

From:

Robert Gallacher <

Sent:

14 May 2025 14:54 Licensing (SBC)

To: Subject:

Re licence application holm park sports and recreation ground.

Categories:

Lorraine

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Dear Sir or Madam.

I write to you with reference to the above venues application. Where as we have no objection in principle, to the proposed changes to the venues use. We strongly object to the proposed change to the music licence, on the grounds of noise pollution. Our objection is, should permission be granted to extend the hours of outside music from, before and after matches to as it appears, to almost whenever they wish. This will make using our outdoor space almost impossible. This will also have a very detrimental impact on the many birds and other wildlife that live around the edges of the ground. I also draw your attention to the fact that we have received no written notice concerning the application from yourselves and only became aware by seeing a posting on a pole by the St John's hut. Some distance away.

I look forward to your comments.

Yours sincerely R Gallacher (Hon). queenborough Road.

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From:

Robert Gallacher

Sent:

29 May 2025 15:36

To:

Licensing (SBC)

Subject:

Re: Holm Park Sports & Recreation Ground, Queenborough Road, Halfway, ME12

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Categories:

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Dear Lorraine, licensing team,

Thank you for your update. Although the amount of potential disruption has changed. I should like to continue with my original objection. The reasoning behind this, is that holm park do not stick strictly to the restrictions in place at the moment and I fear giving way here would just open the floodgates.

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In addition I should like serious consideration to be given to parking provision. At the moment when there is a well supported game, the overflow cars park on the pavement along Queenborough Road, which I am sure you know is a highway offence. Queenborough Road is a very busy road being one of the two main routes into sheerness.

Thank you again and I look forward attending the meeting, when it is held.

Yours sincerely R Gallacher. (Bob).

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From: Licensing (SBC) < Licensing@swale.gov.uk>

Sent: Friday, May 23, 2025 1:39:47 PM

Cc: Licensing (SBC) < Licensing@swale.gov.uk>

Subject: Holm Park Sports & Recreation Ground, Queenborough Road, Halfway, ME12 3DB

Good afternoon,

I am writing to update you following your objection to the above premises licence application. As you may already be aware, the premises has an existing premises licence which permits the following licensable activities in the Clubhouse on the days/times shown below:

Sale of alcohol (on Sales)

Provision of late night refreshment (Indoors)

Provision of live music (Indoors only)

Provision of recorded music (Indoors)

Monday to Thursday 11:00 - 23:30

Friday to Sunday 11:00 - 01:00

Christmas Eve 11:00 - 02:00

New Year's Eve 11:00 - 02:00

You will have seen from the Public Notice that the new application we have received is looking to extend the above activities to both indoors and outdoors along with the request for the provision of boxing or wrestling entertainments (indoors) and the possible extension of hours on dates whereby the England football team participate in a European or World Cup final (where the times of the matches fall outside of the specified hours on the licence).



From:

Elizabeth Stickings

Sent:

19 May 2025 19:04

To:

Licensing (SBC)

Cc:

Mike Whiting (Cllr); Peter Marchington (Cllr); Ashley Shiel (Cllr)

Subject:

Holm Park Application for the grant of a Premises licence

Categories:

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For the attention of the Licensing Team,

It has come to my attention that Holm Park (Sheppey United Football Club) have put in an application for several proposed licensable activities and that any objections should be lodged by 29th May.

The most concerning of the proposals being:

- the provision of live music (indoors and outdoors) Monday Saturday 12.00 23.00
- the provision of recorded music Monday to Thursday 12.00 23:00, Saturday 10am 1am, Sundays 10am 22.59
- sale of alcohol Sunday Wednesday 10am 23.00, Thursday 10am 23.59,

This football club is in a residential area, housing retired folk and people with families.

I have children who need to get to sleep - it is not fair that they should be kept'up by anti social noise during the week when they have to attend school the following day.

Surely anything after 10pm at night is antisocial?

As a nearby resident, we already have to put up with the floodlights and parking chaos on match days. Photos attached of parking chaos which we all have to put up with on a regular basis.

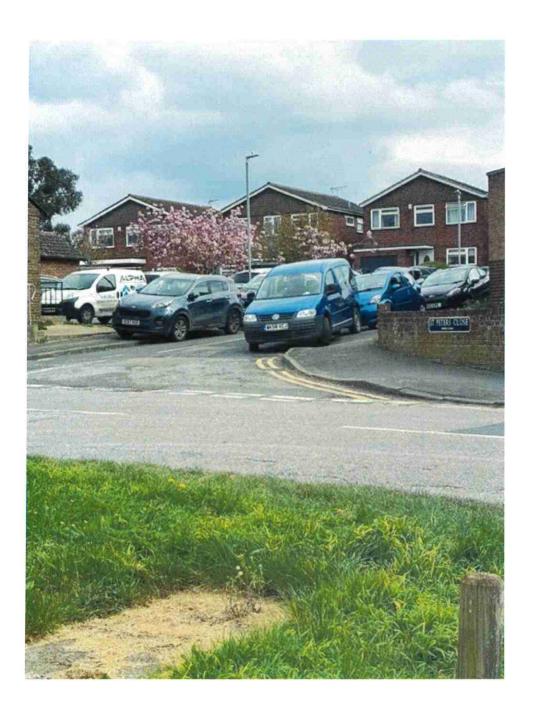
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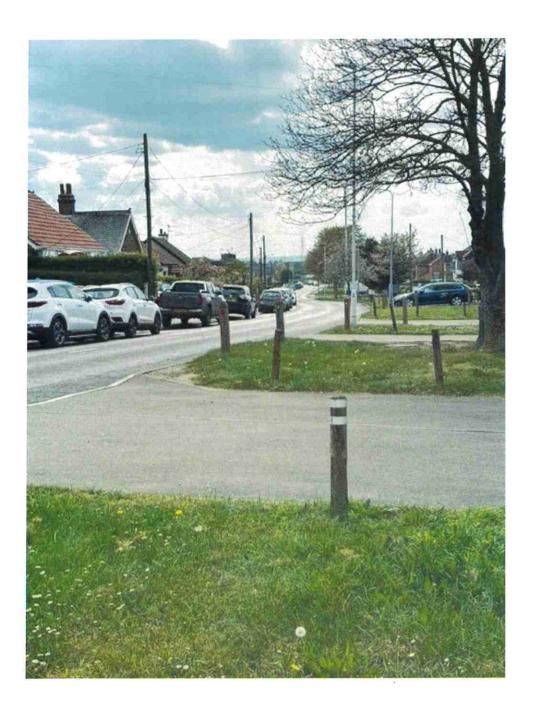
Mrs Elizabeth Stickings

CC: Mike Whiting, Ashley Shiel, Peter Marchington













From:

stephanie luckhurst

Sent:

19 May 2025 20:48

To:

Licensing (SBC)

Subject:

Objection to licensing application

Categories:

Lorraine

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Please see my objection to the application for licensing of late night music at Holm Park indoors and outdoors.

