



7 February 2024

Leeds City Council  
Entertainment Licencing  
entertainment.licencing@leeds.gov.uk

**For the attention of Case Officer Lucy Fiddes**

Dear Ms Fiddes

**Licence application re: PREM/05085/001 Adam Gough, Thorp Arch and Boston Spa Cricket Club, LS23 7AR**

I am writing in connection with the application made by Adam Gough in relation to Thorp Arch and Boston Spa Cricket Club, for

- the sale of alcohol Monday to Sunday 11:00-23:30 and
- live and recorded music Monday to Sunday 11:00 to 23:00.

I live [REDACTED] to the cricket club, [REDACTED] I am writing to **object** to the granting of the licence, on the following grounds.

**Context** – the cricket club is located within a small village housing development, Thorp Arch Park. Thorp Arch Park and the village high street creates an enclosed location for the cricket club, which is only accessible via a narrow track with its entrance at one end of Thorp Arch Park. Please refer to the diagram below.



The cricket club is situated within a conservation area. Whilst this may not have a direct relevance in the licencing decision making process, I mention it as relevant context as it helps provide a flavour of the nature of the environment.

### **Grounds for objection**

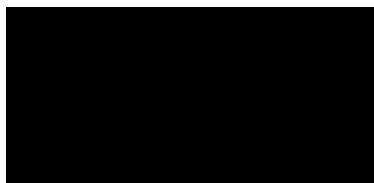
1. The terms of the application are far too broad to be permitted on this site and in this context. The applicant has provided no information (at least, none is visible on the public access website) to support the granting of such a broad licence, and there is no evident justification for a local cricket club to need one.
  - a) Operating as a cricket club, it would be understandable to need a licence for specific events, and I note that the club has previously operated, presumably without difficulty, using temporary, event specific licences when required. I see no reason why that method of operating should not continue.
  - b) The breadth of the application is out of alignment with other sporting events. For example, at football matches, drinking is typically only permitted within a tightly defined time period before and after a fixture.
  - c) The application does not specify where the consumption of alcohol shall be permitted to take place. The club house is a very small building, with limited capacity. If the licence were to be permitted to cover the entire cricket pitch, it would be impossible for a licensee to effectively monitor the entire premises, particularly after dark. The pitch adjoins the back gardens of houses on Thorp Arch Park, and there is a risk that extended drinking hours combined with a potentially poorly supervised event could expose the residents of those houses, including young children, to anti social behaviour.
2. The access to the cricket club is constrained, and parking facilities are very limited.
  - a) Parking for attendees of cricket matches have for many years caused problems in the roads immediately surrounding the only entrance to the ground. As well as many incidences of inconsiderate parking creating difficulties for local residents, careless and inconsiderate parking frequently created difficulties for buses travelling along Dowkell Lane and turning into The Village, and vice versa. This is evidenced by the recent painting by the Council of double yellow lines around the junction. Whilst this has been welcome for local residents and the bus operator, it makes the parking options for the cricket club more limited.
  - b) If the licensee proposes to solve the parking problem by allowing parking on the pitch, this raises other issues relating to the limited access to the site.
3. Poor track record of the applicant in managing relationships with the local community
  - a) Generally, the local community and the cricket club have co-existed without issue for nearly half a century. If the club is operated in a way which is considerate to the environment in which it exists, then it is a welcome addition to the community. Unfortunately, on previous occasions when there have been issues which needed resolving (for example relating to parking), the applicant, Adam Gough, has been unresponsive to requests to engage in a dialogue to seek to address the issues. Based on this prior experience, I do not believe he has demonstrated a fitness to be granted a permanent alcohol and entertainment licence in respect of this site.

I note that there are two application notices near to the entrance of the cricket club, each having a different deadline date for objections. Although there is currently only one application shown on the Council's public access site, if there are in fact two separate applications, please treat this objection as being applicable to both of them.

If you would like any more information in relation to my letter, I would be happy to discuss it with you – please let me know. In the meantime, please could you confirm receipt of this letter.

Many thanks

Yours sincerely



From [REDACTED]

Sent: Wed, 7 Feb 2024 14:17:49 +0000

To: Entertainment Licensing

Subject: Re application by Thorp Arch and BS cricket club for licensing alcohol and music.

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Dear Sirs

This application should be refused for the following reasons:

The ground is surrounded by housing, thus giving a high chance of noise nuisance.

The hours stated are unsuitable for a village location, being approx 12 hours every day.

The clubhouse is of timber construction giving little insulation of noise.

The club house is within 30 mtrs of the Pax pub which already has such a license.

This is an application that is within a conservation area, in the center of a beautiful, peaceful village.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wed, 7 Feb 2024 13:46:36 -0400  
**To:** Entertainment Licensing  
**Subject:** PREM/05085/001

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I object strongly to the application for licensing and music. Regarding the music this is an area surrounded by houses and any significant music on the days and times given would be completely unacceptable in terms of noise. Regarding the alcohol licence there is a licensed premises right next to the cricket pitch where alcohol was formerly always served until the landlady decided to lock the access. If this were reinstated not only would it provide alcohol it would help ensure the financial viability of the pax.

