

**From:** Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 08 April 2025 10:20  
**To:** Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Online form received: Comment on licensing application

## Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS703947777

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### Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:  
Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:  
Hereford RFC  
Wyeside, Belvedere Lane  
Hereford  
HR4 0PH

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### Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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## Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

A license for music inside the club and on the rugby field until 2am on the weekend is going to be horrendous for the owners of Barton West and other properties that back onto the rugby club!

Regarding myself and the residents of Barton West. Many of us living here are ex Military and served our country in many conflicts far and wide!

We came here to retire in peace and quiet, and accept that now and again the club have music events etc! And yes they do tend to have music too loud at times, but this has always been up to 11pm which is acceptable! [REDACTED] Hearing loss and PTSD! So loud noise is not only bad for my hearing, it's also not good for my mental health!!! No doubt there could be more residents in the area of the rugby club that may be highly affected by loud noise?

Regards,

[REDACTED].

Suggest any conditions:

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## Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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## Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 08 April 2025 10:51

**To:** Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Hereford Rugby Club

We wish to object strongly to the proposed extension hours to HRC. I [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and the noise from the club would be too much. Our apartment faces straight on to the buildings so there is nowhere we could hide from the music. In Summer even if we had to close all windows there is no way of escaping the music and accompanying noises. Along with all other residents, who chose to live here for peace quiet and views, we

would be shattered if the proposal goes ahead.

Please send someone here to visit us and see for themselves just how bad it could be.



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**From:** Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 08 April 2025 14:57  
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## Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS704101430

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### Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:  
Local Resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:  
Hereford Rugby Football Club  
Belvedere Lane  
Hereford HR4 0PH

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### Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### **Public nuisance**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

My wife and I have endured increasing noise nuisance levels of music at the Rugby Club since 2004.

This new application for outside music three times a week goes far beyond what is acceptable to local residents. From our living room area, we have direct line of sight to the Rugby Club bar over a distance not much more than the length of a rugby pitch. It is too onerous to have to bear three evenings a week of what is, in reality, music festival noise up until 2300 hours.

Although we have double glazed windows, we even hear raised voices from this area and the noise from loudspeakers from the outside bar area reaches us, I'm sure, well in excess of legal limits. When we have warm summer evenings, we are forced to keep windows closed as otherwise we would not be able to hear the radio, watch TV or concentrate on reading a book.

In the past we have been assured that at 11 pm. this activity will be moved indoors and the soundproof shutters will be closed. This frequently does not happen, especially in warm weather, and the music volume is barely reduced. Consequently, we are unable to get to any respite until after 2 am. and sometimes even longer.

Suggest any conditions:

We believe the current frequency and volume of outside music emanating from the Rugby Club, as was agreed at a residents meeting with the Rugby Club Committee a few years ago, is just about bearable provided any noise pollution moves indoors and soundproof shutters are down by 2300 hours.

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### **Protection of children from harm**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### **Supporting evidence**

What evidence do you have to support this information:

Our experience of living close to the premises requesting this licence for the last 20 years.

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**From:** Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 11 April 2025 11:30  
**To:** Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>  
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## Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS705049425

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### Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:  
Local resident.

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:  
Hereford Rugby club

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### Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:  
I and eleven other residents live less than 50m. away from the rugby club and to be granted these extra opening hours would be disastrous for us all. In the summer months we would have to keep our balcony doors/windows closed to try to shut out the

noise/drunken behaviour which with the present hours we are having such problems, the limited hours the club has now are not been adhered to, also we would all be kept awake with the loud music this affect all of our health problems and most of us here are elderly.people. This would devalue all of our properties and make life here unbearable.So we are all against this application.

Suggest any conditions:

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#### Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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#### Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

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**From:** Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 14 April 2025 14:27

**To:** Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

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## Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS705811879

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#### Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:  
local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:  
Hereford Rugby Football Club, Belvedere Lane, Broomy Hill, Hereford HR4 0PH

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### Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

I have been informed that Hereford Rugby Football Club applied for a variation of their license on 2nd April 2025. I did not see this notice in the relevant pages of the Hereford Times but I might have overlooked it.

I wish to raise an objection, although, I don't know if it meets with your criteria.

I wish to make clear that this objection is not meant to be vexatious or mean spirited but is based on experience of having a house in Belvedere Lane, the main thoroughfare of the Rugby Club.

Traffic

My first objection is to the noise of the traffic. The vehicles using the lane set up a vibration that can be felt and heard in the house. This vibration is made worse by the occasional appearance of potholes, which seem to be situated just outside my premises. This vibration is amplified when in bed, as the effects resound through the building and therefore, through the furniture and so, through the ears when the head is placed on the pillow. Most of this we just have to live with as most of the traffic movements occur within "normal" hours.

I know this has nothing to do with the license but fishermen use the lane, as an access road to the river and they can attract up to over 50 vehicles or more and normally occur very early in the morning, around 0600 to 0700. These traffic movements are repeated an hour later, when the placings are handed out. These events can occur on several weekends but not throughout the year.

On occasions, the rugby club have events that end in the early hours and the extra traffic movements of vehicles moving up and down the lane, collecting the revellers, can be excused for once or twice a year. However, the license extension, potentially, takes away any present restrictions and allows extra traffic movements up to the hour of 0200 and beyond, on every Friday and Saturday, throughout the year. This would not be acceptable.

People

When the rugby club have these events, that end early in morning, the revellers can walk

home, especially when the weather is good. The noise of groups moving up the lane can be disturbing but is not, usually, too bad. However, on occasion, there can be the extra noisy person or persons in a group. They are, usually, laughing or speaking loudly but people who have had a drink or two tend to be a little noisier than normal. Noise nearly always seems to travel further at night. Then, you have the person in a group, who, when asked to be quiet, by a member of the group, makes themselves extra loud, just, it seems, to make a point. This is, usually, a male voice. There can, also, be the "long distant conversation". Somebody or group, that has lagged behind or is in front and is calling to another group, further along the lane. This distance can be 50 to 60 yards or more. This is noisy enough when it occurs during the "normal" day but at night, especially in the early hours, it can seem to be even louder. For these events to occur occasionally, is tolerable but to expect them to occur more frequently is not acceptable, especially when they don't have to occur in the first place.