I strongly oppose the proposed licensing of late-night music at Holm Park Football club, as it poses significant risks to community well-being, public safety, and overall quality of life. Holm Park is a central location located next to built up areas and farming land where animals reside, please also think of the safety of the animals as well as the disturbance this would cause to local residents. Extending music activities into late-night hours invites noise disturbances that can disrupt sleep, negatively affect mental and physical health, and erode the peace and comfort residents are entitled to in their own homes.

Late-night music events often attract large crowds, increasing the likelihood of antisocial behavior, public intoxication, and strain on emergency services. The location of this venue will cause a strain on local infrastructure and lead to increased traffic and parking shortages, which already occurs when there is a large football match. The grounds does not have sufficient parking for such events and causes people to park dangerously on the main Queenborough road one of two main routes on the island.

These disruptions are not theoretical—they are well-documented in areas where late-night licenses have already been granted. Local law enforcement and residents should not be burdened with the consequences of policies that prioritize entertainment over public interest.

Granting licenses for late-night music sends the wrong message about community priorities. Responsible governance means setting boundaries that respect all residents, not just those benefiting commercially. For these reasons, I urge decision-makers to reject proposals for late-night music licensing and prioritize the rights of the broader community



From:

Corinne Bailey

Sent:

20 May 2025 12:26

To:

Licensing (SBC)

Subject:

Holm park licence

Categories:

Lorraine

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To whom it may concern

We wish to strongly object about the proposed licensing for Holm Park. We live in Sunnyfields and it backs on to Holm Park

We are two elderly people who are nearly 80 years old and we don't want loud noise going on that late at night. It would be detrimental to our health and wellbeing .There is also many elderly people living around here, and we live here because it's quiet.

Your

Corinne and Ron Bailey



From:

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Sent:

20 May 2025 16:30

To:

Licensing (SBC)

Subject:

Holm Park Football Club

Categories:

Lorraine

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Dear Licensing Committee,

I object, strongly, to the application of Holm Park football club for a premises licence.

This is a football club and whilst I can tolerate, just about, the floodlights and noise on match days and training sessions I am perturbed to learn that late night music with alcohol is being considered, I feel my quality of life will suffer if this application is approved and I urge you to reject the application. Thank you for reading this.

Pamela Culver

Sunnyfields Drive,

Halfway ME12





Holm Park

From

Date Tue 5/20/2025 4:47 PM

To Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>

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Dear Sir,

We are appalled by the application by the Holm Park Sports and Recreational Ground for a Premises Licence. Although we live some distance away in Minster Road, we can already hear the pre-match music before games, but that obviously is only occasionally. Granting this application will be giving approval to what will rapidly become an anti-social nuisance.. on numerous days. Music noise at 2pm on a Saturday afternoon is one thing, but 1.30 am and 2am is quite a different matter. And on Christmas Eve, too, plus all the other late nights. Why should our quality of life be spoiled by this money-making venture? We urge the Licensing Committee to reject this application in its entirety.

David & Lynda Jones Minster Road

ME12



From:

Ken Wood

Sent:

20 May 2025 18:17

To:

Licensing (SBC)

Subject:

Holm park Licence application

Categories:

Lorraine

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Hi. My name is Ken Wood and I live at Queenborough Rd, Minster on Sea. ME12 live at to the application for a licence to sell alcohol by Holm Park.

This would be disruptive to life in the area with loud music and potential drunkenness.

It is already bad enough with parking on the main road by people coming watch the football.

The granting of this licence would put a great strain on area.

We already have enough pubs and clubs in the area.

Thanks

Ken Wood≃



From:

Sent:

20 May 2025 21:02

To:

Licensing (SBC)

Subject:

Formal Objection – Licensing Application: Holm Park / Sheppey United Football

Club

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Dear Licensing Officer,

I am writing to formally object to the licensing application submitted by Holm Park / Sheppey United Football Club. I live directly opposite the venue at the state of the proposed extended licensing hours on the local community — and on my own health and daily functioning.

Grounds for Objection - Licensing Act 2003

This representation is submitted under the Licensing Act 2003, particularly on the grounds that the application threatens to undermine the following three licensing objectives:

1. Prevention of Public Nuisance

The proposed licence extension includes late-night live music and alcohol service until 1:00 AM, which would introduce persistent noise and disruption into an otherwise residential environment — including during weekdays.

While I acknowledge the licensing authority must rely on evidence, I would emphasise that the nuisance caused on match days is already well documented by residents, including increased noise, traffic, anti-social shouting, and crowd dispersal issues. This proposal would compound those problems — not limit them — and extend their impact across more days and later into the night.

It is also not sustainable for residents to be told that they must endure significant noise and then "apply for a licence review" after the damage is done. Licensing law is preventative, not reactive, and the Council is empowered under Section 18 of the Act to refuse or limit licences if there is a real risk of nuisance, especially in sensitive or residential settings.

2. Public Safety

It is a recurring problem that I am often unable to safely enter or exit my own driveway during football events due to blocked roads and inconsiderate parking. There have also been occasions where emergency vehicle access would have been compromised. These are not planning issues — these are direct consequences of the premises operating under a licence and attracting a certain scale of event.