I also object to the very short timescale given as I am away and not back until after the deadline

[REDACTED]  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tue, 20 Feb 2024 12:58:10 +0000  
**To:** Entertainment Licensing  
**Subject:** Re: Licensing Act 2003 - Representation relating to Thorp Arch And Boston Spa Cricket Club, Thorp Arch And Boston Spa Cricket Club Cricket Ground The Village Thorp Arch Wetherby LS23 7AR

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Further to my objection to the above application which I completed in a rush as I was away and the deadline was 16th February I would like to clarify further information relating to the alcohol licence.

TABS has always used the Pax for alcohol except possibly for temporary licenses. There is a gate from the Pax car park onto the ground enabling all those who wish to view a match easy access. This is particularly important for those with mobility issues.

The previous landlady locked the gate so TABS applied for a temporary licence. The current landlord I believe would be very happy for access to be opened up again. I have been told by TABS that if both venues have an alcohol licence then the gate must remain locked. This would be a completely unacceptable situation.

Given the proximity of the Pax and the potential issues around access to TABS I do not think an alcohol licence should be granted.

[REDACTED]

On Thu, Feb 8, 2024 at 2:59 PM <[entertainment.licensing@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:entertainment.licensing@leeds.gov.uk)> wrote:

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your representation relating to the above mentioned premises. Please find attached our acknowledgement letter which contains important information about making anonymous representations.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you require any further assistance.

Kind Regards,  
Lucy Fiddes  
Licensing Officer

[REDACTED]

Entertainment Licensing

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wed, 7 Feb 2024 20:11:48 +0000  
**To:** Entertainment Licensing  
**Subject:** Thorp Arch and Boston Spa Cricket Club Licensing

Hello,

I wish to raise concern over the license being applied for at Thorp Arch and Boston Spa Cricket Club, The Village, Thorp Arch, LS23 7AR

Sale of alcohol  
Live Music & Recorded Music

The Cricket Club already has issues with parking as it has no cars park of its own. Serving alcohol will only serve to attract more people and make the situation worse casting issues, not only at the times of cricket but much later into the nights

The Cricket Club is situated right in the middle of a quiet village and has many many residential neighbours that would no doubt face more disruption and disturbance from the Cricket Club if this was granted. Summers evenings will see people with drinks all around the cricket ground, not just limited to the club. This will mean people literally drinking at the end of many peoples private gardens.

The Cricket Club is located right next to the local pub which obviously serves alcohol as well as having space for music etc. The club (despite new ownership and a hand of partnership) refuse to work with the landlord to work in the favour of the local community. There is a gate that creates access between the pub and the cricket club, as long as I can remember this has been open so people can get a drink from the pub and sit and watch local cricket. It is only the past couple of years or so that the club has locked the gate which has in turn been to the detriment of the community.

There has been zero interaction with the local community about this application, no explanation of how things will be run, when it will be open and what area it will cover. They have not put forward any plans to mitigate for parking issue or social disturbance.

Btw, the blue signs only went up yesterday which gives just over a week for people to air their views

I am a cricketer who lives in the village but does not back onto the club, I care passionately about the community and feel that this would be of great detriment to those living in the immediate area as many who use the club do not live in the village nor do the currently socialise in the village.

I ask that you refuse this license application.

Warmly

[REDACTED]

**From:**planning.comments@leeds.gov.uk  
**Sent:**Thu, 8 Feb 2024 16:14:01 +0000  
**To:**Fiddes, Lucy  
**Subject:**Comments for Licensing Application PREM/05085/001

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## Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 08/02/2024 4:14 PM from [REDACTED].

### Application Summary

Address:	Thorp Arch And Boston Spa Cricket Club Cricket Ground The Village Thorp Arch Wetherby LS23 7AR
Proposal:	Premises Licence - New Application
Case Officer:	Lucy Fiddes

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### Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	Thorp Arch Hall Thorp Arch Park Thorp Arch Wetherby

### Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour response
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 08/02/2024 4:14 PM I think a live music licence for every day of the week in a residential area is unreasonable. Individual events which require a licence are totally supported by the community but possibility of continual live or recorded music post matches on week nights is not appropriate.

I have no objection to the licence application.

Kind regards



**From** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thu, 8 Feb 2024 22:22:04 +0000  
**To:** Entertainment Licensing  
**Subject:** Re: PREM/05085/001 - Thorp Arch And Boston Spa Cricket Club

I would like to object to the application for the music licence. The club is ringed by domestic properties so music in the week till late is completely inappropriate.

