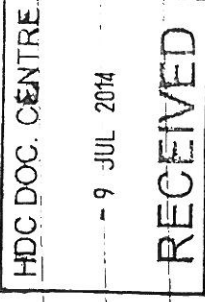


This is a residential area if they want a "night club" I suggest they close the bar service family club and buy a property outside the village Residential.

As stated we strongly object to loud music and long hours

FRIDAY & SATURDAY SUNDAY,
We have lived in our bungalow next door to Sawtry club for over 20 years with present hours! but we veng much fear the proposed new set-up.

12 Gidding Road
SAWTRY
CAMBS
PE285TS
8.7.2014



Sir/Madam.

Regarding New opening hours for SAWTRY bar service and working mens club.

We strongly object to hours proposed for

FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY
we have no problem with hours proposed for MONDAY-THURSDAY.

A working mens club was always for family use who are the committee trying to turn this into a

"NIGHT CLUB"

Music three times a week how can they justify this

Mardon, Sarah (Licensing)

From: Diane Davis - Sawtry Parish Council <clerk@sawtry-pc.gov.uk>
Sent: 11 July 2014 12:23
To: Licensing
Subject: Sawtry Club - Application to extend licencing hours

Categories: Yellow Sarah

Sawtry Parish Council would like to register their objection to the application made by Sawtry Club to extend their hours for the following reasons:

- Complaints have been received in the past from residents in Abbey Close (the dwellings are bungalows and the residents are predominantly elderly) which adjoins the car park and rear of the Club about the noise from people using the outside smoking area
- A copy of a petition, delivered to yourselves, signed by 14 residents of Abbey Close detailing incidents has been received by the Parish Council
- Groups of younger people use the smoking area as a meeting place and there is a lot of noise and nuisance as a result of this
- Residents in Westfield Road complain that around midnight every Saturday night groups of young people go past their homes, causing a nuisance with their language and loud voices, property – garden pots, street notices etc is moved/damaged
- Extending the hours would just increase the public nuisance and potential for crime and disorder

Regards

Diane Davis
Clerk to Sawtry Parish Council

Tel: 01487 831771

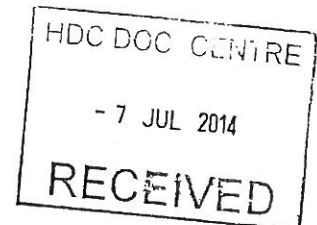
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DAM 24097

Bryan Nelson
19, Hatfield Road,
Sawtry PE28 5UF

4th July 2014

Huntingdonshire District Council,
Licensing Section,
Pathfinder House,
St. Marys St.
Huntingdon PE29 3TN



Dear Sirs,

Sawtry Ex-servicemens Club,
Gidding Road, Sawtry
Application for increased licensing hours to
provide alcohol, live music and "anything similar"

I refer to the above mentioned licence application that the Club has submitted to you.

I am a long term, close by neighbour of the Club and I wish to advise you of my concerns and alarm at the licensing times asked for. I object to the granting of the proposed extension to the licencing hours of Sawtry Ex-servicemens Club.

I do not know the current hours that they are licenced to provide alcohol, music and other similar activities. I assume that the applied for extended hours are, probably, blanket coverage and not every single minute will be used for the various activities, every day of the week, every week of the year – at least I hope not!

The Club and car park are surrounded by residential properties, some of which are adjacent or very close by (mine included). The Club is located in an area that is not suitable to hold these types of activities during these proposed licensing hours.

Currently, the sound levels from the Club building, when recorded and live music are played is, often, high enough to be heard in my house. At times the sound levels are higher and I am assuming that this is when the Club's door(s) and/or window(s) are open. The extended licence hours that the Club has applied for could mean that that I will be hearing the music for longer, more frequently and anytime from 11am until the late evening and on occasions until 1a.m. in the morning.

By the entrance to the Club there is a notice on the wall advising customers that this is a residential area and asks them to keep noise to a minimum when leaving. Occasionally, some customers ignore the Club's request as they are leaving, perhaps very late in the evening, there is shouting and/or screaming. Also, occasionally, I have heard car engine(s) revving, excessively and tyres screeching as customers drive off. The applied for extended licensing hours will mean that this occasional nuisance could become more frequent, happen over a longer period and at times up to and after 1a.m.

The extended hours could also mean that customers will be driving into the car park from around 11a.m. until very late into the evening, perhaps, after

midnight to visit the Club. Some of the customers, particularly the late evening /after midnight arrivals, might, already, have been drinking and be boisterous on their way, walking from their cars homes, or elsewhere into the Club.