If this application is granted without restriction, the venue would now be drawing traffic and pedestrians late into the night, when lighting is reduced, local public transport is limited, and safety oversight is minimal.

3. Prevention of Crime and Disorder

Match days already bring surges in alcohol consumption and crowd-related tension. Extending licensable hours to 1:00 AM—particularly alcohol sales—will increase the risk of drunken, rowdy, or even hostile behaviour in a primarily residential zone. This also creates spillover issues for policing and for residents who must deal with late-night noise, fights, or vandalism on their street.

Equalities & Disability Considerations - Equality Act 2010

I am also submitting this objection as someone diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and ADHD — both of which are protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010.

Sensory disturbances (especially noise), unpredictability, and environmental chaos are all key triggers for distress in autistic individuals. The Council is bound under Section 149 of the Act (Public Sector Equality Duty) to actively consider the impact of any licensing decision on disabled people and take steps to remove or minimise disadvantages.

This duty is not discharged by simply acknowledging disability. The Council must take proportionate steps to avoid discriminatory outcomes, including modifying or refusing applications that would have serious detrimental effects on disabled residents.

It is a matter of record that many local authorities have refused or curtailed licences where vulnerable residents — particularly those with sensory disorders — would be negatively impacted.

Human Rights Impact

The Council must also consider the European Convention on Human Rights, particularly:

Article 8: Right to respect for private and family life

Article 1, Protocol 1: Right to peaceful enjoyment of possessions

Granting a commercial licence that erodes the peaceful use of my home through unreasonable disruption or noise could amount to a disproportionate interference with these rights. I am not objecting to the existence of the football club, but to a substantial intensification of its operations without reasonable safeguards

I am aware that:

Planning vs Licensing: While planning handles structural and traffic matters, licensing decisions must still consider operational effects, especially where they affect public safety or nuisance.

Anticipated vs Proven Harm: I understand objections must be evidence-based. To that end, case law (e.g. Hope and Glory Public House [2011] EWCA Civ 31) confirms that licensing can act proactively where risks are foreseeable.

Post-approval Review: Requiring residents to suffer harm before seeking a review is not reasonable or protective. The licensing system is not meant to function as trial by nuisance.

Reasonable and Proportionate Compromise

I understand the club's need to support its operations and local sports, and I am not seeking to block that. However, I respectfully suggest the following adjustments:

Limit extended hours (e.g. until midnight or 1:00 AM) to Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, and Bank Holidays only

Set a weekday terminal hour of no later than 9:00 PM and 10:30 PM on Fridays and Saturdays

Require enforceable conditions on noise, crowd control, and parking management

Request for Confidentiality

I request, in accordance with GDPR and the Licensing Act's Code of Practice, that my name and address remain confidential and are not disclosed in public reports. This is particularly important given my health and vulnerability.

Final Remarks

I respectfully urge the Licensing Sub-Committee to give due weight to the cumulative impact this licence would have on residents—especially those like myself who are legally protected and medically affected by environmental disturbance.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my representation. Kindest Regards





From:

Gary Deebank

Sent:

20 May 2025 22:12

To:

Licensing (SBC)

Subject:

Licensing proposals Sheppey United Football Club

Categories:

Lorraine

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I live on the corner of Holm Place and wish to Object to the licensing proposal they are applying for, the ground is open most evenings mainly for training which is just one problem with the amount of traffic and the late night floodlights used. The problem with this proposal is the noise that will be generated along with the already loud noise we get on match days plus the amount of vehicles that this will add to the already noisy and fast vehicles already using Holm Place.

Sent from the all-new AOL app for iOS



From:

Licensing (SBC)

Sent:

21 May 2025 11:48

To:

Licensing (SBC)

Subject:

united football club application live music

Categories:

Lorraine

From: Terence Soan Sent: 20 May 2025 20:06

To: Customer Service Centre Emails (SBC)

Subject: united football club application live music

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Have just received a leaflet of Holm Park application for live music, I object vehemently to this, the noise is bad enough when there is a match but this only last for a short time, what they are proposing is totally out of order we will have almost permanent noise going on , the hours they are asking for is ridiculous . please do not approve of these plans. Where are all these people going to park? .At present we have cars parking along both sides of a main road and in the slip road of the houses fronting Sunnyfields on saturday afternoons. Please do not approve these plans. Yours sincerely Linda and Terry Soan. Queenborough Road,

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Dear Swale Licensing Department

We would like to strongly object to the application by the Holm Park sports and recreational ground for a premises licence.

Floodlights & noise

We already suffer from noise and the intrusive effect of floodlights and noise during football matches, but it will be far worse for the residents of adjacent properties in Sunnyfields Drive and Queenborough Road if this application is approved.

After Midnight

We are horrified to read that we could now have noise from music until 1am or 2am. If approved, our lives will be a made a misery. There are many elderly people living nearby and families with young children. Their quality of life will be severely impacted by all the noise of various kinds associated with the proposed events.

Parking

Match day parking is always a big problem, as they park on the main road and around surrounding side streets. This is limited by the match time, but cars will probably be left overnight if a late license is granted.

We urge the Licensing Committee to reject this application.

Many thanks from The Residents of Sunnyfields drive and Queenborough Road.

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We would like to strongly object to the application by the Holm Park sports and recreational ground for a premises licence

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19TH MAY 2025

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From:

janet best

Sent:

22 May 2025 09:29

To:

Licensing (SBC)

Subject:

Holm park

Categories:

Lorraine

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From Ron Rees Janet best Queenborough road Re application Holm park

We have no objections to the sports being increased but Object vehemently to a late drinking and entertainment licence The latest should be 11pm The road is already extremely noisy so much so that we cannot have our front windows open of a evening because of traffic The volume of noise of a evening travels much louder we can hear all announcements etc as if we were actually in the centre We have also had cars parked completely down the road which has caused traffic hold ups Lastly and most importantly I walk my dogs and along the road in the grass verges pavements etc after any events there are empty bottles broken or half full litter and all kinds of debris left This needs a employee of Holm park to supervise and clean up after any and all events Not the council which is paid by us tax payers We already pay enough For any event all aftercare for surrounding neighbours should be made accountable to Holm park



From:

Denise Broster

Sent:

22 May 2025 10:17

To:

Licensing (SBC)

Subject:

Objections to new licensing hours

Categories:

Lorraine

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Dear Swale Borough Council

Have just seen notification of a proposal of extending the licensing hours to 1am on certain days and live music? For Holm Place Football Club

This is disgraceful for contemplating the extra mess, parking, food waste, the noise, it is within a built up area? I know it's a field but we all live around it, it may appear on paper as a farm area, but please come and see for yourself how very close we are to Holm Place Football Club, I think we've been very reasonable over the years, this is going too far.