I have no Objections to the alcohol licence which I think is essential to the future financial stability of the club,

Best wishes, [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On 8 Feb 2024, at 18:37, Entertainment Licensing <Entertainment.Licen@leeds.gov.uk> wrote:

Good Afternoon [REDACTED]

Thank you for your comments on the application for a premises licence at Thorp Arch And Boston Spa Cricket Club.

Please could you confirm if you would like to object to this application, and if so provide some further details?

Kind regards,

Lucy Fiddes | Licensing Officer

Entertainment Licensing | Leeds City Council

[REDACTED]

W: [Alcohol and entertainment \(leeds.gov.uk\)](https://www.leeds.gov.uk/entertainment-licensing)

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sun, 11 Feb 2024 10:15:24 +0000  
**To:** Entertainment Licensing  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Stables, Cllr Penny  
**Subject:** Thorp Arch and Boston Spa Cricket Club

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To whom it may concern,

We are writing to you with reference to the application made by Adam Gough for a licence to sell alcohol (Monday to Sunday 11:00 - 23:30) and have Live music and recorded music (Monday to Sunday 11:00 - 23:00) at Thorp Arch and Boston Spa Cricket Club.

We strongly object to this application for the following reasons;

1. We live in the village and our garden backs onto the cricket grounds. While we are happy for occasional events, we are extremely concerned about noise levels if it is going to be open all year round.
2. Parking is already an issue on the street when it is the cricket season. If the club is open until 11:30 pm then potentially people are leaving after that - disturbing the peace and stopping residents from parking outside their own houses.
3. We also feel that there is a venue in the village that is already fully licensed so why is it necessary to have another venue selling alcohol in such close proximity. According to the Thorp Arch Neighbourhood Development Plan 2017-2028 The Pax Inn is a key asset within Thorp Arch that should be protected.
4. We object to the lack of transparency regarding this application. There are two notice boards within the village and numerous lampposts and yet this only appeared on one - many other villagers may be unaware of this application.

Whilst we fully support the cricket club as a venue to hold sporting and occasional celebratory events we strongly oppose this application.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]

**From:**planning.comments@leeds.gov.uk  
**Sent:**Tue, 20 Feb 2024 14:51:33 +0000  
**To:**Fiddes, Lucy  
**Subject:**Comments for Licensing Application PREM/05085/001

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### Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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Comments were submitted at 20/02/2024 2:51 PM from [REDACTED].

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Proposal:	Premises Licence - New Application
Case Officer:	Lucy Fiddes

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### Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED]

### Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour response
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 20/02/2024 2:51 PM I wish to object to the above application  
Background ... previously the club has applied for, and obtained, licenses on an occasional and ad hoc basis. Nearby residents have always tolerated these special occasions on a good neighbourly basis.  
Proposed application :  
This new application would allow alcohol and live music 365 days of the year. This new license would increase the possibility of public nuisance for the many dwellings nearby including my own.

I am particularly concerned about noise nuisance.

The premises are effectively a wooden structure used as a cricket changing room and as such totally unsuited to the sale of alcohol and live music. There is no provision for car parking which will lead to congestion on an already crowded High Street.

The nearby Pax public house is a matter of yards away and could easily handle social requests. Its viability would be threatened if the licence is granted.

I therefore object to this licence being granted.

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Kind regards

**From:**planning.comments@leeds.gov.uk  
**Sent:**Wed, 21 Feb 2024 12:52:26 +0000  
**To:**Fiddes, Lucy  
**Subject:**Comments for Licensing Application PREM/05085/001

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### Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 21/02/2024 12:52 PM from [REDACTED].

### Application Summary

Address:	Thorp Arch And Boston Spa Cricket Club Cricket Ground The Village Thorp Arch Wetherby LS23 7AR
Proposal:	Premises Licence - New Application
Case Officer:	Lucy Fiddes

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### Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED]

### Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour response
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 21/02/2024 12:52 PM I object to this application, the premises are unsuitable for such purpose, giving the potential for 12 hour exposure to noise and disturbance 7 days a week.

The pavilion is a wooden structure used as changing rooms for cricket teams. If granted it would effectively be a change of use.  
Turning a cricket club into licensed premises with live music.

If granted it would threaten the viability of the Pax public house, situated meters away, and itself quite capable of fulfilling the social needs of the cricket club.

Where will customers of the pavilion park ? On street parking in the Village is already capacity and double yellow lines introduced to limit parking congestion and safety issues.

There will be major issues with noise affecting surrounding housing.  
Please consider this objection and refuse the application

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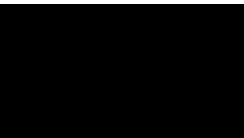
Kind regards

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**Sent:**Wed, 21 Feb 2024 09:51:27 +0000  
**To:**Entertainment Licensing  
**Subject:**PREM/05085/001

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To whom it may concern,

I have set out my comments by way of OBJECTION to the licence application referred to above in my capacity as a neighbour. I was unable to do so online because of a system error but will attempt to do so later.



