

To: Licensing Officer
Forest Heath District Council
District Offices
College Heath Road
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6th June , 2018

Mildenhall Social Club: License variation

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you objecting to the above licensing variation application regarding the playing of live music outdoors at specific times. My main objection is that of noise disturbance with the further underlying concern of the use of foul and abusive language from its patrons and the performing artists.

Since the social club has moved to its present site, residents in Turnstone Close have been subject to noise disturbances due to discos and live music and also from the club's patrons when they are outside smoking and drinking. **In 2016 and 2017 there have been live music events held outside with noise levels so high that destroy any calm and tranquility.** I have seen a copy of their original license which had clearly been stamped that all live music events were inside only so I can only conclude (as I have not been told otherwise) that they were in breach of their license. After each of these events took place, I took this matter up with Environmental Health and also with the police because of foul language that could be clearly heard at the time. I know that the Social Club has since made efforts to control some noise from music events played inside, but in the summer months when no music event is on, patrons can freely move around outside on the patio area and unfortunately some of the patrons again use foul language.

Whilst this license variation application has rigid and limited time slots for live music outside there is not much consolation. I see myself and the nearby residents being subjected to very loud music with no physical barriers for noise control. Additionally, the patrons may well be present for a much longer period than that of the two hours, and unfortunately to say it, there is not control from the staff being made on the patrons as the more people drink over long period of time, some of those people will become louder and louder, with their language becoming more foul and offensive.

In conclusion, the Social Club is not a venue where live outdoor music events should be held.

Aidan & Julia Keogh

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