This is only going to put more pressure on the policing services that obviously we will have to ask for assistance with drunken, shouty people in the early hours of the morning,

It's already inconvenient enough for regular football matches, some of us are unable to gain access to get on or off our driveways

I would like our objections noted please

Your Sincerely Mr & Mrs Broster Sidney Broster Denise Broster

ME12

Sent from my iPhone=



From:

Joanne Francis

Sent:

22 May 2025 20:08

To:

Licensing (SBC)

Subject:

re Holm Park proposal

Categories:

Lorraine

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to wholeheartedly complain about the new proposal for Holm Park.

I have elderly parents who live in the close next to the ground - both coming up to 80 , who cannot afford to move.

This would be a major disruption to them in their later years - people drinking, being antisocial at all hours, the parking issues this would cause. Loud music and noise into the early hours they should not have to endure at this stage of life. All in the name of money making.

I know of young families this would affect - those with babies and small children that also should not be subject to this.

This would affect so many people - those needing to be up for work, the list goes on.

I am more than happy to speak on their behalf if needed.

Please take this as a huge objection to these proposals .

Yours

Jo Francis





C/O Neil Ballard
Filer Road
Sheerness
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ME12
Licensing department

Licensing department

<u>Licensing@swale.gov.uk</u>

<u>lorrainecrowley@swale.gov.uk</u>

Subject: Objection to the proposed licensable activities at Sheppey United Football club

Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing on behalf of Holm Place Anglers, a local non-profit organisation operating directly adjacent to Sheppey United Football Club. Our mission is to provide (Free of charge Fishing) to young people and the elderly, many of whom face social, emotional, or behavioural challenges- with a calm supportive environment in which to learn the valuable skill of fishing, reconnect with nature, and develop personal confidence.

We wish to formally object to the current licensing application that would allow the football club to expand its operations to include additional day and evening events beyond its existing sporting schedule.

Our location provides a calm, natural setting essential to the well- being of individuals who attend for health and recovery purposes, including those managing mental health challenges, social isolation or chronic stress. The tranquil environment is a key component of the support we offer.

We have already experienced increasing levels of noise pollution; particularly from late night events and amplified music are significantly undermining the therapeutic value of this space.

Our qualified coaches operate regular daytime and weekend sessions, and during the warmer months, we also run early evening classes. Holm Place Anglers is one (of only two clubs in Kent approved for social prescribing and therapy) this proposal poses a serious and multifaceted disruption to our work, which depends on peace, safety, and access to an undisturbed natural setting at Holm Place Farm.

Our teaching sessions rely on a quiet environment where children can learn concentration, patience, and respect for wildlife. The noise associated with larger daytime gatherings-particularly from music, PA systems, or crowds- would significantly disturb our sessions. The proposed evening events would be even more intrusive, introducing artificial noise at times traditionally quieter and more suitable for teaching fishing.

Evening events inevitably bring flood lighting and increased vehicle traffic, disrupting nocturnal wildlife and impacting the peaceful experience we work hard to provide. Our site is used to teach environmental responsibility, and this proposal undermines the natural learning environment we promote.

With increased traffic and late- night crowds, we are deeply concerned about rising safety risks, including vandalism, trespassing, and littering issues that we have already experienced after events held at Sheppey United. Many of the children we support are vulnerable and require a secure, low risk space to participate in our programmes, we work closely with the Angling trust and the Environment agency to present the Get fishing award and Cast award for these vulnerable children.

This is not a commercial zone. Our location is a quiet, semi-rural space shared by the community-focused organisations. Allowing high-frequency events- particularly those unrelated to football- sets a worrying precedent that shifts the purpose of this area from the community development to commercial entertainment.

Fishing provides a lifeline for many of the children we support. It offers mental health benefits, structured outdoor activity, and a break from chaotic overstimulating environments. Hosting events next door – during the day and into the evening – would create the very kind of disruption many of these young and elderly come to us to escape.

We recognise the football clubs role in the community and appreciate the value of sport, we strongly believe that this application overreaches and threatens the balance of uses in this part of the town. It compromises our ability to deliver educational and therapeutic experiences for young people, and poses significant safety concerns.

We respectfully urge the council to reject these proposals in full, or failing that, or to substantially revise it with enforceable conditions that protect neighbouring charities, educational providers, and the character of the local environment.

Thank you for considering the wider community impact of this proposal. We would be happy to provide further details or host a site visit should you wish to understand our concerns more clearly.

Yours sincerely

Neil Ballard

Chairman



Brian Harding From:

23 May 2025 20:12 Sent: Licensing (SBC) To:

Objection to the premises licence application Subject:

Objection - Holm Park Sports and Recreational Ground.pdf Attachments:

Lorraine Categories:

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Dear Licensing Officer,

I am writing to formally object to the premises licence application submitted by Holm Park Sports and Recreational Ground under the Licensing Act 2003.

As a local resident, I have serious concerns regarding the likely adverse impact this licence would have on the surrounding neighbourhood.

My representation relates specifically to the following licensing objectives:

1. Prevention of Public Nuisance

There is already significant disruption from existing activities at Holm Park--particularly from loudspeaker announcements during matches and events.

This is further compounded by the proposal to allow both live and recorded music outdoors until 1am and even 2am on certain nights, which is wholly inappropriate in a residential area.

The intensity and duration of noise—especially from amplified music—would have a severe impact on the lives of residents, many of whom are elderly or have young children.

The combination of loud music, amplified announcements, and extended operating hours would drastically reduce our ability to enjoy peace and rest in our own homes.