#### Music

Again, it reflects much of what has been said, above. The occasional event, maybe but potentially, every Friday and Saturday? No thank you. I have to say that most of the noise of the music is deadened by the embankment. Most of what is heard on my side is the bass. A low frequency drumming effect. I feel sorry for the people in the flats in Barton Road or for the occupants of Hunderton. With the railway embankment and bank edging Barton Road, this area is a natural amphitheatre

Whether they are successful in gaining the extension to their current license or not, I wish to make clear I am not trying to be difficult. I have tried to highlight the experiences I have had living with the Rugby Club. On the whole, I am glad they are there and that they have prevented the area from decaying due to vandalization and flooding.

Suggest any conditions:

The present licensing arrangements.

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#### Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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#### Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

I live there and have done, on and off, for over 60 years.

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**From:** Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 16 April 2025 20:11

**To:** Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

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## Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS706675721

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### Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:  
Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:

[REDACTED]

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### Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

We overlook the rugby club, and despite having triple glazing, the current events that are held at the rugby club keep us awake at night. Extending the opening hours of these event would extend these sleepless periods which would be a nuisance to our family at home.

This is a rugby club that is located in a very quiet part of town, the floodplain that is between us and the club is pancake flat with an embankment behind the club which means all of the noise is projected towards the city, and towards us.

The blanket request for year-round licence is far too broad and makes me worry that they want to hold frequent events to take advantage of that application, and why not, it's in a beautiful location and would draw many people in to enjoy what they would have to offer and lots of money can be made, but the cost of this is to us local residents who will not be able to sleep while they are going on.

A 2am licence is far too late for the location this is in and I really hope someone has the sense to refuse it.

Suggest any conditions:

I'm all for supporting the club and local businesses so having an extended licence once or twice a year would fair and allows them to have a blow out celebration, but doesn't mean we all have to put up with constant late night parties on every weekend.

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#### Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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#### Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

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**From:** Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 21 April 2025 17:53

**To:** Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

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## Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS707705578

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#### Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:

Local Resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:

Hereford Rugby Football Club Ltd, Wyeseide, Belvedere Lane, Hereford HR4 0PH

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**Prevention of crime and disorder**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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**Public safety**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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**Public nuisance**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

This application would have a very considerable noise impact on the mental health and well being of the local residents especially in an attempt to get to sleep at a reasonable time each night with events lasting well into the early hours of the morning. There would be a substantial increase in vehicular activity both day and night in Belvedere Lane, not to mention anti social behavior and criminal damage to property in the surrounding residential areas, as there would no control whatsoever with regards to excessive drinking. Hereford Rugby Club is supposedly a SPORTS field and club - NOT an events / festival field - and so these additional licensed freedoms should not be approved.

Suggest any conditions:

Re locate the club to ANOTHER area within the county with enhanced vehicular and parking access - where local residents might be more supportive of their non sporting objectives

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**Protection of children from harm**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

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-----Original Message-----

[REDACTED]  
Sent: 21 April 2025 14:49  
To: Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>  
Subject: Creating a public nuisance

To whom it may concern:

I strongly object to the Variation of the Premises License relating to the Hereford Rugby Football Club License!

I am a resident in Barton Rd and my garden borders the field of the Rowing Club, which is next to the Rugby Club.

I am regularly disturbed by the activities at the Rugby Club, but to add to this every weekend until 2 am, even if outdoor activities stop at 11 pm. With this change of license, they would still carry on until 2 am indoors and there will be considerable noise once they make their way home at 2 am in the morning.

I am speaking from experience, as every time the Rugby Club holds an event, there is considerable noise from the people travelling home late at night.

It also puts the residents in danger of increased crime, destruction of property, theft , vandalism and fights from inebriated eventgoers leaving the venue.

If this happens potentially every weekend and until at 2 am in the morning, it will severely affect my mental and physical health and enjoyment of my property!

Kind regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 20 April 2025 17:31

**To:** Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Online form received: Comment on licensing application

## Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS707501186

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### Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:

Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:

Hereford Rugby Cl

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### Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Attracting criminal elements

Suggest any conditions:

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### Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Additional traffic late at night and drunkenness

Suggest any conditions:

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### Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Noise in a residential area into early hours

Suggest any conditions:

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### Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

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**From:** Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 11 April 2025 02:30

**To:** Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Online form received: Comment on licensing application

## Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS704951359

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### Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:

Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:

Hereford rugby club

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### Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

There is no need to have a licence to allow load music and the sale of alcohol until 0200.

This is defined as a family venue suitable for small children, children should not be up until 0200.

There has been major problems with drug dealing on the grounds of the rugby club over the years and we would not like that to be repeated.

This is unnesessary, unwanted and not suitable for a residential area.

Suggest any conditions:

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#### **Public safety**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Drugs, and drunkenness.

Suggest any conditions:

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#### **Public nuisance**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Excessive Noise until the early hours.

Suggest any conditions:

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#### **Protection of children from harm**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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#### **Supporting evidence**

What evidence do you have to support this information:

Word of mouth from many other residents

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**From:** Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 14 April 2025 21:11

**To:** Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Online form received: Comment on licensing application

## Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS705949624

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### Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:  
Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:  
Hereford Rugby Football Club

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### Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

I'm concerned about:

- busy traffic on a small residential road late into the night/early morning introducing additional noise, the potential to damage cars parked on the street, and danger as people who are tired or intoxicated driving home. It is already a busy street (particularly on weekends) with the rugby club, Hereford cathedral school grounds, Hinton football club, pétanque club, and the steam railway and waterworks museum. I already notice the noise and additional traffic when there are matches on, and people park inconsiderately on the street, and buses transporting players sometimes block the road leaving me with difficulty getting my car out of my drive

- I sometimes hear the music from the rugby club when they have an event on. I'm concerned that this would be disruptive to us and our child, especially given the licensing application extends the premises outdoors and extends the licensing hours
- it does not seem reasonable as a rugby football club to serve alcohol so late into the night (I say this as a former rugby club member), given that most matches take place on a Saturday afternoon. Therefore I would expect any social activities to finish well before 2am on a Friday/Saturday. I would be interested to know what justification the club has provided for extending the licensing hours - does this also include an application for change of use? Perhaps they intend to host events or hire out the premises? Does the club operate as a charity or a business?
- I'm concerned about public nuisance when people are walking home intoxicated past my house, being loud. Many elderly people live on this street and could find this quite intimidating.

