

This letter is in reference to:

Application Number: **277266**

Premises Address: **58 Cambridge Street,
Godmanchester, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire,
PE29 2AY**

Manual Reference Number: **HDC/PRE00686**

Licence Application Type: **Variation**

To the Huntingdonshire Licensing
Department,

Please find enclosed 9 signed
representations and comments
opposing the Godmanchester
Comrades Club and Institute Ltd
Notice of Application for Variation of a
Premises Licence.

These will also be emailed to you.

Sincerely,
Godmanchester Residents

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SUPPORT OBJECT

Representation Comments:

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People that enjoy the Comrades Club outdoor venue do not live close by. They can leave the loud music when they wish. I cannot!

I received a letter from the Comrades Club stating that their outdoor venue is beneficial to the community, which is untrue - I am part of the local community, and being subjected to loud music during the summer weekends makes me feel like I need to stay indoors all day. Even when I stay inside, I can still hear the music despite closing all the doors and windows.

The club stated in their letter that "we have worked closely with the council to ensure that the license variation will not negatively impact our neighbours". However, it is my understanding that the club did not actually have the correct license to use the car park as an outdoor venue.

Furthermore, they have not 'worked with the neighbours'. I'm a neighbour and I've never conversed with anyone from the Comrades Club and they never asked me what I thought of the outdoor venue.

Also, the letter I received from the Comrades Club mentioned that their outdoor venue helps charity. I would like to note that they have only ever held charity events during the daytime, mainly occurring indoors anyway.

The loud music at the weekend was not in connection with any charity, I think it is quite manipulative to give the impression that it's helping charities such as McMillan cancer support.

I WOULD, THEREFORE, STRONGLY OBJECT TO THIS APPLICATION.

This is a photocopy!

* After my neighbour made a representation recently they received this letter. Even though I am a neighbour, I didn't receive this letter and would have been unaware that the Comrades Club didn't have an outdoor license - If I had known this I would have said something long before now.



COMRADES CLUB 100 YEARS 1920-2020

Secretary: - Sofia Mayhew, 58 Cambridge Street, Godmanchester, Huntingdon, Cambs PE29 2AY

Telephone 01480 453991 E-mail:- comrades.club@googlemail.com Web: - www.comradesclubgodmanchester.co.uk

Dear residents,

On 5th March 2024 The Comrades Club applied to Huntingdonshire District Council to vary our premises license to include our outside area (attached).

The Comrades Club has been at the heart of the Godmanchester community for over 100 years. We pride ourselves on being an inclusive venue for all ages from our 0-5 toddler group, to our senior citizens exercise class.

This is true, but now they are taking advantage of COVID by trying to set up outside permanently. It's now safe to meet indoors - so event should be moved back inside.

Like most venues; after COVID we were forced to serve outside only, in doing this we created a covered seating area in our carpark which quickly became very popular.

We would like to be able to continue to hold live music events and sell alcohol from our outdoor bar.

We have worked closely with the Council to ensure that this license variation will not negatively impact our neighbours.;

The outdoor area is solely for use in the summer months;

- Live music will be limited to 2 performers
- Performers will be placed under the awnings to reduce noise
- Awnings will have full sides to contain noise
- Live Music will be restricted from 2pm – 6pm
- Pre-recorded music will be "background" in nature and will not be of a high volume, this will be limited from 3pm – 9pm
- The sale of alcohol will be in keeping with our current license and will not affect our neighbours.

*It's very loud
Not background - they have amplifiers/speakers so all neighbours can hear.*

The current licence only allows for sale of alcohol inside, not outside.

This will ~~with~~ without doubt increase unsociable behaviour

Not only has the outdoor area been beneficial to The Comrades Club, we have held numerous events for charities and the community, for example;

- Macmillan afternoon tea
- Charity Golf Day
- Family fun day including petting zoo and BBQ

— Charity events only occur during the daytime - mainly indoors. A licence for music & alcohol is irrelevant to these events.

We are always looking for ways to improve The Comrades Club. We have moved into digitising the membership system, we have started to sell tickets online and utilise our facebook page. We have also updated our security on the front door, and we are proud to be a pubwatch establishment.

If we are unable to license our outdoor area, it would be detrimental to the club moving forward and would jeopardise our future in this community.

This is not true - they can still hold the same events indoors as they have always done.

We would like to invite you to discuss any concerns regarding this variation with us, we would be happy to talk through our plans, and work with you to make our club thrive.

As a neighbour of The Comrades club, you can support this application via the public register, or by emailing: licensing@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

Yours Faithfully



Alan Suter

Thursday 14th March 2024

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Representation Comments:

The unlicensed use of the car park for outdoor music has already proved to be a public nuisance. The surrounding area is residential and the noise is simply intolerable for residents, preventing the quiet enjoyment of homes and gardens to which we have a legal entitlement. The drinking already spills over into the street and there has been associated noisy behaviour, with shouting that we should not have to tolerate. The police have attended, once to my knowledge and we should not have to put up with this.

Signature:

[REDACTED]	
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OBJECT

Representation Comments:

I would like to strongly object to the proposed application on the grounds of 1) The prevention of Public Nuisance and 2) The prevention of Crime and Disorder

* Please see back for details

Signature:

[REDACTED]

Representation:

1) The prevention of Public Nuisance

Playing loud amplified music every weekend until 9 pm during the summer is detrimental to the enjoyment of my property and quality of life in general.

