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## licensing

From: Andrew Stenner

**Sent:** 05 March 2020 17:02

To: licensing

**Subject:** Evanstown Welfare Park application for a license.

Objection to application for a license at Evanstown Welfare Park.

Dear Licensing Department.

I have just found out today that again an application for a license for Drinks has been applied for

I am aware that the various sports groups have applied for an application to extend the existing sports building situated within the park to be extended into a local hub for various uses this I have no objection to at all. My objection is the right to apply for this to be used as licensed premises to sell alcohol.

I cannot understand with whatever changes that have been proposed by a community hub that this would include any alterations to allow a licensed premises to sell alcohol.

The proximity of the children's play area and the ability to allow children to play, grow and have the enjoyment of the local park as a safe haven is still the same a previous and remains unchanged. Children should be allowed to use the park at any time of the day or evening without being subject to being left open to what could be considered to be a vastly changed environment if a license is granted. How can any fence or lighting provide children with safety from a number of items.

- 1. How can any licensed premises ensure that glassware and bottles would not enter this location. This could lead to broken glass or bottles right next or in very close proximity to playing children. The risk In Any risk assessment would be greatly increased.
- 2. How can a fence provide a suitable screen from children playing in a park from the building users under the influence of alcohol. No licensee can assure the local authorities against the the inappropriate behaviour of its users from drinking (language and anti social behaviour from its users once alcohol has or would be served) this does not give small children or indeed teenage children the best experience of using a children's play area or sports area. Surely the two can't be mixed.
- 3. What assurances can any social hub that serves alcohol give to the local residents and its children that no harm would come to them once they are out playing and having the fun experience that they have received for the many years that children have played within the park as it is at present.
- 4. Again surely there is a massive difference to the use of the park once a license has been granted. It would not be safe to allow mid range children say 10 and onwards to be left unattended by parents as they can today. Users that are this close to children playing under the influence will give the wrong impression to these children. Who indeed are very use to impress and thus shouldn't be any impression that any local authority should even consider.
- 5. Presently parents can allow their children to play any time of the day 7 days a week without the worry they would have once a license would be granted.

I feel that parents, grandparents and family members would restrict children's use of the parks facilities without an adult being present with them at all times and even with an adult the possibility of anti social behaviour would not be acceptable and children's time to play and enjoy would be great encroached upon.

I as one resident would object to the granting of the said license.

Please accept my email as my object at present to the current application. I would also duly support any group or groups application to decline this application as well

I'm a very disgruntled local resident of Evanstown that does not accept any group applying for such a license within the community welfare park.

Yours Sincerely.

**Andrew Stenner**