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Sent: 19 March 2021 10:03
To: Licensing
Subject: Objection to Chellaston Leisure Ltd. alcohol licensing application

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Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to you regarding the licensing application submitted by Chellaston Leisure Ltd for an alcohol license at The Crossbar, Chellaston Park, Snelsmoor Lane, Chellaston, Derby, DE73 6QT.

I live on [REDACTED] and the Pavilion / proposed bar is smack opposite my house.

From recent social media posts, Chellaston Leisure have clarified they will be opening this bar seven days a week, all day within their permitted opening hours along with hosting live bands on a weekly basis to generate income and footfall to the bar.

I have grave concerns for the welfare of my children and family. My children are of junior and infant school age and have the right to a decent night's sleep as do we, their parents, whether it be the weekend or week day. The increase in noise levels, and footfall as people leave the bar will increase dramatically and have a serious effect on their and our mental wellbeing and health. I believe this should seriously be taken into consideration when deciding on the outcome of the application, not just for my children and family but for the rest of us residents whose houses either back on to the park or directly face the park and will be affected by the granting of the alcohol licence.

There will also be an outside smoking / drinking area provided by the bar, this will also increase noise levels especially during the later hours when people are trying to sleep. Again, this point should also be taken into consideration when deciding the outcome of the alcohol licence application. Regardless of the assurances provided by the applicants, you can't control drunk rowdy people, especially in large groups. For example, football teams who have just finished playing their matches and decide to stay for a few alcoholic beverages.

I believe a park and it's facilities are to be available for use by the public regardless of their background and religious beliefs. By granting an alcohol license to Chellaston Leisure for the Pavilion, you will ultimately be allowing the segregation of society. For example, the Muslim and devote Sikh society avoid and stay away from alcohol, therefore by permitting the alcohol licence you will ultimately segregate the Muslim and devote Sikh society from the Pavilion at Chellaston Park as well as the park itself as they will not enter or use the facilities whilst there is alcohol being served. This will also affect people who abstain / avoid alcohol not only for religious reasons but for personal reasons too. Chellaston is a multicultural society and the public facilities should be available to all, ethnic minorities should not be excluded from using these facilities due to their religious and personal beliefs as well as people from all backgrounds, society and religious beliefs.

The park is a sanctuary for people who use it as an escape from toxic situations at home, a safe haven where they and their children can be safe in the public eye away from dangerous toxic situation at home like domestic violence as an example. By allowing the alcohol licence for the Pavilion, you will be taking this safe haven away from the individuals who need it most. The Pavilion could and should be a safe haven to keep warm, have a hot drink, feed the children and use the toilet facilities. This safety would not be so apparent if there were inebriated adults at the Pavilion and would / could in-fact make the person(s) seeking shelter more afraid for their safety and that of their children. People in these situations feel vulnerable and are not so confident around large rowdy groups.

When the country comes out of lockdown and families want to enjoy the park facilities, some will be restricted from using the park / Pavilion facilities due to alcohol being sold at the park Pavilion and not wanting to be around alcohol and rowdy situations. Due to lockdown easing rules, alcohol can only be served outside from the first potential opening date for beer gardens in the middle of April. The noise from these gatherings will have a serious effect on our health and mental wellbeing. Our bedrooms are at the front of the house, directly facing the Pavilion. We have the right to a quite decent night's sleep in our own home.

In the interest of grassroots sports, should we really be showing our children that sport and alcohol go hand in hand? By granting this alcohol licence, that is certainly what will be on display. The park is used by many teams from different sports and backgrounds and has done so for many years and has survived and will continue to flourish without the need of an alcohol licence.

If people want to go to a pub / bar with their families they have that choice, there are plenty of facilities located nearby like The Bonnie Prince, R&R Sports Bar and the Lawns Hotel as well as the re-opening of the Corner Pin as an example. By permitting the alcohol licence to the Pavilion at Chellaston Park you will take away the choice of using the park for some family time and fun from many users who do not wish to be around alcohol or expose their children to alcohol and the pitfalls associated with it.

Who will manage and control the safety of the park patrons who do not wish to use the Pavilion bar? Alcohol and anti-social behaviour go hand in hand and there are many studies on-line that can be referred to. This can also lead to aggressive behaviour, again this will make the park unsafe for many patrons to use, whether it be day, evening or night as some people prefer to walk their dogs or exercise in the darker hours.