#### OVERALL

The application makes no reference to or consideration of the potential impact on neighbouring properties in this residential conservation area nor of the licences duty of care to 3rd parties in this regard.

#### SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE TO THE NATURE OF THE PREMISES

The terms of the licence seem so broad and disproportionate to the activities of a cricket club as to constitute change of use.

It is unclear whether the licence application is permitted under existing planning consent/terms of use from the council, the lessor of the site or any covenants that need to be observed

#### OPERATION OF LICENCE AFTER DARK

The hours of operation for sale and consumption of alcohol are disproportionate to the operation of a sports club in a residential area and extend well beyond hours of play, the normal cricket season itself and the hours of darkness

#### DISPERSAL OF ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

The restricted size of the building in which alcohol can be served and the separation of the toilet block will lead to significant and/or the majority of alcohol consumption to take place in the open areas of the playing field which adjoins residential properties with a perimeter in excess of 300yards. It will not be possible for the licensee to monitor and control conduct or to do so in a timely manner to reassure residents

#### IMPACT ON RESIDENTS - DISTURBANCE AND PERCIEVED THREAT

The dispersed consumption of alcohol will cause disturbance from noise and conduct consistent with the consumption of alcohol throughout the playing area and, importantly along the boundary with neighbouring properties that cannot be monitored by the licensee particularly when a significant proportion of the licensed hours will be during darkness. This presents a particular risk (again in darkness) of boisterous, anti-social or intimidating behaviour alongside boundaries or a real perception of same to the families with children or those older/vulnerable residents

The permitting of the sale and consumption of alcohol across such a large area for the extended hours (>12 hours) of the application is wholly inappropriate for the setting.

#### ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE

The application for an entertainment licence for live and recorded music (in the open air through necessity) 7 days a week and 365 days a year until 11/11.30 at night is wholly inappropriate to the residential setting.

It is not clear from the application how admittance to the venue for entertainment (or alcohol consumption) will be controlled to ensure attendees of bad faith will be excluded. It is unclear whether entertainment events will be open to the public, provided by way of hire of the venue to 3rd parties and how the licensee will control risks around safety and conduct dependant upon the nature of the entertainment. These risks

around conduct may be/are likely to include the consequences of the inadequate toilet facilities for more than a modest amount of attendees after dark.

Hire to 3rd parties present a heightened supervisory risk of failure to maintain standards of behaviour/ ensure attendees are of good faith

The entertainment licence will exacerbate the dispersal of alcohol consumption over the site and create further noise from attendees over and above the noise of the entertainment itself.

I note that during 2023 a handful of events with music were held on the ground last year without notice to or consultation with residents nor any indication of who was in charge, in attendance or the expectation of closing time. This did create anxiety for residents which would be far worse under this licence proposal. The grant of temporary event notices last year also brings into question the purpose/necessity of this licence application as it would allow a more than ample number of the events for the needs of a cricket club solely for that purpose

No mention is made in the application as to how the licenced area will be confirmed as cleared at the end of events.

There is a risk of bad faith attendees exploiting the open area for nefarious purpose. Equally, if the licensee and/or representatives stay beyond the duration of any event/opening there is no way for neighbouring residents to know who is on the ground or for what purpose.

#### LICENCE PREMISES NOT LIVED IN

These latter points are exacerbated as, unlike the neighbouring Pax Inn, the ground is not occupied by the licensee or any person which will understandably heighten anxiety of residents of after dark activity and noise at the ground.

#### EXISTING LICENCE IN VILLAGE

The village of Thorp Arch is already host to a pub with entertainment licence and this application is of detriment to that licensee and it would seem wholly inappropriate for 2 venues with live or recorded music to be operating simultaneously a few metres apart.

Very Best regards

Contact at



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Licensing Application PREM/05085/001

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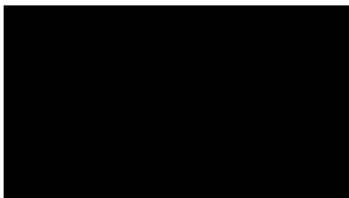
Dear Sirs

**Reference: TABS Cricket Club Application PREM/05085/001**

Our concerns are as following:

- Increased noise to the surrounding residential properties in the evenings
- Lack of car parking at the club would mean an overflow on to the local streets and school area.
- Increase in litter droppings in the surrounding streets and fields.
- Why is there a need for another licenced premises at the club when there is already a licenced premises within 100 metres (The PAX)?
- Would not believe that it is sustainable for 7 days/week.

Regards



**From:**planning.comments@leeds.gov.uk  
**Sent:**Mon, 19 Feb 2024 21:01:43 +0000  
**To:**Fiddes, Lucy  
**Subject:**Comments for Licensing Application PREM/05085/001

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## Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Licensing Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 19/02/2024 9:01 PM from [REDACTED].

