

**From** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Fri, 12 Mar 2021 16:41:26 +0000  
**To:** Entertainment Licensing  
**Subject:** Objection to headingley stadium

Dear Council,

I am emailing to share concern for requests for the two outdoor events to be held at the stadium with music, huge crowds and goodness knows whatever else noise and pollution, going on until midnight.

As a local resident this IS NOT what our area stands for. There are so many families nearby, and this sort of event does NOT in any way support them. My daughter will suffer from noise well into her night, as well as the huge crowds (has nobody told them about covid?) (..and then there's all the litter that undoubtedly will not be dealt with.)

The stadium needs to be reeled in - no more huge events like this.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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# Representation

Section 1 – Licence application details	
Please indicate as appropriate :	
Y      I wish to object to the following application:	
<input type="checkbox"/> I wish to support the following application:	
Applicant premises name and address: Leeds Cricket, Football & Athletic Company Limited The Rugby Bowl Emerald Headingley Stadium St Michael's Lane Headingley LS6 3BR	
Section 2 – Your personal details	
Title	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Surname	
First name(s)	
Address (incl postcode): _____ _____ _____ _____	
Please note that a full copy of your representation (including your name and address) will be sent to the applicant and will be a public document at the hearing. If this is a concern please contact Entertainment Licensing and we will go through your options.	
On what basis are you making this representation:	
Y Resident	
<input type="checkbox"/> Business	
<input type="checkbox"/> Someone representing a resident or business:	
Section 3 – Representation grounds	
The representation is relevant to one or more of the following licensing objectives:	Prevention of crime and disorder <input type="checkbox"/> Prevention of public nuisance            Y Protection of children from harm        Y Public safety <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Please tick relevant box(es)</b>	
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Please select :

Y I object to the application being granted at all

I object to the application being granted in its current form

<b>The grounds of the representation is based on the following:</b>
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Our objections to this license application are based on public nuisance and protecting children from harm.

Firstly, regarding protection of children from harm, we think that neither boxing nor wrestling are suitable events for an outdoor arena that is situated amongst residential streets. The hours requested for these events are such that we can only assume that there will be match and crowd noise in the daytime, evening and late into the night. This means it will be audible, and visible to all ages, including children, including to those who aren't paying to attend. Our house, as well as several other properties [REDACTED] [REDACTED] look directly onto the pitch. Rugby matches are very different. The crowds attending are pretty quiet, except for exciting moments of the match of course, and crowd noise dies down as soon as the match finishes, at around 10pm. These crowds often consist of a large number of families, and the atmosphere is generally cordial and civil. We do not think these requested events are child-friendly to attend nor view nor hear from afar. It seems unlikely that the nature of the event and crowd means it'll be quiet at 10pm.

Our second objection is around the potential for public nuisance, and particularly noise, litter, waste and street fouling, and to a lesser extent, light pollution. We think, with the hours applied for, noise will be considerably later and more boisterous than at present for rugby matches. We are worried that the application includes outdoor music until midnight, that surely should not be allowed in a residential area, with houses only metres away from the stadium. This is later than the licensed music concerts. Due to the layout of the stands, the music from the stadium is almost as audible in The Turnways, as it would be in the stadium.

Litter is always a problem after rugby matches in the following days. We see it as we walk to and from school, for days after – until the wind takes it away, or the regular road sweeping regime picks it up – tickets, plastic cups, fast food boxes etc. It is especially bad in the alleyway, which is already blighted by litter, leaf litter and graffiti. How much more so with more people on site for longer, needing more food and drink, and possibly being less careful the drunker they get? We also worry about street fouling – I [REDACTED] have seen this occur during one of the inter-varsity rugby matches – drunk people coming onto The Turnways needing the toilet and weeing on the wheelie bins and verge opposite. Not good.

We do not think the sale and consumption of alcohol until midnight is a good idea either, in relation to public nuisance, nor possibly crime and disorder. Again, this is later than the current license, we believe. They are requesting a larger event capacity than the stadium is designed to seat. Therefore we don't think 25,000 mostly drunk people leaving the stadium over a short time frame (ie once the boxing/wrestling is over) is wise, nor likely to be easy and without incidents. Headingley is not a stadium that is placed out of town like some similar stadia, it is deeply embedded within a suburb, and it is a suburb that already has a lot of people out drinking and making noise late at night, which can cause problems and discomfort for local residents.