As well as being held inside the Club, events are held outside. For example, in September 2012 and again, in September 2013 a music day, each advertised as a charity event, was held. After the September 2013 event, I wrote a letter to Sawtry Parish Council dated 17th September 2013 expressing my concerns and a copy is attached. The Parish Council considered the matter and decided that it would be best for me to deal directly with the Club. However, instead of me sending it myself, the Parish Council said they would forward the letter to the Club, if I agreed. I agreed and so they sent the letter to the Club. The Club did not send me a reply to the letter.

I do not know if the Club are planning to have another outside live and recorded music event this year in this residential area and if so, whether my concerns and suggestions will be taken into account.

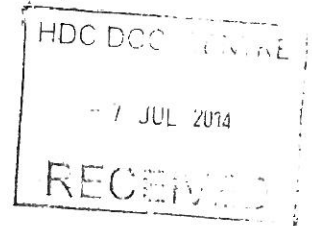
The extended hours applied for, if granted by you will mean that outside events may be longer in duration and this would be of serious concern if the sound levels are high and particularly, as high as those of the music days in September 2012/3.

COPY

Bryan Nelson
19, Hatfield Road,
Sawtry PE28 5UF

17th September 2013

Sawtry Parish Council,
Green End Road,
Sawtry



Dear Sirs,

Live Music day at Sawtry Club on Sunday,
8th September 2013

I refer to my telephone conversation on 9th September 2013 with either the Parish Clerk or her assistant concerning the above mentioned event . As requested, I set out my comments and feelings on this matter .

The event went on for far too long, certainly well over 6 hours and probably around 6.5 hours and perhaps more .

Furthermore, the sound level, particularly for the live bands was far too high, even deafening, in view of the surrounding neighbourhood being a residential area and it was only a small event being held in a small area .

The lorry trailer stage was parked close to a number of residential properties, including mine (c.30/ 40 yards away from my property and the trailer stage was partially facing towards my house) .

I did not know about it until I saw the parked lorry trailer on Friday, 7th September and I wondered whether they were going to have another do, similar to that held last year - they were .

It was mentioned to me during the telephone conversation that it was advertised on the back page of the current edition of Sawtry Eye . I have now looked at the advert and note that the date of the event is shown as 25th August and not 7th September and the time is shown as 12 – 6pm .

Although, the start time is shown as 12 noon, the actual start time of the sound system being used was earlier . Unfortunately, I cannot recall the exact start time but I think it was at least as early as 11.30am . At this time, the testing started, perhaps earlier and shortly afterwards recordings began being played , loudly.

From then on until 5.50pm, the sound system was used for recordings, live bands and announcements with only a few short breaks .

I fully appreciate that it was only one day in the year but the club already holds regular music events e.g. disco's, live bands and karaoke and in addition occasional charity events and other functions .

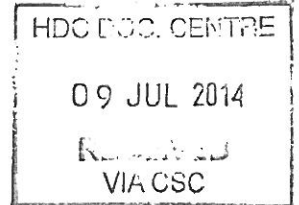
Yes, it was advertised as a charity event but it still does not justify causing such an anti social problem . If the club wishes to hold such an event with similar sound levels and duration in the future, they should look for a less populated site to hold it, e.g. perhaps they could ask the Sports and Social Club if they could use the Greenfields site, although the residents living on the Old Great North Road might not be too pleased .

Certainly, if this event is held at the same site next year and thereafter there should be changes e.g. a reduction in the duration of the event and I

copy

suggest that it is no more than 4 hours, including testing . Also, the sound level must be reduced by a considerable amount

Am24129



Mr J Lavin & Mrs D Dodson
7 Belgrave square
Sawtry. Huntingdon
Cambs PE28 5UP

8th July 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

Reference Sawtry Ex service and
Workingmens Social Club

We would like to express our objection to the proposed opening hours at the above mentioned Club.

The Club is situated in a heavily residential area.

The neighbouring residents are a mixture of elderly & young families. Not of an age group to want loud music & people leaving the premises late into the night & early morning.

12 ABBEY CLOSE
SAWTRY
HUNTINGDON
PE28 5UG
4-7-14

SUBJECT:
Application by,
SAWTRY EX-SERVICE & WORKING MEN'S CLUB
to extend licencing hours for alcohol
and entertainments.

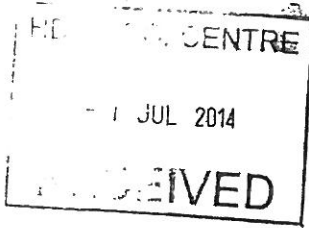
Dear Sir,

I wish to register my objections to
the above application as follows.

- ① My bedroom window is less than
9.5 m from the club car park.
- ② Extended hours will attract more
customers looking for late night venues.
- ③ More noise will be generated
later at night so disturbing the sleep
of local residents.
- ④ Creating a night club culture
will attract drug dealers.
- ⑤ This is a quiet residential
area, unsuitable for late night
drinking and entertainment.

The above concerns are shared by
many other local residents.