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Address:	Thorp Arch And Boston Spa Cricket Club Cricket Ground The Village Thorp Arch Wetherby LS23 7AR
Proposal:	Premises Licence - New Application
Case Officer:	Lucy Fiddes

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### Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED]

### Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour response
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 19/02/2024 9:01 PM We request the licensing hours are reduced to 9pm for all days. We have two small children, it is often difficult to get them to sleep when events are on at the cricket club. Late evening music, on a regular basis, is not appropriate for a residential area. For special 'one-off' events a separate, individual, late night licensing application can/should be made for that specific occasion, however the baseline licensing should be 9pm.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thu, 22 Feb 2024 14:07:43 +0000  
**To:** Entertainment Licensing  
**Subject:** Application Number : PREM/05085/001 Objection on grounds of Public Nuisance

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Good afternoon

I am writing to put forward my comments in relation to the above licensing application for the sale of alcohol until 11.30pm 7 days a week and live/recorded music until 11pm 7 days a week at the cricket club.

Whilst I fully understand that the club are keen to increase revenue through the sale of alcohol, I have significant concerns that the ability to sell alcohol and play music until so late at night up to 7 nights a week will result in public nuisance to local residents in the houses surrounding and backing onto the club. Occasional fund-raising events are not an issue - we all want the cricket club to thrive and succeed as it is a valuable asset to the village. However, the potential for alcohol and music 7 days and nights a week until potentially midnight is likely to be disruptive and I am afraid that it will present a public nuisance given the proximity of the housing to the cricket pitch.

At present there are two access points to the club, one of which is through the pub carpark which actually adjoins the cricket club. The other is an unmade access 'track' which runs along the back of some of the gardens and then immediately between two of the houses, without space to separate them. Originally this track was closed off, overgrown and used for storage but is now open for emergency vehicle access and is used as the main pedestrian point of entry and exit to the club. Given that the cricket club will be setting itself up in direct competition with the already struggling village pub, it seems highly unlikely that the exit via the pub carpark will be used when vacating the cricket club at 11.30pm/midnight. The track running up the side of the houses is more likely to be used with the resultant noise and disruption to residents late at night as people leave the premises.

I would ask that these comments are taken into account when considering the application, certainly in its present form.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]





**From** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Fri, 23 Feb 2024 14:36:48 +0000  
**To:** Entertainment Licensing  
**Subject:** RE: PREM/05085/001-Thorp Arch & Boston Spa Cricket Club Cricket Ground

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Good afternoon Lucy-

Yes please. An objection based on the reasons made. Not having done it before I apologise for not quite getting the wording right!!!

**Kind Regards**

[REDACTED]

**From:** Entertainment Licensing <Entertainment.Licen@leeds.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 23 February 2024 14:30  
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Good Afternoon [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email.

Please could you confirm if you would like to submit these comments as an objection to the application?

Kind regards,

Lucy Fiddes | Licensing Officer

Entertainment Licensing | Leeds City Council

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, February 23, 2024 2:06 PM

**To:** Entertainment Licensing <[Entertainment.Licen@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Entertainment.Licen@leeds.gov.uk)>

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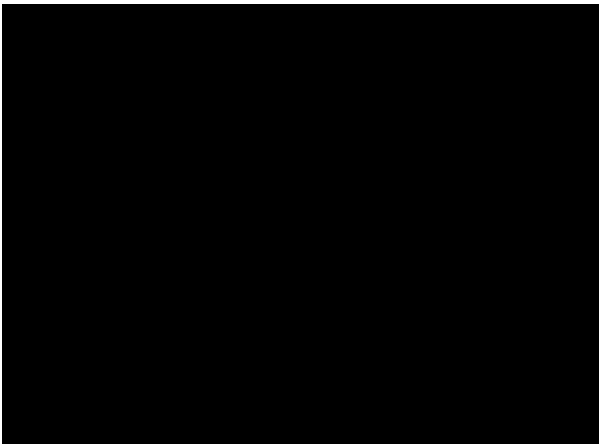
Further to this Licensing Application, we should like to offer our comments as follows:

- The cricket ground is surrounded by residential houses and a pub, and to be granted a license to have live/recorded music for 11.5hrs until 23.30hrs is unfair to the residents. Their Cricket Pavilion is without sound proofing, and to add alcohol to these events would give a greater volume to these events, as much would be held outdoors.



- Each summer on August Bank Holiday weekend they hold a BBQ and karaoke event which is very loud, but we can accommodate this as a one off event.
- It should be pointed out that our house is not surrounding the cricket field, but each word sung is very audible.
- In principal, we believe to have a licence for alcohol and music for these particular hours, 7 days a week is not in the villagers' interests and wellbeing.
- Maybe some level of compromise is possible?

**Kind Regards**



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Proposal:	Premises Licence - New Application
Case Officer:	Lucy Fiddes

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### Customer Details

Name:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED]

### Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour response
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	22/02/2024 10:10 PM To whom this may concern,

[REDACTED]

Hearing the sounds during matches and coaching is no problem - I played cricket for my college team over sixty years ago and still love the game.