Suggest any conditions:

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#### Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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#### Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

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**From:** Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 15 April 2025 14:24

**To:** Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Online form received: Comment on licensing application

## Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS706168324

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#### Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:

Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:

Hereford Rugby Football Club

Belvedere Lane

Hereford

HR4 0PH

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### **Prevention of crime and disorder**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

My objection is based on my concern that this extended licence may increase the possibility of anti social behaviour of those attending events. Constant events will only encourage groups to use the events to pursue disruption and property damage to residents around the club.

I have already witnessed, individuals urinating in residents garden's in the afternoons. I feel this sort of behaviour will be increased if the licence is extended.

Suggest any conditions:

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### **Public safety**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

The application concerns me as the access road to the Rugby Football club is a very narrow, unsuitable for traffic. It is already problematic for walkers accessing the local countryside, a conservation area, with cars coming and going without consideration for pedestrians.

There has already been an incident where a vehicle has damaged a property, which still has not been rectified.

This will also encourage an increase of parking on Broomy Hill, this can hinder the residents access to their property.

In addition, the street lighting down Belvedere Lane is non-existent causing a risk of criminal damage or injuries to individuals who may not have been seen.

Finally , another concern is the volume of litter that accumulates after such events without appropriate waste bins in the area.

Suggest any conditions:

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### Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

My objection is based on my concern that this extended licence may increase the possibility of public nuisance for many dwellings nearby, including my own.

I am particularly concerned about noise nuisance as this already happens occasionally during some events. We live less than 100 meters from the premises and over the years we have been disturbed by the noise levels that can be heard over the television and patrons leaving inebriated causing further disturbance, shouting and foul language.

Suggest any conditions:

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### Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

As a resident in the local vicinity, I am already subjected to, noise disturbance, amplified loud music, rowdy groups dispersing from the premises and an increase in traffic.

I ask you then to please do not grant this application, it will be most unfair on us and the other families, elderly people of Broomy Hill.

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**From:** Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 16 April 2025 11:56

**To:** Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Online form received: Comment on licensing application

## Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS706491374

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### Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:  
local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:  
Hereford Rugby Club, Belvedere Lane, Hereford HR4 0PH

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### **Prevention of crime and disorder**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### **Public safety**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### **Public nuisance**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

I 'am very concerned that there is a further application from the Rugby Club for regular late night loud music, parties and the drunken noise that potentially goes with it. The extension of the entertainment licenses from 1000hrs until 0200hrs on Friday and Saturday and 2300hrs outside is unreasonable on the basis that there is residential property all around the playing fields. Music & noise travels clearly over open spaces and the fact that they are wanting outside bars and entertainment regularly until late is frankly unreasonable to surrounding residents. In addition, "pitch-side bars" could be placed in "outdoor areas" very near to the apartments at Barton West.

Charitable works are suggested as a reason why they should be granted an extension in hours but surely, they can do good and raise money without drinking outside until 11pm and being open until 2.00am on a regular basis?

Please do all you can to reject this application for the sake of peace at night & on behalf of the people who reside nearby

There are laws regarding noise nuisance and it is quite likely that should it be granted, you may well be inundated with multiple complaints if the extension to outside hours and potential additional events leads to more noise nuisance.

Suggest any conditions:

Suggest inside only bars - open until 10.00pm / no pitch side bars or outside music, live or otherwise, on a regular basis / reserve outside music and drinking for occasional planned events only.

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### **Protection of children from harm**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### **Supporting evidence**

What evidence do you have to support this information:

2 X PHOTOS - Close proximity of 12 residential properties to Rugby ground





**From:** Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 16 April 2025 15:58  
**To:** Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>  
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## Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS706591758

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### Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:  
local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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### Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:  
as stated

Suggest any conditions:

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### Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:  
as stated

Suggest any conditions:

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### Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Hereford Rugby Club Application to be allowed to have live and recorded music from 1000hrs until 2300hrs with sales of alcohol from outside bars until 2300hrs and then both music and drinking until 0200 hrs on a Friday and Saturday evening and Sunday until 23 hours.

I live in Barton Road and I object to this anti-social events due to noise and potential criminal activity and behaviour.

Suggest any conditions:

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### Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:  
as stated

Suggest any conditions:

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### Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

I live in Barton Road and when events take place at the Rugby Club which include live music and use of alcohol and potential substance misuse which I can clearly smell in the surrounding areas.

I experience loss of sleep and anxiety due to living alone with fear of criminal activity and behaviour in the area. I would not support this application.

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**From:** Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 17 April 2025 09:39

**To:** Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Online form received: Comment on licensing application

## Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS706781669

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### Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:  
Rugby club

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:  
Hereford rugby club, Belvedere Ln. Hr40ph

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#### **Prevention of crime and disorder**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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#### **Public safety**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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#### **Public nuisance**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

My property backs on to the rugby club which you can clearly hear the noise. Every weekend is a lot and I work shifts so I will be up at 3am which would be frustrating. I also feel this could add to concerns of drinking by the river. The location of the rugby club can be hard to get to meaning drunk people will be just wondering around. This could link to more crime as it's hard to get a taxi we have also had people come to our property thinking it's the rugby club turning. As my garden backs on I do feel that I'm concerned of having loud people at the bottom of my garden.

Suggest any conditions:

Operate as they do now.

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#### **Protection of children from harm**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

The issues we have in Hereford including drunk issues and safety. Also health and safety issues with the river. Our house does look like it's the entrance because you can see the pitch and think that it is.

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**From:** Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 17 April 2025 10:05

**To:** Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

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## Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS706800702

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### Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:

Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:

Hereford rugby club

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### Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Increase number of drunk individuals around a residential area.

Suggest any conditions:

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### Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

An increase in drunk individuals is calling around the public footpaths - possible safety concerns for women.

Suggest any conditions:

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### Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

The increase in noise, foot traffic and vehicle traffic will have a devastating impact in the area

Suggest any conditions:

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### Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

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**Sent:** 17 April 2025 15:48

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## Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS706951320

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### Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:  
local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:  
Hereford Rugby Club  
Wyeside  
Belvedere Lane  
Hereford

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**Prevention of crime and disorder**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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**Public safety**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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**Public nuisance**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

As I live within a couple of hundred yards of the rugby club, my concern is about the noise of live and recorded music being played late into the evening. Having experienced the noise from events at the rowing club which is further away, I know that noise levels can be high enough to disturb both sleep and evening relaxation. I would not object to occasional functions and I do not have a problem with people enjoying themselves but having read the license application, there would seem to be no limit to the number of weekends when outdoor music can be played.