DM 24040



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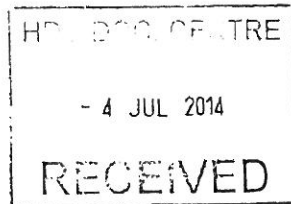
29-06-2014

Dear Madam/Sir

We object to the extended opening hours at Sawtry Working mens club on Gidding Road Sawtry with live and recorded music.

Because of government legislation on no smoking in the club we do not want to listen to drunken people, and children shouting and running about at the other side of our fence till midnight in the week and 0100 hrs at the weekend as this is near where they smoke outside the club and with the doors open the music will not be contained in the building. Do these people work or go to school or have they on benefits D.W.P.

Dum 24080



8 Gidding Road

Sawtry

Cambridgeshire

PE28 5TS

01487831859

3rd July 2014

To whom it may concern,

RE: Proposal of Licence extension for music and alcohol for Sawtry Ex Service and Working Mens Club, 10 Gidding Road, Sawtry, Cambridgeshire, PE28 5TS

I am writing to object to the above proposal for increased hours for music and alcohol.

As a resident of Gidding Road, my property being next door to the club separated only by a small road, I have seen an increase in undesirable behaviour when the club closes, particularly on Saturday nights. This has become more noticeable over the past 18 months, as patrons are left to shout, sing, swear, brawl and generally cause a nuisance as the club ensures they clear the premises and then leave them to their own devices immediately outside the doors and in the surrounding area. Every Sunday morning I am cleaning up glasses, glass bottles and cans from the immediate area surrounding my home. It has come to the point where during the summer months I am unable to leave my bedroom window open!

I can only imagine that this will escalate further if alcohol is served for longer.

Sawtry is a village and the club is in the centre of a highly populated residential area, therefore I feel that the committee and staff should take further responsibility for their patron's actions when they leave the premises. Until responsibility is taken and accountability realised, please do not increase hours for music and alcohol.

**10 ABBEY CLOSE
SAWTRY
CAMBS
PE28 5UG**

4th July 2014

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

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Dear Sir or Madam

Application by Sawtry Working Mens' Club for extension of licensing hours

I write on behalf of my elderly mother, Mrs Brenda Day, who lives at 10 Abbey Close, Sawtry.

My parents bought their bungalow over 20 years ago and were fully aware that the Working Mens' Club backed on to their property. They were assured by the previous owner that the club and its patrons posed no nuisance value and, indeed, this has proved to be the case until the smoking ban came into force.

The club provided a shelter for the smokers at the rear of the club, which is closer to my mother's garden fence. Since the ban she has had to endure weekends when people are talking loudly late into the night and on many occasions children running and playing in the car park until very late. This has at times being quite worrying to hear these noises near the back of her property as she is now a widow.

Several times my mother has had to telephone the club to ask its members to refrain from disturbing her and the other neighbours.

She has recently found out, not by letter or indeed notice in the local paper, but by being informed by a neighbour who happened to see the notice board outside the club that they are applying to extend their licensing hours to 11am to 12 midnight Sunday to Thursday and 11am to 1am (possibly 1:30 am) Friday and Saturday.

This has caused my mother extreme concern and stress. At the moment she is unable to sleep at weekends with her bedroom window open at night due to the disturbance and inconsiderate behaviour of some of the club's members. Now she faces the possibility of being disturbed until 2am every weekend whilst members are using the car park and/or leaving in cars.

Abbey Close is mainly occupied by older people and they are all worried about the impact on their lives if this extension is granted.

Moreover, my mother has consulted with two estate agents who have confirmed that the value of her property will in all likelihood be adversely affected if this change comes into being. More importantly her enjoyment of her home will be severely spoiled.

This letter is written as a formal objection to the granting of this extension of licensing hours and I would ask you to kindly take into account the impact this will have on the neighbouring properties and the detrimental effect this could have on the residents' quality of life.

I have given my mother's address for any reply.

Mr and Mrs N Barrett
12 Belgrave Square
Sawtry
Huntingdon
Cambridgeshire
PE28 5UP

Licensing Section
Huntingdonshire District Council
Pathfinder House
St Marys Street
Huntingdon
PE29 3TN

7th July 2014

For the attention of the Licensing Section,

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Sawtry Club, License Application

I write with connection to the above premises and their recent license application.