Whilst I admire and applaud the hard work put in by the volunteers who have enhanced the sporting facilities at the park, I don't agree with the need for the alcohol licence for the park to continue to flourish.

The park and its facilities are currently accessible to all people and societies regardless of their religious beliefs and should remain so for the future. Please do not make this a segregated part of our local community in Chellaston and the wider areas.

I would appreciate it that you acknowledge my objection and advise of the next steps please.

Kind Regards

Ann Walker

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 March 2021 19:56
To: Licensing
Subject: URGENT Objection to licensing application Chellaston Leisure Ltd

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Dear Sir / Madam,

I would like to make a representation for a new licence application from Chellaston Leisure Ltd. The premises is The Crossbar, Chellaston Park, Snelsmoor Lane, Chellaston, Derby, DE73 6QT. The activity is to supply alcohol and this is formal request in writing to register a representation to strongly object against this application being approved.

I live on [REDACTED] and the park is directly opposite my property. I can see the building where the Crossbar will be located from home. I have lived in Chellaston for over 15 years and during this time I have seen an escalation in crime, anti social behaviour, public nuisance and all these issues have affected public safety. I have a primary school child who did use the park most days. I have also used the park 3 times a day for 9 years while I had a dog and visit most days until recently. So I know the area very well and certainly know all about the continuous problems surrounding the park. The property I reside in is part of the Milldale Estate and I am part of the neighboured watch scheme which has had to be set up again due to the escalation of crime, anti social behaviour, thefts and burglaries in the area.

The park and the surrounding area is plagued with crime anti social behaviour, thefts and I personally do not feel safe to use the park. I now use the park on very rare occasions and I feel that the area is not safe and is a threat to public safety. I have kept a record over the last year and reported incidents to the police with no action being taken, no increased patrols or anything. So reporting is a total waste of time. I have encountered the following issues:

Antisocial Behaviour

I have photos and evidence of groups in the park. Whilst taking the photos been subject to verbal abuse, intimidation and swearing. I started reporting this on a regular basis to Derbyshire Constabulary via messenger and the only response was I will pass this onto the local team. Nothing was actually done about and being a single parent with a young impressionable child I do not feel safe and started to avoid going for this reason. I even reported group gathers which should not have taken place during lockdown and again this was ignored. All this evidence is stored on my phone and I would be happy to submit this evidence of days, times, photos and responses from the police. There has been incidents of groups drinking late at night during most weekends of the summer months. They played loud music were drinking alcohol and this caused a great deal of anxiety and stress. I had a 1 hour rendition on Wonder Wall at 1.30am which I could hear in the back of my house in an upstairs bedroom. I have a video recording of this stored on my phone.

Vandalism

The park has been vandalised on several occasions and the fire brigade has been called on put out these blazes which have involved vehicles and trees on the park. I have photographic evidence on my phone

which can provide dates, times and photos if required. There has also been escalating crime in the area for burglary, theft and anti social behaviour. The police are on the estate most weeks due to a variety of issues.

CCTV & Lighting

There is NO CCTV except for around the pavilion building area. The park is also very dark and unsafe to use at night. The culprits causing all the damage and creating all these problems are never going to be caught if there is no CCTV monitoring who is on the park. This would certainly act as a deterrent and would help limit these incidents.

Entrance To the Park

There is a concealed side entrance set back from the main road at the Fellowlands Way end of the park which is not always obvious. The developers of the park decided to create another tarmac path leading to the park. So local residents had another point of entry. However this path stops at the trees on the boundary edge of the park and is not a finished entrance to the park. So this has caused people to damage the trees and grassed area to make their own way through the trees. So this has damaged the trees and the boundary fence is falling down. This matter needs addressing and the developers seem to be on the verge of handing over the estate to a management company and this has not been rectified.

Parking & Speeding

There is extremely limited parking in the area. I have had my drive blocked on many occasions by people using the park who have travelled by car who don't use the car park. When the park is used for football matches the local streets are cluttered with cars and it makes it difficult to cross roads easily as you can not see past the rows of cars on Fellow Lands way. The cars that travel up and down the end of Fellowlands Way are speeding. We only have 1 speed ramp and this has not sorted out this issue. There needs to be more traffic calming measures and a 20mph speeding restriction to make the area safe.