Suggest any conditions:

If the number of events could be limited to a small number per year, I would not have any objections.

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### Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

As I can see the rugby club from my windows, I donat think there is any doubt that the noise would carry as far as my, and my neighbours property.

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**From:** Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 17 April 2025 20:06

**To:** Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Online form received: Comment on licensing application

## Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS707021869

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### Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:

Local resident for over 40 years or so

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:

Herford Rugby Club Belvedere Lane Hereford

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### Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### **Public safety**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### **Public nuisance**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

I wish to make a strong objection to the Hereford Rugby Club Application to be allowed to have live and recorded music from 1000hrs until 2300hrs with sales of alcohol from outside bars until 2300hrs and then both music and drinking until 0200hrs on a Friday and Saturday evening and Sunday until 2300hrs This application if passed would allow The Rugby Club to hold events /festivals every weekend ,Friday morning to latevSundayb,throughout the year ,with no recourse to residents as with The Rock the Barn event, IT Should be noted that This is a Sports Field and Sports Club Not an event , festival field or Night Club and should not be allowed . If this application is allowed This will have a truly life changing and unbearable noise impact on the mental health and the well being of local residents especially with increased vehicular activity along the narrow entrance's exits to this Sports Field and from the local area especially Broomy Hill and the peace and enjoyment of the area will be affected and lost for ever .This Application should NOT be allowed

Suggest any conditions:

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### **Protection of children from harm**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### **Supporting evidence**

What evidence do you have to support this information:

As a Resident of Broomy Hill I have enjoyed the Peace and quiet of the Area and surroundings and have always supported the Rugby Club and Cathedral School and others Sports in the past and residents have always been informed of any activities which may affect them outside sporting activities .

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**Sent:** 22 April 2025 18:50  
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## Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS708125890

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### Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:  
Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:  
Barton Road  
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### Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:  
There will undoubtedly be an increase in local crime and vandalism due to the nature of late night events that include drugs and alcohol, with opportunistic crime both on individuals and property posing a real risk.

Suggest any conditions:  
To remain as they currently are

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### Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:  
Alcohol and drugs will increase violence in the locality. There is also an increased risk of accidents and incidents involving the river due to inebriation and prolonged licensing hours will undoubtedly encourage more drinking and by default more incidents. Local residents may be at risk of harm if complaining about noise etc. Resident's physical and mental health are at risk due to lack of sleep, noise and concern for their property. Lack of police presence.

Suggest any conditions:  
To remain as they currently are

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### Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:  
Effect on local residents in the form of noise, light, rubbish, vandalism, possible violence, lack of sleep, increased traffic, worry for residents especially the elderly causing physical and mental symptoms. Possible devaluing nearby properties due to lack of desirability to live close to the Rugby club.

Suggest any conditions:  
To remain as they are

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### Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

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## Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS708127257

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### Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:

Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:

Hereford Rugby Football Club Ltd, Wyeseide, Belvedere Lane, Hereford HR4 0PH

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### **Prevention of crime and disorder**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Increased numbers of people in a semi-rural area with a distinct lack of police presence means that this application may well bring increased levels of opportunistic crime.

Suggest any conditions:

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### **Public safety**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

The premises' location in relation to the river is hardly an ideal venue for intoxicated walkers at night.

Suggest any conditions:

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### **Public nuisance**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

The extent of the application suggests that there is the likelihood of prolonged and disruptive noise to the surrounding area. On every other occasion when this venue has been allowed to host live and recorded music in an open air arena style, the noise has been significant. This effects my summer evening enjoyment of my garden, and we are also unable to sleep, as we cannot leave a window open in the summer - so our bedroom is either too hot or too loud to sleep! I have never been that bothered about the odd event here and there at the rugby club, but the possibility of prolonged hours of noisy performances over many more days will cause significant distress.

We are already disturbed by drunken pedestrians knocking on our door late at night as they walk along the pavement; increased numbers of people walking to and from the venue will make this situation far worse.

Suggest any conditions:

shorter hours, not so late, and on a restricted number of days throughout the year.

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**Protection of children from harm**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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**Supporting evidence**

What evidence do you have to support this information:

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**From:** Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 23 April 2025 22:16

**To:** Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

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## Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS708564338

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**Contact details**

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:

Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:

Hereford Rugby Club

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**Prevention of crime and disorder**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### **Public safety**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### **Public nuisance**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Re: Hereford Rugby Club.

Objection to Variation of Existing Premises Licence as causing public nuisance.

Dear Sirs

I write further to the Hereford Rugby Club and their Notice of Application for Variation of Premises Licence.

I am a resident of Greyfriars Avenue who has had to put up with a lot from the activities of the Rugby Club over the last several years. The music on the weekends when there is a party or such like, can often be heard well after midnight, even with all my house windows closed; a constant thump, thump, thump, and that is from the indoor functions alone. Whatever will it be like if there are outdoor functions? In summer when it is warm and bedroom windows should be able to be open at night I cannot do so, due the noise of their functions. Then, when the functions end at 1am, we have to contend with groups of drunks shouting as they make their way up the street, past our houses, going up into town. They not only make a lot of noise but also discard beer bottles and glasses in people's gardens and on their walls, and on the one occasion I've seen someone urinate in my garden. If licensing hours are to be extended until 2am we will be disturbed even further into the early hours of the morning. Also, allowing the Club to close on a Sunday at 23:00 hours and all the noise associated with people going up the street for the next 30 minutes, is wholly unacceptable. Residents in the surrounding area need to be up early for work on a Monday morning, and really do not want to be kept awake by people leaving there at gone 11pm, shouting in the street on their way into town. Some of them call taxis to pick them up from outside the Rowing Club, so stand in groups shouting and making a din, then you have the noise of the taxi doors slamming shut. The club already affects local residents, causing sleep disturbance to many, with the current hours it operates. The groups of people leaving the premises after drinking for hours, have absolutely no regard for their surroundings or the fact that most people are trying to sleep in the early hours of the morning, and we shouldn't have to put up with it. Surely we should be able to go to bed and be able to sleep without being constantly woken up. The club already causes public nuisance and the extended hours will only exacerbate the problem. Therefore I object strongly to this application.