2. Public Safety & Parking Issues

On match days, parking already spills over onto Queenborough Road and surrounding streets, often obstructing driveways and making access difficult.

Extending operating hours into the early morning will likely lead to cars being left overnight, adding to the congestion and increasing safety risks for pedestrians and emergency access.

3. Prevention of Crime and Disorder

The sale of alcohol until 1am or 2am, particularly around events such as England matches, presents a high risk of alcoholfuelled disorder, littering, and antisocial behaviour.

Without clear measures in place, this risks placing an unnecessary burden on local police resources and the community.

If the Committee Is Minded to Grant the Licence

Should the Licensing Sub-Committee choose to approve the application in any form, I would strongly urge the imposition of the following conditions, designed to mitigate the worst of the impacts:

- Maximum attendance limits based on site capacity and safety assessments.
- A detailed Parking Management Plan must be in place and enforced.
- Mandatory deployment of SIA-licensed security marshals at all events beyond 9pm.
- Strict Noise Control Measures requiring both live and recorded outdoor music to cease by 9pm.
- Submission of a full Event Management Plan (EMP) prior to any large-scale event, covering safety, traffic, and community impact.

This application represents a significant shift from a local sporting facility to a commercial-scale entertainment venue operating with extended late-night hours.

The scale and intensity of what is proposed would seriously undermine residential amenity and public order.

I respectfully request that this application be refused.

If approved, the above conditions must be attached to preserve the balance between community well-being and commercial activity.

Yours faithfully,

Brian Harding Sunnyfields Drive, Sheerness, Kent. (signed pdf attached)



From:

Ann Hunt

Sent:

25 May 2025 14:51

To:

Licensing (SBC)

Subject:

Holm Park Football stadium

Categories:

Lorraine

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To the licensing committee.

We have just found out that Sheppey United have applied to extend their licensing hours. We are surprised that we have not seen any notices about this since the football ground backs onto our garden.

The club have only in the last few months started to switch off their flood lights by the permitted time and tone them down to the level of light that they were granted permission for. (They are still not using low level lights that they applied for.)

On match days and when they currently hold events there is a lot of congestion caused by park cars along the Queenborough Road and even on the grass verges where there are no posts to stop them since they have insufficient parking in the ground area.

This is a residential area and to think that we will have even more noise and antisocial behaviour as people leave the club much later at night after 23.30 or 1.00 depending on the day of the week is unacceptable especially when people have work or school the following day.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Ann Hunt

Sent from my iPhone



From:

Maureen Heaney

Sent:

26 May 2025 13:43

To:

Licensing (SBC)

Subject:

Holm Park Football Club

Categories:

Lorraine

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Dear Sir,

As residents living very close to Holm Park we are very concerned to hear the planned "night club / extended licensing times". We already hear noise and "language" when football matches are held however this is expected living near a football club.

We often have our young grandchildren sleeping over, as do many of our neighbours, we feel these plans are totally unacceptable in the middle of our quiet neighbourhood.

Yours sincerely

R+M Heaney

Sunnyfields Drive.

Sent from Outlook for Android



From:

Sent: To: 26 May 2025 15:45

Licensing (SBC)

Subject:

Holm Park licensing application

Categories:

Lorraine

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Good afternoon,

I am emailing to raise my concerns about the recent licensing application for Holm Park football grounds.

We are local residents and have lived in this area for all of our lives, we are extremely concerned about the recent application that has been submitted. We already have to endure weekend and evening events which results in loud music being played on match days and also we have to put up with light pollution, during the winter month's our property is completely lit up until late in to the evening.

When there is a match and visitors come to the grounds there is not adequate parking on site which means there is Illegal and often double parking of cars on the main Queenborough road and the surrounding streets, with many cars parked dangerously and making it difficult for emergency services to get through if needed. We have also had to put up with bad language from some of the visitors in the past and this is not appropriate especially where families live.

The new licensing application has raised further concerns about the loud music which will continue on to the early hours of the morning, this is particular unfair for families with small children and also the elderly. The hours that have been requested means that there would be no down time at all for residents and no escape from the noise.

The application also states that they wish to sell alcohol on and offsite but will this result in littering as people leave the ground and walk home, possibly bottles and cans being thrown in to peoples gardens and also along the footpaths.

We feel like prisoners in our own home as we don't want to go in to the garden as the noise is just too much, finding out that they want to extend the hours is very unsettling.

We hope that our points will be taken in to consideration against this application.

Many Thanks

Mr A Morris



From:

Paul Boddy

Sent:

27 May 2025 09:55

To:

Licensing (SBC)

Subject:

Holm Park Football Club Proposals

Categories:

Lorraine

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To whom it may concern.

I have just been notified of the application that has been submitted by Holm Park Football Club for licensing to enable late night music, including live performances and the sale of alcohol at their venue.

I totally and completely object to this application in all its parts based on the following.

I am, along with all the other local residents well aware of how this site has changed and developed in recent years. We are reminded of its current existence, not by the normal football games to be expected at such a venue but by the penetrating glare from the flood lights system now installed that shines across and into many of the local properties. Quite often well into the night after the games have finished and all have left. Parking and increased traffic in the local area is horrendous on a match day, what it would be like on an event day if approved and fuelled by late night alcohol, would I fear be at an unacceptable level to the local residents of the area, many as myself are pensioners or families with young children. On the rare occasion events are held on this site, at this time, they are extremely disturbing. The local properties and particularly those that border the Football ground have no respite from the pumping sound of the music blasting across the local estates. And again with no ability to escape the the lights and loud music when we and I am sure many others are trying to sleep in bed. Then we have the issues of parking or in many cases abandonment of vehicles in the local main road, making it extremely hazardous especially in this area where many people are unable to stick to the speed limit in the first place, and around our estates, often without care causing residents problems getting on or off their own driveways.

I understand that they may wish to hold such events in order to increase their revenue, but not at the cost of disturbance and distress to those residents who are bordering their site and beyond.