I strongly object the license being granted under the following objections:

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

Noise

1. The noise from the Sawtry Club is **EVERY** Saturday night between the hours of 11pm and 2am.
2. The noise is generated from the large amount of people in the 'beer garden' and not from the music played inside the club.
3. The club definitely has more people arriving from 11pm onwards as the other pubs close the noise levels in the car park and mainly in the 'beer garden'
4. The noise is extremely loud and proceeds to get louder as the night goes on. At 10.30pm you can hear very little noise, by 11pm and onwards the noise becomes louder,
5. The noise is people shouting, swearing, arguing, singing, becoming aggressive and carries on until 2pm. This noise can be heard very clearly through closed windows.
6. I don't object to people being outside but I believe the Sawtry Club has an obligation to 'police' the outside areas to ensure that noise levels remain at a minimum after 11pm.
7. The noise is worse in the summer as I don't believe the Sawtry Club has air conditioning so people naturally come outside to cool down. We are unable to open our windows on Saturday nights however warm it is due to the noise levels.
8. The Sawtry Club has signs displayed asking their customers to keep noise to a minimum as it is based in a residential area, these signs are pointless.

9. The introduction of professional security would help to minimise the noise which is made outside in the 'beer garden' for local residents.
10. Restricting access to the 'beer garden' after 11pm would be an ideal solution. I realise people would need outside access for smoking, this could be restricted being allowed outside for smoking NOT for the duration of the evening.
11. We have called the Sawtry Club on a number of occasions after 11pm and asked if they can keep the noise down in the 'beer garden'. The noise does quieten for a short time but within 10/15 minutes it is back to a sleep disturbing level.
12. Professional security would also benefit local residents as the club closes, we are then subjected to arguments, fights, screaming, cars revving and using the car park as an area to perform stunts, play their own extremely loud music from their vehicles.
I appreciate that the Sawtry Club may not be entirely responsible for their patrons once they leave the property but whilst their patrons are in the car park at closing time they surely would want to support the community by ensuring that noise levels are kept to a minimum.

In general the noise is currently unacceptable on a Saturday night from 11pm onwards. We have contacted the council and asked questions before about tackling the noise problem. My husband spoke to someone who suggested we keep a noise log. As a non profit organisation I would have thought that the local Community would be high on their list of priorities.

When we initially bought our property the Sawtry Club was an Ex Service Mans club and we never suffered any sleep disturbance. This noise has only been in the last 24 -36 months.

My husband did speak to someone at the Sawtry Club when our fence was broken during the night. The man confirmed that 2 brothers from the club were fighting on their way home and fell into our fence. The man assured us that he had now banned the brothers and asked them to apologise to us for damaging our property. Of course we received no apology. I appreciate that the club can't be responsible for what happens when their customers leave their premises. I do not think it is fair that our property borders the Sawtry Club car park so we should just accept damage to our property.

13 Abbey Close

Sawtry

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Licensing section

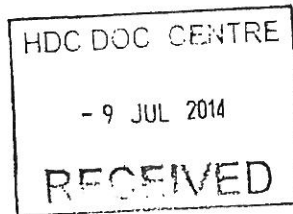
Pathfinder House

St Mary's Street

Huntingdon

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PE29 3TN



7th July 2014

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Sawtry ex-service and working mens club

10 Gidding Road

Sawtry

Cambs. PE28 5TG

Date of application: 12/6/14

Proposed increased in licensing hours and time for live music or similar and the same for alcohol.

Please can I object to this application on several grounds:

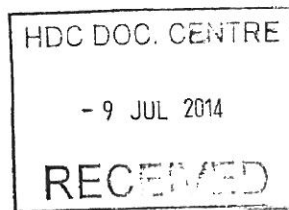
The premises are surrounded by residential properties and by increasing the opening hours there will be an increase in noise levels at closing time affecting those people that live near it.

Consideration is needed on what are the actual benefits to the village community through increasing the opening hours, surely it disrupts more people than in benefits.

Additionally people are not considerate to neighbours and occasionally damage fences along the alleyway adjacent to the club.

Yours faithfully

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Abbey Close

Sawtry

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Huntingdonshire District Council

Licensing section

Pathfinder House

St Mary's Street

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5th July 2014

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Sawtry ex-service and working mens club

10 Gidding Road

Sawtry

Cambs. PE28 5TG

Date of application: 12/6/14

Proposed increased in licensing hours and time for live music or similar and the same for alcohol.

Please can we, as a close, object to this application on several grounds:

The premises are surrounded by residential properties and by increasing the opening hours there will be an increase in noise levels especially at closing time. Local residents are required to close their windows at night to enable them to sleep, due to the smoking ban in 2007 there has been an increase in noise. Currently noise extends beyond current closing, to the early hour's, this will only increase with extended hours.

Last year there was a major incident involving the police in the car park when they attempted to set fire to a resident's fence. For women living alone or older people this can be frightening and result in a feeling of vulnerability in ones own home... Lengthening licensing hours and increased alcohol consumption will result in more aggressive incidences similar to this occurring.

The social club bouncer prevented one incident last year but on several occasions damage was done to fences along the alley diagonally opposite the club.

We appreciate that the social club is a vital part of the village community but consideration needs to be given to the neighbours as it is also situated in a residential area.

Yours faithfully