Suggest any conditions:

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#### Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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#### Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:  
As the nuisance is caused by noise I cannot provide evidence.

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**From:** Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 24 April 2025 12:25

**To:** Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Online form received: Comment on licensing application

## Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS708712736

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#### Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:  
Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:  
Hereford Rugby Football Club Ltd, Wyese, Belvedere Lane, Hereford HR4 0PH.

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### **Prevention of crime and disorder**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

In the past when events have been held at the club, damage has been caused by those trying to get into the event without tickets, this will impact those that enjoy the river bank for dog walking and picnics at the weekends with ticketless eventgoers amassing on the river bank with no control over drinking and behaviour.

Suggest any conditions:

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### **Public safety**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

There is a danger of being close to the unguarded river Wye for inebriated event goers leaving events. There have been a series of attacks on women in the area. I myself have been a victim of verbal abuse from people having had too much to drink when walking along the river and the great west way.

Suggest any conditions:

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### **Public nuisance**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Being a resident on Broomy Hill, The noise will disturb the peace and quiet of the area, and seriously affect the mental wellbeing of residents who will not be able to sit outside, open windows or even go to bed without being disturbed by the noise of music. The increase of traffic, the noise and lights causing disturbance in the early hours. groups of people leaving the events walking along the lines or Broomy Hill causing noise waking local residents.

Suggest any conditions:

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### **Protection of children from harm**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

There are children and young people living in Broomy Hill, many will experience disturbed sleep due to increased traffic and noise. Belvedere Lane is a known area for teenagers to hang out drinking, extending licencing laws will add to disturbance and encourage young people to stay around for longer, placing them at risk of physical, emotional and sexual harm

Suggest any conditions:

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### Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

I have lived in this area for over 10 years and have seen and dealt with some of the issues outlined. I am the local leader of a large international charity that works with those on the margins of society and have witnessed the darker side of Hereford, (Homelessness, county lines sexual exploitation), I have also been a victim of crime whilst walking along the river bank.

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## Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS708738471

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### Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:

Hereford Rugby Football Club Ltd, Wyeseide, Belvedere Lane, Hereford HR4 0PH

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:

[REDACTED]

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### Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

I STRONGLY OBJECT TO THIS APPLICATION. I AM ABLE TO HEAR THE MUSIC FROM PARTIES, EVENTS THAT HAPPEN AT THE RUGBY CLUB PRESENTLY. I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO AN ELEVEN O CLOCK FINISH BUT 2AM IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. I WILL ALSO BE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CLIENTAL LEAVING THE PREMISIS WHEN IT ENDS. THIS WOULD BE OUTSIDE MY FLAT TO GET TO THE MAIN ROAD.

Suggest any conditions:

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### Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

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**From:** Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 24 April 2025 21:38

**To:** Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

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Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS708914321

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### Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:  
Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:  
Hereford Rugby Club

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### Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

The increased frequency and volume of traffic movements to and from the Rugby Club through a single lane section of roadway - residents at the Barton Road end of Broomy Hill, and in Belvedere Lane would potentially suffer this Noise and Safety issue every weekend until 2.15 in the morning - which, as a future perpetual disruption, would automatically lead to a reduction in their house values.

There is also a very real danger being so close to the unguarded River Wye for inebriated eventgoers leaving the event.

Suggest any conditions:

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### Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

The increased frequency and volume of Live/Recorded Music Events every weekend...which, as we all know, when numbers of participants increase, it is 'mandatory' for the volume to adjust upwards to be louder than the partygoers. (This has been intrusive to us, in the past, on the singular occasions that outdoor

events have been staged, but we were happy to put up with it, recognising that it was a very occasional celebratory event. The idea, however, that it could happen every weekend would honestly be intolerable for us)

b) the increased frequency and volume of inebriated revellers late at night, in an open air environment...leading to inevitable disruptive anti-social behaviour e.g. singing, shouting, vomiting, car door banging, horn honking etc.

Suggest any conditions:

We think that status quo is by far the best option for all concerned, and the application for increased hours should be rejected.

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### Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

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**From:** Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 25 April 2025 14:35

**To:** Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Online form received: Comment on licensing application

## Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS708979153

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### Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:  
Local Resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:  
Hereford Rugby Football Club Ltd

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### Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Should this application receive consent, it will in effect turn the Rugby Football ground into an outside music venue. Belvedere Lane is the access off Broomy Hill to the Rugby club and as the name suggests is very narrow and leads to the river. Access to The Cathedral School Playing fields shares this entrance. Visiting teams playing at both venues are generally brought by coach, which frequently park on double yellow lines on Broomy Hill as they find the entrance onto the lane too difficult. Fishermen in vans very often use this access. Residents, walkers, family's use this entrance to walk to the river, as well as a large number of adults and dogs. During term time, there is a further hazard with young people accessing the playing fields using the lane. Extended licensing hours will inevitably put more people in danger both to themselves and others, particularly being so close to the river. Additionally, driving from Broomy Hill onto The Barton Road there is a blind spot as vehicles drive west over the old railway bridge, making access onto The Barton road dangerous, more vehicle movements will increase the risk of accidents.

Suggest any conditions:

To celebrate a specific anniversary or Rugby Match or an Annual fund raising event.

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### Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

The application is for the playing of OUTSIDE music  
Fri-Sat 14hours per day= 2 days x 14 hrs  
Sunday. 11hours =1 day. 11hrs

TOTAL Application for OUTSIDE playing = 39 hours /week

The application for extension of playing INSIDE music Fri-Sat. 2 hours per day = 2days x 2 hrs

Sunday. 11 hours. = 1day. 11hrs

TOTAL application for additional INSIDE playing = 15 hours/week

The application for extension of OUTSIDE supply of alcohol

Fri-Sat. 3 hours per day=6 hours /week

The application for extension of INSIDE Late night refreshment

Fri-Sat. 3 hours per day=6 hours/week

This is a residential and conservation area. Granting a license for outside music for 39 hours a week, including Sundays could lead to a permanent venue. The noise, which by moving to the outside, will be very disturbing, cause great distress to their neighbours and all those in the local community, together with river and riverside users. There will be no escape from the noise. Additionally, there would be the inevitable disruption caused by alcohol consumption into early hours of the morning. This in turn would lead to additional cost to the authorities. There would be even more litter, making the area less enjoyable to people walking by the river. It would not be possible to monitor people coming to events, possibly from some distance, who could cause trouble and disruption. The river path is used by young and old to walk west towards Breinton and east to The City centre; it is a very popular leisure facility. Gaining access with additional Vehicle movements would be a further nuisance.