I understand this application requests 365 days a year permission to sell alcohol. This is totally unnecessary. The playing season is normally April to September. The fear locally is that the club facilities could be let out for other events throughout the year. The application requests 11am-11.30pm. This would create noise at night, with no warning and would be totally unacceptable.

The club currently holds BBQ's etc fundraising events during the season - it's fine hearing them all enjoying themselves. I am not a killjoy!!

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Kind regards

From:planning.comments@leeds.gov.uk  
Sent:Thu, 22 Feb 2024 23:12:46 +0000  
To:Fiddes, Lucy  
Subject:Comments for Licensing Application PREM/05085/001

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## Comments summary

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Email:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED]

### Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour response
Stance:	Customer objects to the Licensing Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: 22/02/2024 11:12 PM I wish to object to the above application for the following reasons, unreasonable hours. 12 hour licensing 7 days with the possibility of live music, the club is only open 6-7 months of the year this opens the facility up to be used for events other than cricket, I do not feel that the application is for the benefit of the club solely , it will be used for personal gain.  
Increase in noise. The size and construction of the huts are not adequate to retain the noise, the possibility of noise 7 days a week until 11PM would have an impact on the neighbours.

the additional parking of vehicles in the village and the possibility of them left overnight would raise road safety concerns, the council have already added additional yellow lines to limit parking congestion due to road safety concerns.

The Pax Inn Pub is a matter of yards away with direct access to the cricket ground this more than capable of supplying alcohol to the cricket club (and has been for may years)with systems already inplace preventing crime and disorder, the cricket club serving alcohol would threaten the viability, of the community asset.

In recent years the temporary licence on an ad hoc basis when events are to be held had been more than sufficient. the possibility that out of cricket season this could be turned into an entertainment venue if granted.

Yours sincerely



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Kind regards

**From** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thu, 22 Feb 2024 17:00:13 +0000  
**To:** Entertainment Licensing  
**Subject:** Fwd: Objection - PREM/05085/001

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 22 February 2024 at 16:51:56 GMT  
**To:** Licensing@leeds.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Objection - PREM/05085/001

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is an objection to:

Application: PREM/05085/001  
Thorp Arch and Boston Spa Cricket Club Licensing Application

We are [REDACTED] We are residents of Thorp Arch Village and have lived here for over fifteen years. Our address is [REDACTED]

The entrance way to the Cricket Club is directly opposite our house.

I object to the Club's application for a seven day a week license to sell alcohol and have recorded/live music.

I have grave concerns about noise, public nuisance, public safety and harm to children.

This is already a dangerous junction point with an ongoing parking problem and a school very close by. Cars accelerate rapidly at this exact spot as they move from The Village to Wood Lane.

We have substantial existing problems with inconsiderate and illegal parking. Buses swing around the corner and there are very young children regularly crossing the road. This spot is an 'accident waiting to happen'.

There will be a greater increase in noise as the cricket gates are likely to be used to leave the premises, rather than the pub gate (the pub are able to lock the adjoining gate to their land as they wish). Having had alcohol, people leaving the Club in the evenings are likely

to create a lot of noise in what is usually a quiet conservation area. This would entirely change the character and atmosphere of the village.

We already have a place to socialise and a function room for events in the village Pub. We do not need another. This would be an unnecessary, unwelcome and dangerous addition to our village community.

My daughter plays at the cricket club and I support the sporting opportunities the Club provides, but I do not support this application in any way.

Yours Faithfully

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Fri, 23 Feb 2024 12:36:20 +0000  
**To:** Lamb, Cllr Alan; Entertainment Licensing; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Thorp Arch and Boston Spa Cricket Club application for premises license - OBJECTION

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Hi

I was to OBJECT to the application for a premises license for TABS CC.

Access to the cricket ground is very limited, the access road been an unlit single track (possibly unadopted?) entrance passing behind private gardens and houses. This seems totally unacceptable in light of the license application for a 7 day 11am-11pm arrangement. There is the potential for late night noise and disruptive behaviour in an unlit off-road environment.

Furthermore, the current TABS CC buildings appear to be nothing more than an elaborate arrangement of modified temporary buildings. On the face of it, they do not appear fit for the purpose of, and the necessary security required for, a 7 day entertainment license.

Additionally, and perhaps not directly relevant to the framework for license objection and therefore more for the parish council to consider, I'd like to add that the application will put unnecessary and even greater pressure upon The Pax inn, an already valuable and inclusive village asset.

Many villages would be envious of Thorp Arch, having an active cricket club in the centre of it, with a typical village pub on the fringes of the ground. The association between the 2 assets should be fostered for the greater good of the community, with both parties working together to ensure the longevity of such valuable community assets.

This application serves only the cricket club, and will undoubtedly put even greater financial strain upon The Pax inn. The Pax genuinely serves as an inclusive village asset, hosting Christmas fairs, quiz nights, local singing groups, coffee mornings for the elderly, etc, etc.

