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RE: OBJECTION NOTICE to GSC TOP CLUB

RE: APPLICATION TO GRANT A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

REPRESENTATIONS

South Wales Police refer to the third application served on this department on the 18th September 2015 and inform the applicant and Bridgend County Borough Council Licensing Authority that there are police objections in respect to this application known as GSC Top Club and its hours and conditions as set out in the Operating Schedule.

This application is made on behalf of the Chief Officer of Police who is of the view that this current licensing application for a grant does not support the licensing objectives. The likely effect of the grant of this application as it stands would have an increase in crime and disorder and public safety/ nuisance and protection of children at, in or in the vicinity of the premises.

South Wales Police have received no separate correspondence with the applicants to date. Therefore having regard to the information submitted in this Operating Schedule, South Wales Police are of the opinion that the licensing objectives have not been adequately fulfilled. Thus potential risk of further crimes and disorder taking place. Some of these concerns could be reduced if additional restrictions on licensable hours are considered along with additional conditions. A reduction in hours needs to be seriously considered before this application is granted.

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The Application

This application is submitted on behalf of the two applicants Mr CHEEMA and Mrs KAUR. Mr CHEEMA holds a personal licence number 032768 from Sandwell Authority and he wishes to be specified as the Designated Premises Supervisor. However, Mr CHEEMA is already a premises licence holder and a Designated Premises Supervisor of an existing licensed premises. His current premises have similar hours to those applied for here and South Wales Police argue that being a DPS at this location is not compatible with his current role.

Revised Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 March 2015 states

4.18 Every premises licence that authorises the sale of alcohol must specify a DPS. This will normally be the person who has been given day to day responsibility for running the premises by the premises licence holder.

South Wales Police therefore would require certain assurances on how the DPS will be able to uphold the licensing objectives for both premises at the same time and comply with the objectives therein. The opening times of this premises being 09.00 hours until 00.00 every night, or 01.00 hours on the early hours of Sunday morning.

The Operating Schedule

One condition stated in this operating schedule will not be complied with already as the DPS cannot be in two places at once:-

"that the Supervisor will keep personal observation of the premises both internally and externally."

This condition will also be breached the minute the Mr CHEEMA goes home to bed, or goes on holiday, so is not fit to be included in the operating schedule.

It is also not known what capacity the second applicant Mrs Sharn Jeet has or whether she is a personal licence holder, or in fact whether she understands her responsibilities as Holder of the premises licence as stipulated by the Licensing Act 2003.

Prior to this application being received this building operated as Caerau Labour Club which was problematic for the police and was ineffective in its ability to uphold all four of the licensing objectives.

Crime and disorder

Several reported incidents of crime and disorder were linked to the premises including drink related incidents and assaults crimed as Actual Bodily Harm and Grievous Bodily Harm. Assaults were present at christenings' and children's' parties along with records of criminal damage where people have kicked the doors in or smashed windows.

The premises are large with three servery areas and the applicant has asked for continual alcohol sales from 09.00 am each morning until 23.30 hours each weekday and until 00.30 hours on a Saturday. This equates to 14 and a half hours of continuous alcohol sales with 15 and a half on Saturday night / Sunday mornings. There is a clear casual link between an increase in crime and disorder when hours of alcohol sales are also increased. South Wales police state that knowing the previous problems at this location there is nothing in this current application that will prevent the same problems reoccurring and has not taken the licensing objectives seriously.

The Operating Schedule

Under the prevention of crime and disorder the applicant has only stated:

"behaviour problems will be stopped immediately it becomes apparent and staff will be instructed to call the police."

This does not consider any preventative measures of preventing the problem in the first place or how the behaviour will actually be stopped. This condition also does not protect staff members from being assaulted; in fact, it's the contrary and puts them in further danger of being assaults. Door staff have not been stipulated for this objective, only that they ***"could be employed"***.

Public safety / Public nuisance

Previously whilst police were dealing with a large disturbance at the premises a local resident complained about how the premises disturbed him every night and affected their right to life under the Human Rights Act. This Act needs to be considered by the Licensing Authority when considering a new application and weighing up the needs of a few, compared to the needs of the local residents. Police have also issued warning previously for noise at this premise and reports from vocal residents at local PACT meetings of complaints in relation to public nuisance because of the operation of the premises.

