both sexes coming out of the Montagu Club.

Many times groups of people coming out of the Montagu Club and across the street engaged in heated arguments. I have felt completely intimidated and fearful of either reprisals to my home or being attacked myself if I were to ask them to stop their antisocial behaviour and move on home or elsewhere.

Neighbours have had their cars vandalised, as well as other cars keyed, due I believe to be people who have had too much to drink.

It seems that there is scant regard for the feelings of the local residents. It is obvious that there is little or no care taken regarding the club's patrons when leaving the club, with regards to the nuisance they cause local residents. I have often witnessed patrons hang around the club's front doorway, shouting noisily long after the club's closing time. Late night extension will make this even worse.

Any increase in the licensing hours will make life even more unacceptable for all us residents by the noise and disturbance created even later into the night. This is completely intolerable in a residential area where we are disturbed by riotous behaviour.

I believe that the club is under new management, but I see that the same noisy behaviour of its patrons, which is still tolerated by the club's management.

There has been no attempt engage with the local residents to explain effects the club's patrons behaviour on the local residents, or to discuss any future plans or activities that the club might have with the local residents.

I am sure that along with my fellow neighbours might feel that we have suffered enough. Please do not add to our suffering. I urge the licensing section to turn this application down. It is completely unsuitable in a residential street.



[Redacted]
Wurkington
PE29 3QD

DM43 868

Dear Sir,

Re time changes at the
Montagu Club (14, Hartford Rd.,
Wurkington.)

A short extension of the
music licence seems to be
no problem.

However, the extension of
opening hours from 11pm to 1am
is more worrying. We live
adjacent to the club, two
elderly residents and our
daughter who is severely

Handicapped by Multiple Sclerosis.
Despite this she does a full
time job at home for U.C.L. and
certainly needs to sleep.

The proposals will
undoubtedly cause noise and
disruption. This is after all
a residential area. Please NO
to the second suggestion.

Yours sincerely



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Huntingdon
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21/10/2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Montagu Club's application for an extension of hours (entertainment and licensing) to midnight and 1:00 am respectively and for every day of the week.

We object to this application in the strongest possible terms and invite the licensing authority to dismiss it outright, as to grant it *would not* promote the licensing objectives as stipulated in current legislation (the 2003 Licensing Act, Part 2, Section 4, para 2). The licensing authority (HDC) are required to promote the four licensing objectives, which are: -

- the prevention of crime and disorder,
- public safety,
- the prevention of public nuisance,
- and the protection of children from harm.

The prevention of public nuisance

Granting this application would *not* promote the licensing objective of the prevention of public nuisance because this can only mean more people, more cars, more late-night slamming of car doors, and more shouting or worse, probably. It will also herald the return of very loud music (amplified live bands and electronic disco-type music) – for why else are these extensions being sought? – and an increase in the number of smokers outside the club entrance, pints in hand, talking loudly or shouting to/at each other all night long (as happens already)! An extension to 1:00 am or even midnight is actually an extension to 1:30 am *or later in real terms* as people take their long goodbyes and/or argue out on the forecourt. It is not hyperbole to argue that these proposed changes are potential mental health issues for those people that live within the immediate vicinity of the club, *especially as these changes are being sought in perpetuity!*

The prevention of crime and disorder

Granting this application would *not* promote the licensing objective of the prevention of crime and disorder because the club has never taken responsibility for the behaviour of its clientele when they exit the building *even when still on its own property – the forecourt*. Furthermore, there is a very real worry that any disorder at the club may not be properly policed since the number of night clubs and other licensed premises are expanding along the High Street – the proper place for them – and the over-stretched police force may not be able to cope with the *cumulative impact* of yet another such venue in Hartford Road. An area beset, in the last couple of years, as the HDC Resilience Team is fully aware, with a significant and worrying drug problem as it is.

Public safety

Granting this application would *not* promote the licensing objective of public safety as the increase in vehicles and traffic associated with the club may well increase the likelihood of accidents. It will certainly compound an already chronic problem in Hartford Road *in re* parking and thereby anger and frustrate local residents who regularly have to pay fines because there is nowhere to park without incurring them!