Yours

Paul Boddy

Sunnyfields Drive

Minster-on-Sea

Sheerness

ME12



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leigh.gibson

Sent:

27 May 2025 11:02

To:

Licensing (SBC)

Subject:

licensing at Holm Park Football Park

Categories:

Lorraine

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To the licensing dept

i wish to object to the licensing proposals at Holm Park football ground.

The proposal is not appropriate in a residential area on the following grounds:

Parking, this is already a problem on days when football is on for whole local area especially on main road.

Noise nuisance, it is already intrusive on match days and will be worse for outdoor events late at night, especially after 11pm.

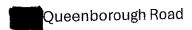
Light pollution, this is already a problem evenings but would be unacceptable late at night,

Generable disturbance of people returning to parked cars late at night, slamming doors and talking loudly.

This is a residential area, families already struggle with children trying to sleep with lights shining in windows and noise. The congestion caused by matches

on the main road should prevent consideration of any extension, there is no benefit to the local people who would be disturbed further.

Mr and Mrs LW Gibson



Sheerness

Kent

ME12



From:

phillipchallans |

Sent:

27 May 2025 14:11

To:

Licensing (SBC)

Subject:

Resident Objection to Application for Additional Licensing Proposals at Holm

Park/Sheppey United Football Club

Categories:

Lorraine

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To The Licensing Department

Swale House

Fast Street

Sittingbourne. ME10 3HT

Date: 27th May 2025

Ref: Resident Objection to Application for Additional Licensing Proposals at Holm Park/Sheppey United Football Club

We are aware that an application has been submitted to extend both music activities and increase the alcohol licensing hours at Holm Park/Sheppey United Football Club.

We would ask that this application is fully rejected and not approved based on our concerns detailed helow:

Detrimental impact on the residents of Queenborough Road and surrounding residential areas due to:

1. Extra Traffic congestion and very hazardous for pedestrians crossing the road.

Queenborough Road already suffers from cars parked both sides of the road on Football match days, which reduces an already busy Queenborough Road down to single lane Parked cars and additional traffic queues make it difficult to cross traffic. Queenborough road safely and there have been times when we have had near misses with cars/pedestrians along this road. Football matches already cause much congestion along Queenborough Road due to the lack of parking facilities at Holm Park. To extend this congestion and public hazard for longer periods of time is unacceptable.

2. Late night music and extended licensing hours would be detrimental to local residents due

This planning application requests an extension for Live Music at Holm Park, both indoors and outdoors and an extension to current hours for the sale of Queenborough Road and the alcohol.

Surrounding residential areas should not be subjected to extra noise associated with late night events. We surrounding experience shouting and rowdy group behaviour within the current licensing hours approved for the Holm Park Site.

We strongly object to these applications and request that the Council does not approve the additional planning applications for the Holm Park/Sheppey United Football Club premises.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs and Mrs Challans

Queenborough Road Minster on Sea Sheerness ME12



From:

P HOARE

Sent:

27 May 2025 14:45

To:

Licensing (SBC)

Cc:

Lorraine Crowley

Subject:

License application Holm Park Sports & Recreation Ground

Attachments:

August 2024 22.11.jpg; May 2024 22.05.jpg

Categories:

Lorraine

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Good afternoon

I have recently learnt of an application for Holm Park Sports and recreation ground regarding the below. I understand that any objections and views are to be submitted by 29 May. Please see both my comments and objections below:

Provision of indoor sporting events:

Monday to Sunday 12.00 - 23.00

Provision of boxing or wrestling entertainments (indoors)

Monday 12.00 - 23.00

Friday 19.00 - 23.00

Saturday 12.00 - 23.00

Sunday 12.00 - 21.00

I have no objection to indoor boxing or wrestling evens

Provision of live music (both indoors & outdoors)

Monday to Saturday 12.00 - 23.00

Sunday 12.00 - 21.00

Bank Holidays Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve 12.00 - 23.30

No objection to the music when indoors.

I have strong objections to outdoor music. Last year there was an outdoor music event and i was unable to hear my TV and had to have my windows and doors closed. Not ideal in the summer and totally unfair in a residential area.

We already have to listen to the music, commentary and fowl language at football matches.

Provision of recorded music (both indoors & outdoors)

Monday to Thursday 12.00 - 23.30

Friday 12.00 - 01.00

Saturday 10.00 - 01.00

Sunday 12.00 - 22.59 (deregulated)

Bank Holiday Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve 12.00 - 01.30

Additionally upto two hours before and after any England match, as well as European and World Cup final games that fall outside the specified hours

No objection to indoors.

Again as above. Strongly object to recorded music outdoors. Not at all being respectful to being in a residential area.

Late night refreshments (both indoors & outdoors)

Monday to Thursday 23.00 - 23.59

Friday & Saturday 23.00 - 01.00

Sunday 23.00 - 23.59

Bank Holiday, Christmas Eve & New Years Eve 23.00 - 02.00

Additional during England games/European games and World Cup games that fall outside the specified hours.

No objection to indoors.

Again strongly object to outdoors as will also be accompanied by noise and litter. My garden backs onto the area in question and is affected by everything that goes on. Both water bottles and glass bottles arrive at the end of my garden.

Sale of alcohol both on & off the premises

Sunday to Wednesday 10.00 - 23.30

Thursday 10.00 - 23.59

Friday & Saturday 10.00 - 01.00

Bank Holidays, Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve 10.00-02.00

Additional two hours before and after any England match as well as European and World Cup final games that fall outside the specified hours.

No objection to the sale of alcohol if indoors.