To grant the application as proposed to TABS CC would take business from The Pax, creating a divide between the inclusivity of the local village pub, and the exclusivity of the cricket club.

A position between both parties needs to be agreed upon, issues such as parking etc need resolution, but approving this application will only serve TABS CC and could possibly be the beginning of the end for another valuable village asset.

It would be absolutely brilliant and quite idyllic to enjoy a pint whilst watching cricket in the village, but this can easily be achieved today without this license. TABS CC need to

take their responsibilities more seriously, they are more than a cricket club, they are a valuable village asset, but their advancement should not come at the detriment of another.

Many thanks



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**From** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Fri, 23 Feb 2024 22:40:07 +0000  
**To:** Entertainment Licensing  
**Subject:** Representation

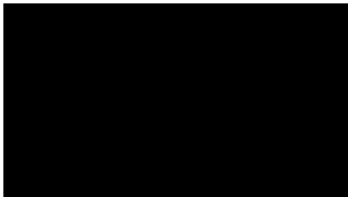
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### **Licence Application Details**

I wish to object to the following application:

PREM/05085/001  
Adam Gough,  
Thorp Arch and Boston Spa Cricket Club,  
LS23 7AR

### **Personal Details**



I am making this representation as a resident.

### **Representation Grounds**

The representation is relevant to the following licencing objectives:

Prevention of crime and disorder  
Prevention of public nuisance

I object to the application being granted at all.

### **The grounds of the representation is based on the following:**

The cricket club is based in an enclosed area surrounded by houses. It is not a large ground and there is little separation between the cricket ground and the neighbouring gardens. The cricket hut itself is a small, fairly basic building. Access to the ground and the hut is via a narrow entrance opposite my home. There is a second gate at the back of

the local pub car park, but this I believe is kept locked due to the poor relationship between the club and the pub. There is no parking within the grounds.

I do not believe that this cricket club is suitable as a licenced facility. I believe that the granting of a licence as per the application would result in excessive noise and disruption to people living in the village, with the potential for loud music, and people coming and going late into the night via the narrow entrance which lies between two homes. The additional traffic would cause further parking problems, which the council is already aware of and has mitigated to some degree with the provision of some double yellow lines. However parking would continue to be an issue around the narrow streets in the village.

I attempted to engage politely with Mr Gough on the subject of parking several years ago but received no response, and because of this lack of engagement with local residents over legitimate concerns, I simply would not trust him to consider the interests of residents in terms of the impact of noise, and outdoor drinking, and parking.

I respectfully request that this application is refused.



23 February 2024

From [REDACTED]

Sent: Sun, 18 Feb 2024 13:59:37 +0000

To: Entertainment Licensing

Subject: Objection to permanent license application no. PREM/05085/001 - Thorp Arch and Boston Spa Cricket Ground.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

As a resident of Thorp Arch and living adjacent to the boundary of the cricket club, I would need reassurances that any events that took place on the cricket ground would give the neighbours plenty of warning and be of limited number.

This application runs the risk of unlimited, regular alcohol consumption and late night music being loudly played after matches in the week and weekends, and if you look at the location of the cricket ground, this would be unacceptable to all the villagers - it is a small village and would be heard by everyone, including the elderly and families with young children.

I know in the past that short term '10 event' licenses have been applied for, and I see no reason why this can't be applied for again.

It also appears that the application has gone behind the back of many members of the club and that it wasn't voted for or announced by email or letter before being applied for, indicating only a small number may be in favour of the application in the first place. So in conclusion, I object to this license application.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]  
Sent: Mon, 19 Feb 2024 10:24:32 +0000  
To: Entertainment Licensing  
Subject: Objection to license application number PREM/05085/001

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Public

Dear All

I have just received notification of the above application for an entertainment license which myself and my family strongly object too.

Our house backs on too the cricket ground [REDACTED], and we love the sound of ☐ leather on willow ☐ in the summer months.

However, over the years there has been so much noise on an evening which has made it impossible to sleep as well as bright lights.

The major concerns are traffic, access to the ground is a challenge so cars end up being parked on the surrounding roads causing traffic chaos.

There had been previous problems via access through the Pax Inn car park which is not allowed.

The entrance to the ground is on a very challenging road junction which is also used several times a day by the buses so this will only get worse especially at school pick up.

Cricket lasts a few months but if this is approved myself, on all other residents surrounding the cricket pitch will be subject to noise all year.

The noise isn't just contained inside the club when the weather is dry countless people have been seen drinking and carrying on right up to our fences and expletives and on occasion nudity have been witnessed.

The cricket ground is also a travel corridor for hedgehogs and many time this endangered species have been caught in the nest which is heartbreaking especially in breeding season where the parents have died and subsequently the litter. I know I have them living in my garden and can't tell you how many times I have had to take orphaned babies to the vets in Boston Spa.