Conclusion

For long term residents what is being proposed in this application is an echo of a dreadful past that we thought/hoped was well and truly behind us. A time when live bands and other acts, discos and weekend extensions turned the immediate environs into a living hell with police and ambulances called out fairly regularly because of fights and disturbances and even when they weren't called the disgorging of people into Hartford Road late at night was an intimidating and a noisy nuisance. And, to repeat, this proposal would mean people hanging around and being noisy well beyond the extension time and at a premises that has hitherto never stewarded its events properly or employed on-door security.

And there is another aspect to all this that deserves serious consideration as well – the buying and selling of houses along Hartford Road. In the old days of *caveat emptor* the onus was on the *purchaser* to find out what the area was like before making a decision. Now, under the

provisions of the 2008 Consumer Protection Act, it is an offence for a *vendor* not to disclose information – such as the club’s existence, its operating conditions and its reputation – that would materially affect the would-be buyer’s decision. At a stroke, if these extensions were granted, thousands of pounds could be wiped off the values of properties along Hartford Road.

Consequently, in the light of the above we *strongly object* to the application and to *any* change in the *status quo*, since this ‘over-egged application’ may in fact be a tactic to get – from the club’s perspective – at least some regular extension to their hours every week.

Yours sincerely

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Addenda

If the Montagu Club's application (or any part thereof) gets Licensing Committee approval then, at the very least, any such approval ought to be *provisional* (for six to nine months (max) in the first instance) in order that the effects of any extensions to the club's opening and licensing hours in a residential area be assessed and reviewed.

In order to make a meaningful and factually-based assessment of the impact of any changes the District Council should therefore undertake to: -

- **monitor the sound levels emanating from the club on a regular basis**
- **install CCTV to record behaviour in and around the club's main entrance on Hartford Road**
- **give due and proper consideration to the number and types of complaint received from local residents during such a provisional period (*None of which negates or nullifies the rights of residents under existing law to call for a licensing review before the end of the provisional period should the club's behaviour warrant one*).**

If local residents objections are over-ruled and the licences are amended, the club should be obliged as a condition of any such extensions to initiate some changes to minimise the effects on its neighbours. Apart from the proper stewarding at 'events' (up to and including the full extent of the property) and self-regulating the legal noise levels inside the club, we suggest: -

- **the club give serious consideration to the idea of re-orientating itself around so that the main entrance henceforth be on the Sainsbury's car park side with its clientele encouraged to use Trinity and Sainsbury car parks entrance**
- **the entrance on Hartford Road to be solely a set of fire escape doors and the smoking clientele to be obliged to use the space outside the club doors on the Sainsbury's side of the property. There is a courtyard to the left (looking towards the Marks and Spencer's building) and the club's large garden area to the right so it is not immediately overlooked and the club could easily sound-proof such a smokers area at a modest outlay (whilst making it less exposed to the elements). These recommendations might go some way to ameliorating the impact of these changes, if they are approved.**

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Huntingdonshire District Council
Licensing Section
Pathfinder House
St Mary's Street
Huntingdon
Cambs
PE29 3TN

Subject: Montagu Club, Notice of Application for Variation of a Club Premises Certification

Dear Sirs,

I am writing in connection with the above notice, which I have seen in the town.

I live at number [redacted] Hartford Road which is only two houses away from the Montagu Club.

My wife and I object most strongly to this proposed change in the licensing certificate for the Montagu Club. Their track record in controlling the people who leave their club late at night has been very poor, so extending the opening time will make the situation worse.

The club leavers show no understanding that they are in a residential area when they come out late. They make considerable noise talking loudly, shouting, arguing and banging their car doors. The police have frequently been called when arguments have become violent. The leavers rev their engines when they leave and make no effort to be quiet, even well after midnight.

In addition the Montagu club staff seem unaware of the excessive sound level from their disco or band, they make no effort to reduce the sound level when the back door of the club is left open, as it usually is, and I am sure that if we apply for the sound levels to be measured they will be found to be illegal. On the nights when they are very noisy we have to close all our windows and wait for the event to end.