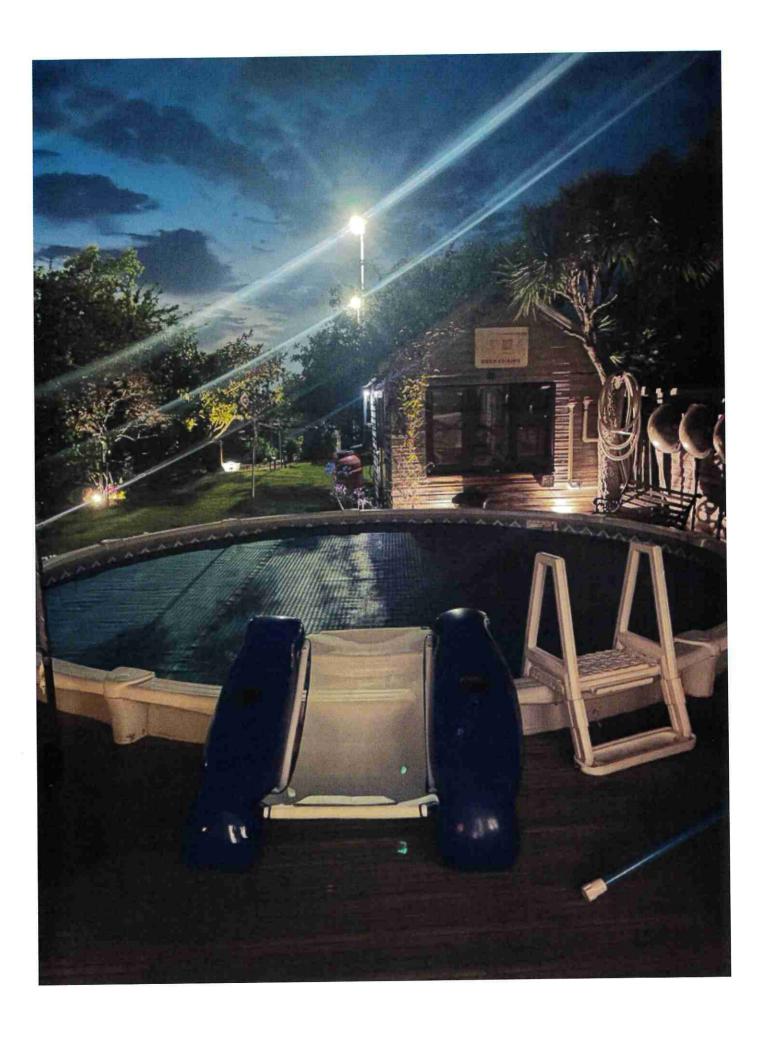
I would like to add that as my garden backs onto the area directly, is affected also by the footballs that end up in my garden and the damage to my greenhouse they cause. Also, litter does get thrown into our gardens. Wildlife (birds) are also affected by the bright lighting.

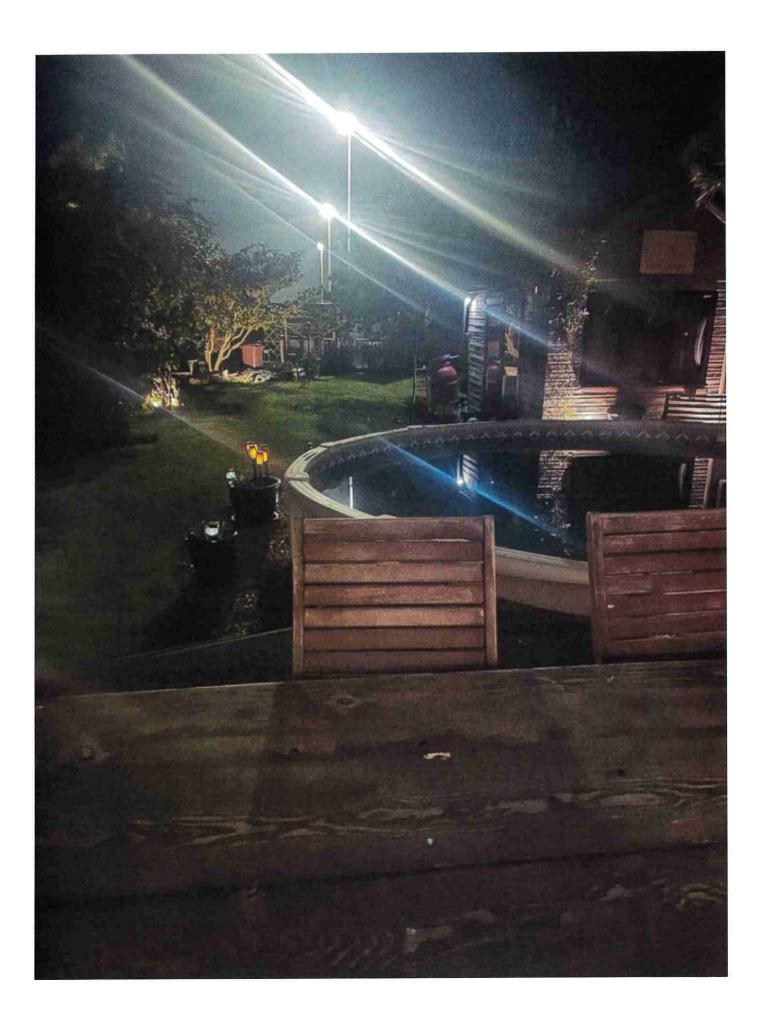
I note that you have politely noted the hours above but if like the lighting, these will not be adhered to. I attach a couple of photographs of how my garden is affected and you will note that these were taken after 22.00 hrs and all lighting is to be off by 21.30.

I am sure you will agree, that you would not like this occurring in your garden, so why is it to be expected in mine. Respect and privacy is all as a resident I ask and am sure you will agree, is not unreasonable. I think the current noise, damage and litter is quite enough. Thank you.

Kind regards.

Janet Hoare







From:

Sharon Bagley

Sent:

27 May 2025 19:54

To:

Licensing (SBC)

Subject:

The Licensing Department

Categories:

Lorraine

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To whom it may concern

I am writing to you to object about Holm park United football club applying for a late night licence and music as we back on to the ground and it will disturb us from sleeping. We get disturbed now with the football games .

Kind regards Sharon Abbas

Sent from Outlook for Android



From:

Luke Pepler

Sent:

28 May 2025 15:53

To:

Licensing (SBC)

Subject:

Holm park football club.

Categories:

Lorraine

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Good evening,

I have only just heard about this.

So I would like to appeal this. I own a house in Sunnyfields drive.

The parking when the football Is already bad anuff,

We have an older generation around are area, this really is not suitable for them.