The Operating Schedule

This application does nothing to promote the prevention of public nuisance to nearby residential areas that surround the premises. The plans outline a rear smoking area, yet no conditions are stipulated as to how this will be managed effectively to prevent noise escaping. There is also access to these areas from both floors. There are also no clear objectives on how the street and outside area will be managed to prevent nuisance. However the operating schedule states

"Ashtrays for external smoking will be provided"

But the application does not state where these ash trays will be situated. They should not be situated out the front of the premises but only in the designated smoking area.

No sound measures have been stipulated within the licence to prevent music escaping and customers will be leaving at midnight every night or at 0100 am on Sunday mornings causing noise issues for the residents. The application asks for live music, recorded music and performance of dance until 23.30 every day of the week. This needs to be drastically reduced and managed in such a way as to not cause issues for the residents.

Previous disorder has been reported to the police resulting in windows and doors being smashed and highly intoxicated persons drinking in the street causing disorder. No remedies have been reported in this operating schedule to prevent this happening again.

The protection of children from harm

A specific test purchase operation was carried out in relation to the previous premises and two 15 year old underage volunteers were sold alcohol on this operation. These operations only exist once information is received from a number of sources. South Wales police not only have intelligence but also reported incidents of 13 year olds being present and intoxicated on the premises whilst using the upstairs function room for a 13th birthday party.

Under **The Protection of Children from harm** objective there are conditions offered but these need to be improved as they replicated offences under the Licensing Act and do not prevent children getting intoxicated on the premises, or what checks will be made.

The operating schedule is a part of the Premises application that details how the individual premise will operate and what activities are proposed. In this part of the document, the applicant should include a general description of the style and character of the business and the facilities provided to the customers. The operating schedule translates then into lawful orders and how the licensing objectives will be upheld by converting them into workable conditions. The conditions offered in this schedule do not show South Wales Police how this premise will be managed effectively and a number of these conditions offered need to be removed as they are unenforceable or duplicate existing legislation.

This application requires the provision of late night refreshment, supply of alcohol, live and recorded music, also amplified on both floors. No capacity limits have been provided and police have also not perused the risk assessment for these premises.

The application is in a residential area with six other licensed premises supplying alcohol in the same street with these premises adding to the existing problems of anti social behaviour and noise nuisance, therefore this application needs to consider the impact it may have on neighbours and residents alike.

Therefore South Wales police are objecting to the grant of this application as it stands.

Yours sincerely,



Police Officer Sarah Rowlett
Central West Licensing

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MEMORANDUM COFNOD



From: **ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE
LEGAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES**

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Date
1 October, 2015

LICENSING ACT 2003

APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE

APPLICANT: G.S.C. TOP CLUB, CAERAU ROAD, CAERAU

The above application has been examined by this Department in its role as a Responsible Authority. Consideration has been given to issues in connection with the Health & Safety at Work Etc Act 1974, pollution of the environment, harm to human health and protection of children. I can advise you that the Department has the following relevant representations to make:

Prevention of Public Nuisance

This business is situated primarily in a residential area, with properties located both sides and opposite the premises. Numerous complaints of noise have been received by this Department when live or recorded music has been played at the premises, due to the excessive volume that the noise is played at and as a result of the first floor fire doors being left open. This also affects houses opposite the main entrance on Caerau Road when patrons enter and leave the premises, to smoke outside the main entrance on the ground floor. In addition, the patrons congregating outside to smoke on the pavement area, can cause problems of noise due to raised voices. The operating schedule needs to state that doors will be kept closed and how the noise from amplified music will be controlled, particularly during the ingress and egress of customers.

Hours Premises are open to the Public

This premises is situated primarily in a residential area, with properties located above, adjacent to and opposite the business. The applicant has requested opening hours from 09:00 to 00:00 Sunday to Friday and 00:00 to 01:00 on a Saturday for both standard and non-standard timings. The operating schedule fails to adequately address how public nuisance will be prevented from patrons leaving given its close proximity to nearby residential properties. Therefore I would request that the suggested hours in condition 1 below are imposed.