Suggest any conditions:

As above

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### **Protection of children from harm**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

As the Hereford Cathedral School playing fields lead off Belvedere Lane , the additional movement of vehicles and people would create greater risk to young people using the playing fields. Also family's walking along the river either westward or into the city. Antelope, headquarters of the Hereford Sea Cadets is immediately adjacent to the eastern boundary of the Rugby Club playing fields , the noise and disruption and risk to young people would be inevitable.

Suggest any conditions:

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### **Supporting evidence**

What evidence do you have to support this information:

No evidence other than the conditions would inevitably lead to greater risk

**From:** Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 26 April 2025 18:14  
**To:** Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>  
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## Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS709388722

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### Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:  
Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:  
Hereford Rugby Club  
Belvedere Lane  
Hereford  
HR4 0PH

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### Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Objection to variation of existing premises licence as causing public nuisance.

I am an 85 year old resident of Greyfriars Avenue and am already disturbed by people leaving the rugby club, being rowdy very late at night & getting taxis from in the Avenue. This is in addition to the disturbance already caused by the music from the club being heard within my house very late at night. Therefore, having music outside the club will make the noise nuisance unbearable.

Suggest any conditions:

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### Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

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**From:** Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 29 April 2025 23:47

**To:** Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Online form received: Comment on licensing application

## Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS710331853

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### Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:

Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:

Hereford rugby club

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### **Prevention of crime and disorder**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

I formally object to the application for a license to hold live music on the weekends with extended hours . I am concerned about noise levels , and public nuisance in primarily a residential area. We have experienced music events before on a number of occasions with excessive levels of noise long after midnight, litter , fighting and public urination in the Avenue.

Suggest any conditions:

Limited number of events and limited hours with suitable volunteers stewarding the events as this is a residential area. This application is for an unknown number of events which could mean 1 or 2 every weekend in a residential are, this is unreasonable.

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### **Public safety**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

During past events, taxis wait in the Avenue with engines running and noise levels of clientele beyond the reasonable expected levels for a residential area.

Suggest any conditions:

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### **Public nuisance**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

The Rugby club is asking to get approval for extended days and hours for events which could mean 52 weeks of the year where we experience musical events at a sports club that is for Rugby. I feel this is an unsuitable environment and the building of the Rugby clubhouse is not a suitable venue if sound proofing is not installed. We have experienced excessive levels of music from past events from this venue and from a marquee at this venue so understand the noise levels already and the impact on our community , with litter , public uri action , vomiting and taxis running their engines here.

Suggest any conditions:

The Rowing club have the Beer on the Wye festival which has 1 weekend of events and limited in hours and volunteers steward our Avenue to keep everyone safe and keep a peaceful event . Taxis to the Rugby club should go to the clubhouse to provide a direct

pick up and also provide safety to its clientele so they don't walk drunk along the river bank.

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### Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

All of the above reasons show that we live in a residential area and the Hereford Rugby club house is close to us and any music noise levels will have an impact on the residents as it has in the past. We have experienced excessive noise in the past and issues long after midnight with littering, fighting, urinating.

I respectfully ask for this application to be rejected the p

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**Sent:** 29 April 2025 19:09

**To:** Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Objection to Application for Live Music Events and Extended Alcohol Licensing

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Dear Sirs

I am writing to formally object to the application submitted by Hereford Rugby Club for a license to hold live music events on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, with extended alcohol-serving hours. This request raises significant concerns about noise, public nuisance, and safety in what is, aside from the rowing club, a 100% residential area.

Live music events held at the rugby club have historically caused excessive noise that continues well into the early hours of the morning. The loud music, singing, and shouting persist long after the event ends, often until 2 or 3 a.m., causing disruption to the entire neighbourhood. The noise is compounded by issues such as littering, fighting, and public urination, which further degrade the quality of life for local residents.

This situation contrasts starkly with the Beer on the Wye Festival held at the Rowing Club, which has restricted hours for similar events. The festival limits the duration of the noise and ensures a controlled environment, which helps minimize disruption to the surrounding area. Furthermore, volunteers from the event line Greyfriars Avenue as the festival clientele walk past our homes. This adds to the already significant disturbance, as the avenue becomes a thoroughfare for event-goers at all hours. Additionally, taxis used to transport attendees from rugby club events regularly pass through Greyfriars Avenue, with noisy engines running while waiting to pick up passengers. This further exacerbates the disturbance, particularly during the late-night hours when residents expect peace and quiet. It would be much safer and more considerate for taxis to collect event-goers directly from the clubhouse, rather than having them walk along the river path and disturbing local residents with idling engines at all hours of the night.

This application seeks blanket approval for multiple events throughout the year with no clear measures to mitigate noise or other disruptions. Given that the surrounding area is entirely residential, it is difficult to justify allowing loud events until 2 or 3 a.m. and with previous experiences of the club holding events before when the loud music and Karaoke screaming out all day and late into the night we absolutely believe the rugby club should not be granted a license for these extended hours, as they are clearly inappropriate for a residential neighbourhood.

In conclusion, we respectfully request that this application be rejected in its entirety. Live music events that extend late into the night, coupled with the associated noise and safety concerns, are intolerable for local residents. The club's activities should be limited to more reasonable hours, and a clear plan should be put in place to address the impact on the local community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

[Redacted Signature]

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**Sent:** 26 April 2025 13:11

**To:** Licensing <[licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Objection to the application by Herefordshire rugby club licensing hours

Please find attached our objections to the Rugby Club's application to extend the hours for music and sale of alcohol.

**Objection to the Herefordshire Rugby's Club application for extension of hours for music and sale of alcohol.**

Whilst recognising and respecting the work the Rugby Club does within the local community, we feel we must object to the proposals for a music and sale of alcohol licencing extension.

## Noise

Our residence backs on to the rugby field with no sound barrier to any noise created. Outside activities do create a lot of noise which carries over a wide area. We know this from our experiences in the past.

Whilst it is great to see the pitch used by the community for sporting activities the extension of the present licence would be completely different.