The application states that music will be played 'in our awnings' (to reduce noise).

This awning is simply four poles with a thin roof. It has absolutely no noise reduction properties and it is misleading to suggest that it does.

COVID necessitated the use of an outdoor venue, which is why I did not complain initially. However, now that the situation has normalised, I believe that an outdoor venue is detrimental to all the local residents and even residents further afield (the music can actually be heard from the White Heart which is over 300 metres away).

This is unacceptable.

2) The prevention of Crime and Disorder

on several occasions the Police have had to be called in connection with drunk and disorderly behaviour in connection with the Comrades Club.

This specifically happened during the summer months after an outdoor event was held.

By extending the hours in which music is played and alcohol is served, it is my strong belief that crime will increase.

These are photos of the Comrades Club's 'awnings'.

They have no sound attenuation properties whatsoever.



Once live music finishes, pre-recorded music is played through loud speakers inside this tent and can be heard 300 metres away.



Pictured here is where the singers perform. Again, this is purely a sun roof. It does not reduce noise as the Comrades Club claim in their application. Also pictured are two of the loud speakers.



This is a Covid beer garden, and as now the situation has normalised I think it's completely unnecessary to build this again during the summer months.

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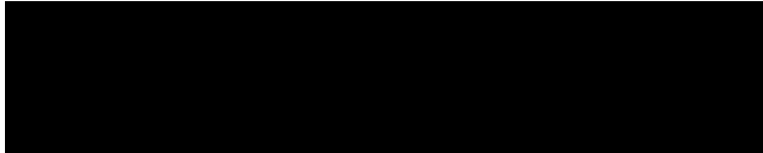
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Regarding the proposed licence for The Comrades Club

Outdoor music in the club car park



Residents at the above address.

We wish to bring to the Licencing Panel's notice that if a licence for music outside in the car park of the Comrades Club is approved, our lives will be blighted for 7 hours Friday, Saturday and Sunday during the summer months of June, July and August.

For residents wishing to enjoy the summer months sitting in their garden without loud music i.e.noise pollution, it is not acceptable.

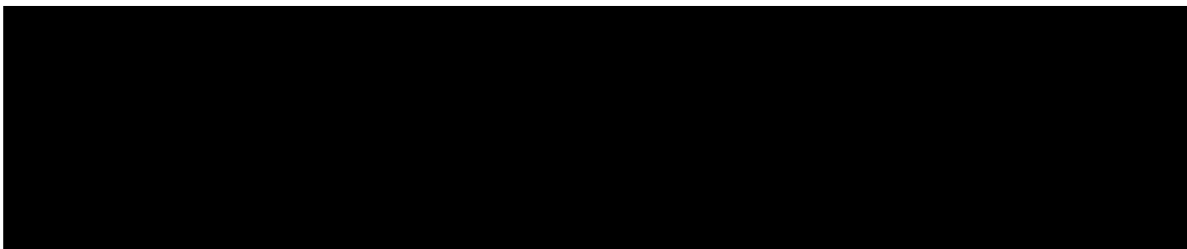
Last year we just went inside to try to get away from the noise but even then we couldn't completely.

We consider this proposal as it stands to be unreasonable and discriminatory against residents who for whatever reason just can't move to another area for those 7 hours to be free from noise.

We ask the Licencing Panel to please take into consideration local residents and their quality of life.

Regarding the outdoor drinking licence, last year we found loud argumentative behaviour, which was frightening. This seemed to happen every time there was outdoor drinking.

We would therefore disagree with the proposed outdoor licence for both music and drink.



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The proposal to alter the premises licence to allow outdoor live music and the consumption of alcohol within earshot of peoples homes is in my view unacceptable. I believe it will reduce the value of nearby property and be a bad influence on young children who live close or frequently pass by. There is ample space inside the premises and also a stage for live music.

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Representation Comments:

I've started dreading the summer months as the noise from the comrades club means I cannot enjoy my garden. I've been forced to stay inside my house when the ~~music~~ music is played outside (which so far has lasted into the early evening)

Signature:

Please turn over:

[REDACTED]

It should be a right to be able to relax in your own house and garden without hearing loud music and shouting. Especially as it's been so hot the last few years that staying indoors ~~has~~ has been extremely unpleasant.

(There ~~was~~ was a lot of rowdiness outside last summer and I know that the police were called several times)

The outdoor venue is already a public nuisance and will be unbearable if music is extended until 9 pm.

All events, including live music, used to be held indoors and no one complained because everyone was happy ~~with~~ with this arrangement.

I felt a great sense of relief when I saw the tents ~~being~~ being taken down.

I really hope permission isn't granted and that the Comrades club events continue indoors where ~~the~~ the noise is contained.

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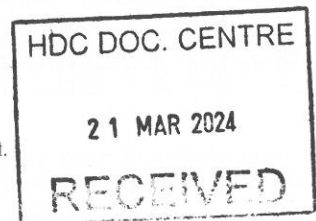
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I am staying with my ^{elderly} mother in law to support her for a number of months - and the noise is very disruptive -

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high risk of noise nuisance to surrounding residential area,
raises risk of alcohol related nuisance on main road and causing distress to adjacent residents.

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The music is very loud and actually I'm unable to enjoy sitting in my garden - even with the windows closed I can still hear it!

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