(1) Live Music

The applicant has also applied to have live music until 23:30 Monday to Friday and until 00.30 Saturday. Due to the close proximity of other residential premises and the previous complaints received by the Department, the hours applied for do not promote the licensing objectives. I would therefore request that the hours for live music are curtailed to those stipulated in condition 1 below.

(2) Recorded Music

Whilst I have no objection to the playing of recorded music, problems of noise could arise to residential properties whilst patrons are entering and leaving the business to smoke outside if the volume of the music is not adequately controlled, particularly late at night. Therefore condition 1 is requested in order to control the volume of recorded music.

(3) Noise from Patrons Congregating Outside

Patrons congregating outside to smoke on the pavement area could cause problems of noise due to raised voices and rowdy behavior. The operating schedule fails to address the noise from customers outside. In order to promote the licensing objective of prevention of public nuisance and control the noise from patrons congregating outside, I would therefore request that condition 2 and 3 is imposed.

(4) Litter

Condition 4 is requested in order to prevent public nuisance due to litter.

(5) Protection of Children From Harm

The application fails to make reference to measures that the premises intends to incorporate to ensure sales to underage persons aren't made. Reasonable precautions that should be considered to achieve compliance within this licensing objective are stipulated in conditions 5 and 6 below.

Conditions/Restrictions

The following conditions/restrictions are therefore necessary to promote the licensing objective of the prevention of public nuisance and protection of children from harm:

1. Timings for licensable activities and Opening Hours:

Opening Hours for Standard and Non Standard Timings

Sunday- Friday 09:00 - 00:00

Saturday 09:00 - 00:30

For Standard and Non-Standard Timings for the supply of alcohol, recorded music (excluding DJ) and all other licensable activities other than live music:

Sunday- Friday 09:00 - 23.30 hours

Saturday 09.00 - 00.00 hours

For Standard and Non-Standard Timings for the provision of live music, karaoke and DJ:

Sunday- Friday 11.00-23.00

Saturday 11.00-00.00

2. The premises licence holder will undertake routine monitoring of the external area to monitor and control the noise from any patrons outside the premises.
3. There shall be no drinks consumed anywhere outside the premises.
4. All litter, including cigarette ends, shall be cleared from the front pavement area in front of the premises and to the side of the premises at the close of business each day.

Health & Safety Policy

In order to promote the licensing objective of public safety I would advise you that prior to opening your business to the public you must have fully completed the renovations leaving a sound and safe structure for all areas of the building that public and staff will have access to and the following health and safety arrangements in place:

1. Where there are five or more employees a written statement of general policy with respect to health and safety must be provided and revised as often as appropriate. The

health and safety policy statement should set out how you manage health and safety in your organisation. It is a unique document that shows **who** does **what**; and **when** and **how** they do it.

(Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 Section 2(3))

In premises such as yours the matters normally dealt with in the 'Arrangements' section of the safety policy would include: -

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| A) First Aid | F) Accident recording/reporting |
| B) Fire Safety | G) Training |
| C) Electrical Safety | H) House Keeping |
| D) Manual Handling | I) Maintenance |
| E) Hazardous Chemicals | J) Noise |

The above list is not exhaustive and you should include any other matters relating to your specific business activities.

Risk Assessments

2. You are required to make a suitable and sufficient assessment of the risks to health and safety of your employees and others. The assessment is a systematic examination of all work activities undertaken and the risks they create for employees, visitors, customers and others. You are required to make a written record of your assessment if you have **more than five employees**.

(Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999, Regulation 3 (1))

When deciding what control measures you should apply the following principles:

- if possible avoid a risk altogether e.g. do the work in a different way, taking care not to introduce new hazards
- combat the risks at source e.g. replacing slippery steps is better than displaying a warning sign;
- adopt working requirements to the individual;
- take advantage of technological and technical process;
- implement risk prevention measures that protect the whole workstation rather than individuals;

(Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999, Regulation 4)

Procedures for Serious or Imminent Danger

3. Establish procedures to be followed in situations of serious or imminent danger e.g. fire, bomb alert etc. Procedures should set out clear guidance when employees should stop work and how they should move to a place of safety. Identify competent persons to implement procedures, identifying their specific roles and responsibilities. The procedures and competent persons must be brought to the attention of all staff.

(Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999, Regulation 8)

Gas Safety

4. All gas appliances and heating systems must be maintained in safe working order and checked for safety at least every 12 months by a competent person who is registered under the Gas Safe Register scheme. Ensure that you have up to date records of appropriate safety checks. **Please forward a copy of the latest record of such a check to this office.**

(Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998, Regulation 35)

Electrical Safety

5. At the time of my visit no electrical inspection report was available to view. The Electricity at Work Regulations 1989 requires that electrical installations (mains electrics) and portable equipment be maintained in a safe working condition. In most commercial premises it is appropriate for the electrical installation to be inspected by a suitably competent person at least every 5 years. Please ensure that you employ a competent person to test and inspect your mains electrical installations and keep a copy of this

certificate at your premises so that it can be checked as and when required for future inspections. **Please forward a copy of the latest record of such a check to this office.**

(Electricity at Work Regulations 1989, Regulation 4)

(Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999, regulation 3)

Management of Asbestos

6. The Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations 2006 (CAWR) places a duty on person with responsibilities for the repair and maintenance of non-domestic premises to find out if there are, or may be, asbestos-containing materials (ACMs) within the building.

The duty to manage will require you as the duty holder to:

- Take reasonable steps to find asbestos on their premises and assess the condition of these materials;
- Presume that materials do contain asbestos unless there is strong evidence that they do not;
- Prepare a record of the location and condition of asbestos, or presumed asbestos, materials and assess the risks from them;
- Prepare and implement a plan to manage those risks; and
- Provide information on the location and condition of the materials to anyone who is liable to disturb them. (E.g. Staff, contractors)

7. The duty requires that you make information on the location and condition of the asbestos available to anyone liable to work on it or disturb it. Any employees involved in building maintenance work and any contractors working on the premises should know if the building contains, or may contain, asbestos. They should also be told where it is and that there are potential risks to their health if they disturb it. **Please forward a copy of the latest record of such a check to this office.**

(Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations 2006)

The above list of requirements is not exhaustive and you should ensure that you are aware of all the health and safety legislation which your business needs to comply with. The HSE website available at: www.hse.gov.uk/ can provide you with further help and advice

If you have any queries regarding any of these matters, please do not hesitate in contacting me on the above extension.



Mr Matthew Jones, Environmental Health Officer

On behalf of **ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE LEGAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES**

**MEMORANDUM
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LICENSING ACT 2003

APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE

APPLICANT: GSC TOP CLUB, 76-77 CAERAU ROAD, CAERAU, MAESTEG CF34 0PG

Licensing authority officers in their role as a responsible authority make the following representations: that the application, in its current format, does not support the licensing objectives and in particular, the operating schedule cannot be translated into enforceable conditions of licence:

Observations

The applicants have offered very little additional information in the application on how they intend to promote the licensing objectives, although the applicants have stated extra conditions under the operating schedule, a number are either already Mandatory Conditions or are unenforceable.

The applicants state 'Staff will be instructed to verify young persons ages and ask for ID', the applicants have also stated proof of age may be requested before alcoholic beverages are served, but fail to provide any details of any training under the Licensing Act 2003 and do not specify an age verification policy. A strict age policy and a policy advising how staff will be trained on the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 or any details of the proof of age scheme must be in force. It is a mandatory condition that an age verification policy applies to a premises selling or supplying alcohol. This has not been fully evidenced in the operating schedule. As a minimum any policy shall include:

- all reasonable steps to be taken to prevent sales of alcohol to children under the age of 18 years, including prominent notices being displayed, at each point of entry to the premises and at all sales points, advising customers that the premises operates the relevant proof of age scheme
- Specify a proof of age requirement before sale of alcohol is made

- all reasonable steps to be taken to prevent adults from purchasing alcohol for or on behalf of children under 18 years
- A scheme that ensures any person attempting to purchase alcohol who is, or appears to be under the age of the relevant proof of age policy provides documented proof that he/she is over 18 years of age.
- A policy must be available advising on how staff will be trained on the prevention of the Sale of Alcohol to intoxicated persons.

The applicants state Carl Tidball supervises young persons' activities in the function room, by naming a specific person in the operating schedule the Premises Licence Holders will automatically be in breach of their conditions should the named person not be present on the premises during youth activities.