I hope the council does not approve this license in any form, the Pax Inn would also be impacted by loss of custom and we do not want to see this pub close as it ia centre for the community.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

**From:**Stables, Cllr Penny  
**Sent:**Tue, 20 Feb 2024 13:34:09 +0000  
**To:**Fiddes, Lucy  
**Subject:**FW: Thorp Arch and Boston Spa Cricket Club: PREM/05085/001

Good Afternoon Lucy,

I have received the following concerns (see below) about the two licenses for the sale of alcohol and for events, by Thorp Arch and Boston Spa cricket club, ref: PREM/05085/001.

I would also like to raise concerns about the nature of the application. As the cricket club is in the centre of Thorp Arch village, any noise and disturbance will be felt by the whole of the older part of the village, therefore it seems inappropriate to extend the license to everyday 11-11.30pm.

This issue was discussed at the Parish Council meeting that I attended and it was suggested that it would be more acceptable for the license to be:

midday to 9.00pm during May to September and from Wednesday to Saturday. This seems like a very sensible suggestion, which will cause less impact on residents' amenity, and also less impact on the one pub in the village: The Pax.

One of the other main concerns is the increased parking this will bring, which may cause disruption to the Highway and inconvenience residents. It is felt more acceptable if it is only for a limited time of the year, only Wednesday to Saturday afternoons and not late at night, as this may also cause disturbance with people leaving.

Kind regards,

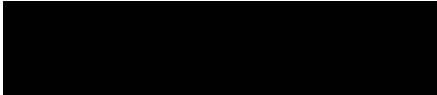
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via email

**Wetherby Ward  
Conservative Councillors  
Councillor Alan Lamb  
Councillor Norma Harrington**  
2nd Floor East  
Civic Hall  
Leeds LS1 1UR

Tel:



Reference: AL/NH/gsb  
Date: 21 February 2024

Dear Sir,

**LICENSING APPLICATION: Thorp Arch and Boston Spa Cricket Club Cricket Ground The Village Thorp Arch Wetherby LS23 7AR**

**APPLICATION NO: PREM/05085/001**

As Ward Councillors for Wetherby ward, we wish to register our objection to the above application. For absolute clarity, we fully recognise and support the desire of local sports clubs and community organisations to supplement their activities and incomes with sustainable expansion and diversification. We do have sympathy with the cricket club in that their options for expansion are somewhat constrained by the physical location of the club, and we do believe there is compromise to be found.

However this application as submitted, is not in line with that aspiration.

Our objection falls under the remit of public nuisance:

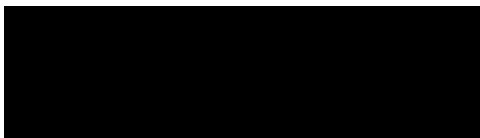
- Music should be confined to inside the building;
- The area that alcohol can be consumed should be tightly controlled and within and close to the clubhouse rather than the entire field and perhaps confined exclusively to within the clubhouse after 9pm;
- 11 am to 11 pm 365 days a year is completely unnecessary.

We have particular concerns around anti-social behaviour and the impact on local residents' amenity. The cricket club is completely surrounded in close proximity by residential housing and a pub. It is not as if a separate section of the field could be used – any area will have an adverse impact on neighbours. Also, for the record, we feel it is disappointing the club have chosen not to engage with the community regarding their plans.

Yours sincerely



**Councillor Alan Lamb**



**Councillor Norma Harrington**



Clerk to the Council:

Tel: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Chairman:  
Cllr Nicola Midgley

20<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Committee

**Licence application Thorp Arch and Boston Spa Cricket Club – PREM/05085/001**

We are writing to object to the above licence application for Thorp Arch and Boston Spa Cricket Club. We are objecting as a Parish Council as we have serious concerns on a number of fronts outlined below. We are also objecting on behalf of our local community, as we have received a number of concerns from local residents.

The applicant is applying for a licence for seven days a week from 11am to 11.30pm, 365 days a year, which would be an excessive increase, based on what we understand, were only a few events last year. It also bears no reality to the times of day and year that the Cricket Club operates, which are far more restricted, both in hours of the day and times of year. If a licence as it stands was issued and used as such, it would become a public nuisance for residents, potentially affect public safety in the area, create parking issues (which are very limited in Thorp Arch) and potentially result in greater crime and disorderly behaviour.

There is no justification for the licence request as currently presented although we do not object to specific Cricket Club related events where we accept a licence is necessary.

As we understand it, the cricket club have, on average over the last few years, held around six events per year that needed a licence and we support this approach as we want to encourage a vibrant successful club. We would support cricket related events where the licence runs from midday to 9.00pm during May to September and from Wednesday to Saturday. This approach has worked successfully in the past.

Finally, please could you confirm when notices were located in the village as we, and other residents, had not seen them prior to 7th February.



Yours sincerely



Chairman  
Councillor Nicola Midgley  
Thorp Arch Parish Council