So the level of public nuisance and safety from the club is already unacceptable. Any extension of their opening and licensing hours will make the situation intolerable.

Yours sincerely,

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[REDACTED]
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PE29 3RE
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21st October, 2019

Huntingdon District Council
Licensing Section
Pathfinder House
St Mary's Street, Huntingdon
PE29 3TN

Dear Sirs,

We write in connection with the application made on 30th September 2019 by the Montagu Working Men's Club in Hartford Road for extensions in licensing hours both for the sale of alcohol and for entertainment.

We are both resident at the above address of [REDACTED] and so live [REDACTED] of the Club.

We wish to object to both extensions.

As residents since 1989, we have thirty years' experience of the club's operation. We have experienced occasional nuisance from amplified music, and regular nuisance whenever the Club has a busy night (which has varied from one night a week to several nights a week), especially in the later evening:

- noise from patrons speaking and calling loudly when leaving the club entrance on Hartford Road,
- noise and smoke from smokers congregating at the entrance,
- noise and pollution from cars negotiating the parking spaces outside the Club and the roadside opposite on the south-east side of Hartford Road.

Up to now, this nuisance is normally quietening down by 10:30 or 11:00 at night, and we have accepted it. However, the extensions now applied for will radically exacerbate the seriousness of the situation, and we suggest that residents should not be made to suffer from these changes.

We should like to point out that the specific nuisance caused by smokers outside the Hartford Road entrance could be avoided entirely if a smoking area at the rear of the club were provided and patrons were obliged to use it.

We look forward to hearing the results of your deliberations.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Mardon, Sarah (Licensing)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 October 2019 17:29
To: Licensing (HDC)
Subject: objection to licence extension for Montague Working Men's Club

Categories: SARAH, NADINE

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Road, Huntingdon,
Cambs, PE29 3RE

27TH October 2019

To whom it may concern,

We object in the strongest manor to the proposed licencing extension applled for by the aforementioned club. We live directly opposite the club & already have to endure disturbance caused by the club on a regular basis, we are sick & tired of patrons & staff smoking, drinking & loudly talking outside the club front entrance, we are sick & tired of the slamming car doors & shouting, we are sick & tired of being stared at whenever we open our front door.

The mere suggestion that you would consider extending the hours of this disturbance is appalling, this is a residential street, you really should have more respect for your council tax paying residents & spare them from an extension to the disturbance already caused by the Montague Club!

Yours Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]
Huntingdon,
Cambs, PE29 3RE

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Licensing Section,
Huntingdonshire District Council,
Pathfinder House,
St Mary's Street,
Huntingdon,
Cambs, PE29 3TN

With reference to licence extension for Montague Working Men's Club

To whom it may concern,

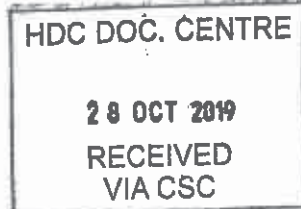
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Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

WV145110
To The Licensing Officer
H.D.E.



Huntingdon
PE29 3QE
21st October 2019

Dear Sirs.

Re. The Montagu Club and their application to extend opening hours and entertainments licence.

We understand that the Montagu Club have applied to extend their opening hours to 1.00. am and to be able to hold entertainments - music and dancing along with the extended hours.

1. We have no objection to the hours being extended for occasional functions on Fridays or Saturdays or New Years Eve. We see no reason for extended hours to apply each evening of the week; if that is what they are asking for.

2. However as a condition of granting any such extensions the club should not permit anyone to smoke or drink or gather outside the front of the premises after say 10.30. Users of the club should smoke in the purpose built shelter at

the rear of the premises.

3. A condition should also be imposed that after say 11:00^{pm} users of the club should leave by the rear access which opens out on the road and can park at the rear.

In this way the licensing committee will be preventing public nuisance in Hartford Road - a residential area, maintaining public safety and preventing crime and disorder which has, and has in the past, occurred in Hartford Road outside the front of the Montagu Club premises.

Yours faithfully