It is intended the first floor of the premises will be used by the wider community and in particular for youth/young persons' activities. It is stated in the application that alcohol will be consumed in the downstairs areas (bar and lounge) where persons under 18 will not be permitted, but in contradiction, then states that 'no alcohol will be available when under 18s use the upstairs function room'.

Consumption is not a licensable activity and, therefore, could be consumed in the upstairs area.

The plan submitted shows the licensable areas as both upstairs and downstairs.

Conditions / Restrictions

In order to promote the licensing objectives it is recommended that the following additional conditions are attached to the licence, if granted:

1. All staff shall be trained in all aspects of the Licensing Act 2003 on the commencement of employment, then annually or more frequently if necessary. Signed records will be kept by the DPS and made available for inspection upon request by authorised officers and responsible authority officers.
2. Challenge 25 will form part of the premises age verification policy, a copy of which will be made available for inspection upon request by authorised officers and responsible authority officers.
3. Challenge 25 signage will be displayed prominently in all service areas.
4. Electronic till prompts will be installed and maintained on all tills in respect of alcohol sales, to support the Challenge 25 policy.
5. All persons under the age of 18 shall vacate the premises by 2100 hours.
6. No alcohol will be on sale or exposed for sale in any area when persons under the age of 18 are present.
7. No persons under the age of 18 shall be permitted in the downstairs bar and lounge.

8. The Premises Licence Holder and DPS shall ensure that staff record any refusals of the sale of alcohol electronically or by way of a Refusals Register. The Register or records shall be made available for inspection upon request by authorised officers and responsible authority officers.

9. The Premises Licence Holder and DPS shall ensure the premises is monitored on a regular basis to ensure compliance with the Licensing Objectives, all incidents will be recorded and a register made available for inspection upon request by authorised officers and responsible authority officers.

Regards

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29/09/2015



Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to object to the licensing hour's applied for by Gian Singh Cheema & Sharn Jeet Kaur in respect of the premises, G.S.C. Top Club, 76 & 77 Caerau Road, Caerau, Maesteg CF34 0PR.

We feel that, as this is a quite residential area, that these hours are excessive. There are many elderly people living across from these premises, as well as families with very young children, also there are several people living behind it on Alexander Road, who start work at six in the morning, they have to be up and out of the door by 5.30 am, at the latest.

We also feel that the fact that the Noddfa Community Project is on the opposite corner of North Street, is taken into consideration. There are youth clubs, homework groups, a dance group and a boxing club based at this centre, there are children in and out of there five evenings a week, and all day on Sunday. There are also various activities for the children put on there during the holidays.

We feel that the permitted licensing hours should be the same as other pubs and clubs in the area, with them having to apply for case-by-case extensions to their licence for such things as New Year.

The Blaenllynfi Hotel, at 83 Caerau Road, Caerau, (less than 100m away from the proposed pub), permitted opening hours are from 11.30am until 23.00 hours, Monday to Saturday, and on a Sunday 11.00 am until 23.00. This pub during the week does not open until 13.00 hours. They do not want the sort of customers who will be queuing outside of the Labour Club from 8.00am onwards. Although under their existing licence, they could open earlier. They have live music one a week, have very few extensions and stick to their licensing hours, and the police are never called to these premises.

The Station Hotel, at the beginning of Caerau Road, has licensing hours of 12.00 noon to 23.00 hours Monday to Thursdays, on Fridays and Saturdays it is 12.00 noon until midnight, and on Sunday it is 12.00 noon until 22.30 hours. Again, live music once a week, very few extensions to their licensing hours. Unfortunately, as this is the earliest opening licensed Premises in Caerau; there are problems from up to an hour beforehand with already inebriated people queuing up to get in, being abusive to people passing by, and staggering into the middle of the road.

The Conservative club, also known as the Imperial Club, a few hundred yards away from the Station Hotel does not open until 18.00 hours, there are not enough people using it during the day to make it economically viable to have it open during the day.

The Navigation Hotel has now been closed for several months due to insufficient trade, this Hotel also did not open during the day, again only from 18.00 to 23.00 hours.

The former Middle Club on Caerau Road only opened on Friday and Saturday evenings, it has now gone out of business, not enough patrons to go round apparently.