Me personally I do shift work so I work all hours. I get up at 3am most mornings, if we have party's and functions going on. How am I going to provide for my family? We can already hear the noise with the football. That's bad as it is. If this is allowed they will be devaluing are houses because no one will not want to be living here.

This would not be fair to the community not in the slitest.

I hope you can understand.

Kind regards

Luke

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone



From:

Dave Burgoyne

Sent:

28 May 2025 17:59

To:

Licensing (SBC)

Subject:

Holmpark late night licence

Categories:

Lorraine

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Hiya,

I couldn't find where to fill a form in on line so am writing email about having a say about the licence aplocation put in for holm park stadium (sheppy football ground)

I don't object to them selling alcohol etc and using the venue BUT I do object to the finishing times and the outdoor

It is a quiet residential area and the sound can echo around here well. If I wanted to listen to music etc until around midnight I would of moved to a caravan park or near the town but I dont!!

A lot of the people around here a elderly and don't want it either!!

I personally live in sunnyfields drive which isn't far from there at all.

Many thanks dave

From:

Caroline Barkway

Sent:

28 May 2025 22:28

To:

Licensing (SBC)

Subject:

Objection to Premises Licence Holm Farm

Categories:

Lorraine

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Good evening

I am writing to state my objection to the Application for the Grant of a Premises Licence at Holm Park Sports & Recreational Ground, Holm Place, Queenborough Road, Halfway. ME12 3DB.

I would like to object to the following:

1) The Provision of live music (outdoors). Holm Farm is situated within a residential area, with two of its boarders joining a housing line. The noise disruption to residents if a licence for outdoor music were to be granted on week days would be significant, impacting across all age groups. The noise generated on a match day is already significant. Match day noise is not a sustained noise, unlike music, which will greatly increase the noise pollution to local residents.

Friday, Saturday night, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve I do not have an objection to. However I do object to outdoor music Sunday to Thursday. If the committee were likeminded to approve this licence request, it should be with the provision of limiting any form of outdoor music after 21:00pm Sunday to Thursday. I would also like confirmation as to who is responsible for agreeing the noise management plan for this facility. As a local resident I do not believe the current plan is adhered to. If the management and delivery of the current plan is already in breach, extending the hours will only further impact local residents.

In addition to this, the impact to local traffic congestion and parking on game days is substantial, with supporters parking in precarious places around the local road network. As a local resident as frustrating as this can be, football is seasonal. The seasonality of football, combined with away games means we manage our way around this impact. If a licence were to be granted providing the provision of outdoor music, this would increase the frequency of events and number of patrons in attendance. The traffic impact on the local road network, along with the impact to parking would be significant. If the licensing committee were likeminded to grant the licence, it should be with a provision that Holm Farm Sport provide parking facilities either on or off site, with these facilities scaling with the size of the maximum event attendance providing sufficient parking.

- 2) Provision of recorded music (outdoors)
- my objections raised in point 1 are all points of objection I wish to raise to this proposal, with the same recommendation were the committee likeminded to approve. I do not object to music being played up to 2 hours before or after any England Football Match.
- 3) Late night refreshments my objections raised to this proposal is the extended hours stated. I do not object to refreshments being made available indoors across any hours. If the provision of refreshments outside were made available, there would be an impact to residents locally. Patrons, potentially under the influence of alcohol are likely to generate excessive noise, whilst ordering food and then standing outside to eat this. With doors to the buildings that are hosting events opening and closing where patrons are utilising any outdoor refreshment facility, this will also generate noise impact to local residents where music will be heard.

If the committee were like minded to approve this proposal, the availability of outdoor refreshments should be limited to reflect the days and times outlined in my objection to point 1.

I would also ask that if the committee were likeminded to approve this proposal, that Holm Farm Sports and Recreational Ground are required to install sufficient litter bin facilities both on site and at sufficient intervals along Queenborough Road to limit the impact of discarded litter from their patrons.

4) Sale of alcohol both on and off premises. I object to this on the grounds that Sunday to Thursday there is a significant potential impact to the local community of anti social behaviour from patrons under the influence of alcohol. With licensed facilities at Mems Restaurant, The Heritage, Sheerness East Working Men's Club, The Dragon Inn, Thamsha Longe and Kohi Noor all within a maximum 10 minute walk from the Holm Farm Ground, it is not necessary to provide either an additional licensed premises in the area, or an extension to the current premises license for the sale of alcohol.

l also object to any change in license that permits the sale of alcohol as a takeaway facility. Consumption of alcohol should remain onsite.

Whilst I recognise the need for businesses to diversify to ensure financial success and recognise the positive contribution that this can bring to the Island, this should not be achieved at the detriment of the local community.

Your sincerely

Mrs C Barkway=

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From:

Mike Whiting (Cllr)

Sent:

14 May 2025 15:34

To: Cc: Robert Gallacher Licensing (SBC)

Subject:

Re: Ref application at holm park sports and recreation ground.

Categories:

Lorraine

Robert,

Thanks for your email. The matter is to be considered by the Licencing Committee and I have copied this reply to the Licencing officers asking them to take your comments into account, and to present them to members before members make their decision.

I agree with you that an external music licence would be detrimental to your quality of life, and also ask the officers and committee to take my views into account as a local member on the grounds that the proposed used would be in contravention of the third of the four licensing objectives, Prevention of Public Nuisance.

The licensing team may get in touch if they need further information from you.

If needs be m, and I am free, then I may ask to speak at the meeting, but if officers confirm our views have been passed to members then speaking will probably add nothing more. We'll see.

Thank you again for raising this.

Regards

Mike

MIKE WHITING

Member serving Queenborough, Halfway and Rushenden Swale Borough Council

From: Robert Gallacher

Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 3:20:16 PM

To: Mike Whiting (Cllr) <

Subject: Ref application at holm park sports and recreation ground.

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Dear Mike,

I am not sure if this comes under your remit and if not could I ask you to kindly forward it whomsoever it does. I have just become aware of a licence application concerning holm park sports and recreation park. On the whole I do not believe the proposed application to hold boxing and wrestling matches should be a problem, with the proviso that there is adequate parking.