The outside spaces would then be used, for instance, for weddings where alcohol and music would be available until 11 at night. The amount of noise created then would be unbearable for people living in the surrounding area.

## Preventing public nuisance

Keeping the doors and windows to the clubhouse closed does reduce the noise but unfortunately there can be disturbance when people are leaving and driving away from the premises. We feel that extending the hours to 2 am at weekends would cause a public nuisance so the times music and alcohol can be sold should be restricted to 11pm. All activities and noise must be monitored, a named person and a telephone number should be readily available for people wanting to make immediate complaints. The licensing authority should make sure that that is adhered to.

For the sake of people who live in the local area we ask that this extension application be refused.



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**Sent:** 27 April 2025 15:27

**To:** Licensing <[licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Hereford Rugby Football Club - objection to extending licensing hours

Please see the attached objection letter for the above.

27 April 2025

### **Re: Opposition to Variation of Premises Licence – Hereford Rugby Football Club, Belvedere Lane, Hereford. HR4 0PH.**

We would like to object to the proposed variation of the premises licence at Hereford Rugby Football Club. We feel that the proposed extension to the licensing hours will create a public nuisance as Broomy Hill is a quiet neighbourhood and together with the riverside is part of a Conservation Area.

My wife rang the Club President, Mr Spencer Goodall on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 to discuss their plans. He assured her the Rugby Club was continuing as before, and music and the bar

would be closed by 12 midnight. She said the licensing application sounds like they are turning the Club in to a nightclub, and he assured her this wasn't the case. She spoke of her worry about the older residents living in Broomy Hill, and the nocturnal wildlife that lives in the areas around the riverbank. Not only from the noise of the music and revellers, but taxis arriving and departing, and rowdy behaviour from people walking home etc.

Mr Goodall seemed to intimate that they had to put in an application until 2:00 am as they had no choice due to the application procedure. However, we have looked at the Licensing Application Form on Herefordshire Council's website and applicants stipulate the hours they wish to be covered by the Licence.

We have also read Herefordshire Council's Licensing Policy. The wording suggests that late night licensing is intended for city centre establishments due to policing resources etc. It seems inconsistent to grant a late licence to a sports facility in a peaceful residential area.

We are happy for the Club to extend the Licensed Area to include the outdoor areas until 23:00 hours. However, we feel the existing licensing hours inside and outside the Clubhouse for music and sale of alcohol are perfectly adequate for their needs.

My wife suggested to Mr Goodall that the Club send out a letter to the local residents to allay their fears, but we have heard nothing. The Policy suggests that applicants do this too.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 29 April 2025 08:43

**To:** Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Online form received: Comment on licensing application

## Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS710023489

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### Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:  
local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:  
Hereford Rugby Club, Belvedere Lane, HR4 0PH

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### **Prevention of crime and disorder**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### **Public safety**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

I would have grave concern for the safety of further inebriated young people, messing around as they walk back to town along the tow path if they take that route. Longer licencing hours must mean more alcohol consumption which will increase the risk of accidents.

Suggest any conditions:

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### **Public nuisance**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

This is a quiet residential neighbourhood, with many older residents and a few young families. We are of course aware of the Club, with many cars bringing players to matches and practices. There were between 50 and 60 cars attending this Sunday morning. The Club has very poor access, via a narrow unlit lane with houses very close on it. This is already busy with traffic for the HCS sports field and the Rugby Club. Many pedestrians also like to use the lane going to and from the river. It is already quite testing to use the road on foot, vehicles seeming to take priority. I am not sure how much more traffic it can handle. We already experience a lot of acceleration and light beams in our bedroom, as cars leave the recently increased but still inadequate parking. We also experience noise and litter from those leaving on foot as they walk past our houses, and if present experience holds true, there would be even more shouting and screaming, disturbing residents trying to sleep and bringing disorder to our neighbourhood. Should an extension to 2pm be granted this would clearly be more disturbing. However, I believe that the application for outside music is the most concerning. We hear clearly the music from the Beer Festival on the Rowing Club ground. This is only an

annual event and so tolerable. Should the Rugby Club be granted the blanket permission they seek then our lives would be intolerable. It would affect a great many homes, certainly along the Barton Road and Broomy Hill, and I suspect considerably further than that. We could not get away from it and it would invade our peace in a way that we could not control or mitigate. Those wishing to fish quietly on the river (they come from all over the country), those taking a quiet family walk along the river, or rowing or camping next door on the Rowing Club field, again coming from afar, come for peace and quiet, not loud music.

Suggest any conditions:

Whilst I appreciate the club's wish to raise money and have fun, I cannot accept that they are in a suitably isolated location to be allowed to play music outside. If they put on a special event, on a rare occasion they could ask for a special licence which would then be controlled and monitored.

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#### Protection of children from harm

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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#### Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

I have lived here for 10 years; a lifetime of interest in people, careful thought and deliberation.

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**From:** Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 29 April 2025 14:51

**To:** Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Online form received: Comment on licensing application

## Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS710198308

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#### Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:  
local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:  
Hereford Rugby Club

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### **Prevention of crime and disorder**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### **Public safety**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### **Public nuisance**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:  
I feel very strongly that the proposed application for extended hours for music and outside bars will cause distress due to increased noise. there are enough events at the present time.

Suggest any conditions:  
more day time and lower volume

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### **Protection of children from harm**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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## Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

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**From:** Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 29 April 2025 15:05

**To:** Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Online form received: Comment on licensing application

## Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS710183689

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### Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

Flat 11 Barton West Barton Road Hereford, Barton West, Barton West, Barton West Barton West Hereford HR4 0AU Hereford HR4 0AU

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:  
Neighbour

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:  
Hereford Rugby Club

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### Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Festivals with loud music and drinking always attract the criminal element in the past Barton Way has been subject to people without tickets climbing over and damaging our gates and instances of drunkard and lewd behaviour when leaving down Great Western Way. We are also aware of the early hours rapes in the Cathedral Grounds and must be concerned about young ladies walking home either along the river or along Great Western Way in the early hours of the morning

Suggest any conditions:

Much better event security.

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### **Public safety**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

When events take place often many youngsters gather along the riverside on the open river banks frequently with drink involved there is also the danger of being so close to the river for people attending the events when leaving, there are no bus services and almost impossible to get a taxi in the early hours.