If this club is allowed to open earlier than the other pubs and clubs, we will have the patrons queuing outside up to an hour before it opens. (This happens at the Station Hotel), that would mean from 8 in the morning, and the later opening hours would mean drunk patrons arriving after the other pubs ect had closed trying to get in.

We also note the Gian Singh Cheema & Sharn Jeet Kaur have also applied for an entertainments licence for the same hours as the licence hours, again this is excessive for such a small residential area. The above-mentioned public houses have entertainment on once a week; we feel that the G.S.C. Top club should have an entertainment licence once a week, on either a Friday or a Saturday.

When this club was operating in the past, the police were called there on more occasions than we care to remember, the patrons would still be drinking and playing loud music until 3am. When they finally left the club, they would be drunk, abusive, urinating and defecating on the street on more than one occasion, shouting and screaming at the top of their voices. The police were invariably called to deal with them. The noise team attended on more than one occasion as the building is not designed for loud music to be played at all hours of the night.

The other problems with this club was the under age drinking that occurred there. Large groups of under age youths would congregate outside the door, which opens on to North street. They would be passed alcohol out through the doors, with the full knowledge of the proprietor, we would then have the police arrive and deal with them, as within an hour the youths would be falling down drunk, and all the problems that caused.

There was also the problem of smokers standing outside this door, throwing their cigarette ends down on the floor, and leaving their empty glasses and bottles there when they returned inside. These were not collected by the proprietor, and were subsequently smashed against house walls, windows, doors and the cars that were parked outside the homes of the owners, with the residents having to clean up the mess the next day.

We feel that the only way that this club should be allowed to re-open at all would be with very strict licence conditions such as

Door Staff employed during opening hours to prevent the passing of alcohol out to the under age drinkers and to prevent glasses and bottles being taken outside

the door onto the street, and making sure that the patrons left in an orderly manner, as to not disturb the local residents.

A smoking area away from the street, there is a small back yard with this premise that could be used for a smoking area.

That the windows and doors must be kept closed at all times, to prevent the noise disturbing the local residents, in the past this condition on the licence has been ignored, hence the need for the noise abatement team to be called. If the club is to hot for the patrons, then the proprietors should consider getting air conditioning installed before they open.

That either films, Recorded music, Sporting events, Performance of Dance, plays or other similar activities should only take place once a week, either a Friday or a Saturday, not the seven days a week they asked for. Again this is because the former club had music ect seven nights a week, and the local residents had problems seven nights a week.

We hope our objections will be taken into consideration when considering this licensing application.

Yours sincerely

Mr. A.J. Stockley and Ms. C.A. Brown

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Wednesday, October 14, 2015

**Mrs. Yvonne Witchell,
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Dear Mrs. Witchell

Re: Former Top Club – Caerau Road, Caerau

I recently met with residents of Caerau Road and North Street in Caerau who have concerns over the application made by Gian Singh Cheema and Sharn Jeet Kaur to reopen the former G.S.C. Top Club at 76-77 Caerau Road, Caerau CF34 0PG

This has been a licensed premise for many years; prior to its recent closure many local residents were subjected to unnecessary loud noises from within the premise and from late night revelers leaving sometimes as late as 4.00am.

It must be understood that this premise is situated in the centre of a residential area where the very elderly and very young live and they must be protected from excessive noise or other disturbances from those when using the premise and of course from those when leaving.

It is to this end that the following was suggested and which I fully support: -

Prevention of Public Nuisance

- That the supply of alcohol is restricted to 0900 – 2300 hours Monday to Sunday
- That Bank Holiday times are restricted to 900 – 2400 hours
- That all windows are at least double glazed and remain closed during the opening hours.
- That sound reducing curtains are provided for all windows facing the main road and properties in close proximity
- That an appropriate shelter for smokers is situated to the rear of the premise

The prevention of Crime & Disorder

- That a door supervisor is employed at week-ends (Friday to Sunday) and all bank Holiday events
- That CCTV cameras are sited within the premise

Public Safety & Protection of Children from Harm

- That the Designated Premises Supervisor is approved by South Wales Police

I trust that the above will be considered

Yours sincerely

G. W. Davies MBE

Caerau Ward Councillor