Football Matches

There are leagues of child and adult football teams which play matches on the park. After these matches have taken place there is a huge litter debris left behind. There is bad language and abusive behaviour when the matches are taking place. I have even seen male adults urinating in the trees and bushes which is breaking the law.

I feel this is a true reflection of the issues and problems that the local residents who live in the immediate vicinity face on a daily basis. I certainly was not made aware of this application until yesterday 14 March 2021. All of these matters need addressing prior to encouraging more visitors to the park. These are serious issues and all need to be resolved as a matter of urgency. I feel adding a bar which sells alcohol will only cause the issues to escalate further. I am also extremely concerned that this has not been publicised enough and local residents are just not aware this application is going through. I have had no official notification and found out by chance. I do feel this such a huge issue and will have such a detrimental impact on the local area that the deadline needs to be extended. There should be a public meet when COVID rules allow to give all residents a chance to voice their opinions and able to consider if this application should be approved. I certainly would be happy to do a leaflet drop and start a petition against the bar opening.

I am aware of the strict time constraints and would like a response as soon as possible so appropriate action can be taken. I have told my immediate neighbours who like me were totally unaware of this application going through. They will also be emailing you to strongly object to this being approved. I would appreciate a reply within 24 hours.

Regards

Ann Walker

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 March 2021 18:00
To: Licensing
Subject: URGENT: Objection to licensing application Chellaston Leisure Ltd (The Crossbar)

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing into you regarding the "The Crossbar" opening at Chellaston Park, Snelsmoor Lane, Chellaston, Derby, DE73 6QT. I live at [REDACTED] (Milldale Estate) and my house is opposite the park, I bought this house when it was built and since then have personally experienced and seen plenty of anti-social behaviour, which is why I am really concerned about the opening of "The Crossbar", a licensed alcohol premises. I am all about community spirit and working together to find solutions, but the issues in hand have not been addressed and I don't feel this is the right approach to take to finding a solution for these problems

I am on the Milldale Facebook group, but it was not till 14th March 2021 I found out about this proposed plans, someone did put in the group it was mentioned a week prior to it, but I must have missed it, but what is concerning is that this has been the only form of communication and considering the plans are to open soon, I do not consider it fair that as a resident of Chellaston and that lives that close to the park I get informed in this manner and with very little time to ask questions, voice my concerns etc.

Why could there not have been more public meetings (virtually) held on a formal level to discuss different avenues how to address this anti-social behaviour with the Chellaston residents and then go with the majority, we are a community after all, or at least think we are. I would have said to put the Chellaston Leisure centre in to use, and to keep a presence in the park even 24 hours why could we not have looked at turning it into a gym, exercise classes inside and outside the premises, juice and snack bar, baby sensory classes, book club, coffee and cake etc, this way the premises still could be open till late, with plenty of people coming and going and therefore, helping towards preventing anti-social behaviour and the public feeling safe using the park and promoting community spirit and supporting well-being in so many different ways.

I would like to make it clear that I have nothing against people drinking alcohol, however I have an issue with drunk and disorderly people being a nuisance to me, on my door step, and 9 times out of 10 when there has been anti-social behaviour, it's been by people drinking in the park well into the late hours (literally opposite my house on the swings, etc), no consider. I had to in this instance call the fire brigade as these drunk and disorderly people left after setting fire to the swings or one of the facilities for the kids. I remember coming to my kitchen in front and to my horror seeing very high flames, and we are not that far, we all know how quick fire can spread and we have cars parked on the front. I have had youths at 3am in the morning cycle to my shared drive, trying to open my garage, my husband's car. I don't feel safe. Therefore, I do not feel selling alcohol is the right thing to do, in principle the plans and the thought process sounds nice but having endless issues I do not feel this is the right solution to move forward

with. The CCTV footage will not cover the park, only the premises in question, so I do not think it will stop the anti-social behaviour.

I am not the only person that feels this way, I have spoken with my neighbours and I have told them to email you directly and raise their questions/concerns as I am doing today. But their people who feel intimidated to speak out but are not happy about the proposed plans.

Please can someone get in touch with me or arrange a meeting where local residents of Chellaston's have the opportunity to ask questions, put forward their concerns.

Look forward to hearing back from you.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Mobile: [REDACTED]