Suggest any conditions:

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### **Public nuisance**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Living directly next door to the club these events have a truly life changing and unbearable noise impact on the mental health and well being of local residents who cannot use their limited outdoor space or for some with all rooms facing the pitches. We cannot have family or friends visit on these weekends , even with the double glazed windows and doors shut and heavily lined curtains drawn the noise is unbearable to even converse or listen to the TV. To allow this to happen every weekend for 13 hours a day on Friday, Saturday and Sunday does not bear thinking about. Even when the club had weddings last year the disco with speakers facing directly at the houses was extremely loud all day?. There appears to be no checks made on the noise levels or any music breaks.

These events also impact local residents who enjoy the peace and calm of a riverside walk with family, friends and their dogs. The noise nuisance is not just generated by events but last year in the summer there was evening training which apparently needs very loud repetitive music bearing no relation to the training from a boombox facing our residences I even emailed the club over 3 times with no reply. I believe that the club is supposed to inform residents with a named contact on site but never happens? This is an amateur rugby club with playing grounds not an events fields with nightclub licensing hours.

Suggest any conditions:

As with the Luctonion Sports Club application these events should be limited maybe twice over the summer months, there also needs to be named responsible and contactable club reps who monitors and records noise levels. The Council should also take some responsibility to frequently monitor and provide contactable responsible persons during these events not leave it until past the event for people to raise objections at the time.

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### **Protection of children from harm**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

## Supporting evidence

What evidence do you have to support this information:

I have tried to complain in the past but the only people I was able to contact were the police who just told me to fill out a form on the following Monday

I am happy for any Councillor or employee of the Council to visit my home when these events take place

**Sent:** 30 April 2025 11:52

**To:** Licensing <[licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Hereford Rugby Club. Closing date for representations today.

**Importance:** High

OFFICIAL

I wish to lodge my objection to the application to extend the hours at the Hereford Rugby Club.

Firstly, given the proximity to my ward, I am surprised that no notification was sent to me, nor posted in the vicinity. It is only thanks to Cllr Toynbee that I'm aware of this application. The grounds for objection are noise nuisance. It is well-established that sound travels over water. Consequently, the noise from music, both indoors and outdoors, until 2am will clearly be heard by parts of Hunderton, especially Luard Walk, Charles Witts Avenue, Lewis Smith Avenue, Wallis Avenue and Villa Street. Furthermore, vehicles and staff leaving the site will mean that noise will continue well after 2am.

Licensing until 2am is more suitable for city centre entertainment areas, rather than a quiet riverside venue adjacent to residential properties. I urge you to reject this application.

Kind regards,

**From:** Website <no-reply@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 30 April 2025 16:17

**To:** Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Online form received: Comment on licensing application

## Licensing - Comment on a licensing application FS710595265

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### Contact details

Name:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

What is your interest in the premises you are making a representation about:

Local resident

Name and address of premises you are making representation about:

Hereford Rugby Football Club

Wyeside

Belvedere Lane

Hereford

HR4 0PH

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### Prevention of crime and disorder

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### Public safety

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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### Public nuisance

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

I wish to object to the application to vary a premises licence by Hereford Rugby Football Club.

I have been a close neighbour of the Rugby Club for well over twenty years and during

that time have totally accepted and embraced the many rugby related activities such as, Sunday morning junior clubs, Tuesday and Thursday evening adult training and regular match and spectator associated noise.

I am however very concerned about the proposed licence to host private celebrations with live and recorded music from 12.00-02.00 on a Friday and Saturday and 12.00-11.00 on a Sunday. I note that the music will be moved inside after 11.00pm but this restriction is in place now and unfortunately does not happen. The assurance of keeping doors and windows closed is not reassuring, as very often in warmer weather these are left open, and holding anyone to account for this proves very difficult in light of extending the use to outside agencies. I have experienced this on several occasions when the loud music has gone well past the agreed times and when phoning the club to complain my call has gone unanswered. I have logged a complaint with the council relating to this.

The Wye Float, which is held annually, is an example of how disruptive hosting such events becomes, the noise levels are unacceptable and as residents we have to relocate, at a considerable cost, for the duration of this event.

I note that the Licensing Guys have applied for this licence and state that through them 'the applicant wishes to engage fully with.....interested parties' and claim they have 'high regard to the amenity of the local area' but I am disappointed that local residents have not been contacted by them to discuss possible concerns. Indeed I learnt of this application through a concerned neighbour putting a flyer through my letterbox.

It is for these reasons that I strongly object to this application and trust that my concerns will be given consideration.

Suggest any conditions:

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#### **Protection of children from harm**

Give details of your objection or support for the application:

Suggest any conditions:

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#### **Supporting evidence**

What evidence do you have to support this information:

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**Sent:** 30 April 2025 17:25

**To:** Licensing <licensing@herefordshire.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Hereford Rugby Club licensing application

Dear Licensing Team

Please accept this email as my objection to the application from Hereford Rugby Club to extend their hours for entertainment and refreshment.

As Ward member for Greyfriars I have heard numerous concerns from residents about this application, in particular the public nuisance of noise continuing until 2pm, and inevitably later as people leave in dribs and drabs.

We are delighted to have the rugby club in our community, and want it to flourish from the sporting and social point of view. The current licensing arrangements cause disturbance to local people in the late evenings, but I find residents to be very tolerant and understanding, as this is all part of the life of an active club. However extending the license until 2am would bring us into new territory, and a time that is late even by the standard of a city centre establishment, let alone a green riverside residential neighbourhood.

I therefore object on the ground that these hours are entirely incompatible with the Prevention of Public Nuisance, particularly noise. For residents to be disturbed until after 2am is not acceptable, and would damage the goodwill currently felt towards the rugby club.

I also object on the grounds that permitting this goes against council policies, and the licencing act objectives, to prevent disorder and anti-social behaviour. Activities that continue after midnight have a very different feel from those ending at usual closing times. People have often been drinking for many hours straight, naturally becoming louder and louder, livelier and livelier, and an atmosphere can be created that focuses on the revellers, at the expense of consideration for the surrounding neighbourhood.

The tranquil feel that residents and tourists can enjoy so close to our city centre is unique to Hereford, and we see from experience that this is compatible with lively events along the river, as long as they respect residents – on both sides of the river. Please help our city to retain this quality, and reject this application.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Diana Toynbee

Greyfriars Ward

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