We do not doubt that the organisers of the event will be adhering to all the relevant regulations that apply to such a premises and event. We're sure they will aim to keep the stadium and the event goers safe whilst there, but it's the negative impact on the immediate and nearby residents, their property and the streets for which we are concerned.

We heartily oppose this license application on behalf of ourselves and our young daughter.

Signed: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Date:12/3/21

Rep 3

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Fri, 12 Mar 2021 17:32:37 +0000  
To: Entertainment Licensing  
Subject: Headingley Stadium - wrestling matchesHi,

I would like to submit my objection to the licensing request by Headingley Stadium to hold two outdoor wrestling matches per year, with recorded music and alcohol sales until midnight.

As a local resident, I feel that this would exacerbate the antisocial behaviour already increasing in our area and these nights could be really disruptive.

Please can you pass on my objection or let me know how to formally submit one?

Thanks,

[REDACTED] resident)

## Rep 4

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Application by Leeds Cricket, Football & Athletic Company, Ltd.

Regarding staging of wrestling matches on two occasions per year.

Entertainment,Licensing,

I write as Chairman of The Turnways & Laurel Bank Residents Association of which I am Chairman. This is initially in response to six resident households raising objections with me around the application above. I have written to all our residents (over 50 residencies on our mailing list), stating my intention to raise an objection to the application on behalf of all our members unless anyone did not support this course of action. I have not received any objections to this course of action.

We in The Turnways and Laurel Bank have been involved with the stadium authorities but mainly the rugby, regarding the staging of events on the pitch, other than Super league and Rugby Union matches. This involvement centers on the use of the pitch at the weekends to stage events in addition to the normal matches during the season.

Only a relatively short time ago we had our objections to music concerts overturned. The involvement needed to complete these objections are no easy task for residents with work and families and we rely on those with authority to support local residents, as well as local businesses. In this regard we do not think we are getting a fair crack of the whip, so to speak.

We live in the shadow of the stadium and as such we accept the regular fixtures with the noise and disturbance associated with these events. We now also are faced with the agreed day / nights music events over two summer weekends.

We are now faced with another proposal with regard to wrestling matches, with a further two events over another two weekends. We are of the opinion that this is an invasion of our rights to peace, quiet and privacy and we further believe they would constitute a public nuisance due to the nature of the events proposed, especially when associated with the alcohol factor over a long period of time, similar to the Western Terrace at the cricket that required special measures in the end.

What are the likely noise levels for such a raucous event?. The stadium is in the middle of a large residential area, whose residents deserve to have their weekends or at least some of them protected.

While we understand this is a totally separate application, we think it cannot be taken in isolation with what has gone before. The issues are well known, crowds, traffic, parking issues, excessive noise, local disturbance, disruptions to sleeping patterns, especially of young children, some who sleep within yards of the stadium.

Alcohol available till late in the night, the sale of alcohol beyond the limits that have been allowed for before and after the main floodlights are off. This maybe a ruse to allow the applicants to concede a reduction in the hours, to what is permitted at other events in the stadium. Is it feasible or sensible to have drinking all day till midnight, in the search for profit.

I ask on behalf of all our residents and their families that this current application be refused.

  
On behalf of Residents of The Turnways & Laurel Bank.

From [REDACTED]  
Sent: Fri, 12 Mar 2021 11:41:38 +0000  
To: Entertainment Licensing  
Cc: Musson, Martyn  
Subject: Headingley Rugby Stadium License application - most recent application for additional music/wrestling/boxing events

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to you today to object to the recent application to hold boxing/wrestling events with recorded music at the Rugby Bowl, Emerald Headingley Stadium by Leeds Cricket Football and Athletic Co Ltd.

I would like to object on the basis of the license causing public nuisance and harm to children. These are based on the following points;

- Wrestling/boxing events tend to lean far more heavily on the use of tannoys and recorded music, which is the noise that really travels into nearby houses (as oppose to crowd noise), and means that these events are of a very different nature to rugby/cricket matches. While the applications contain decibel limits for the levels of noise that the stadium can produce, this does not take into account the constant nature of the noise created by the new events that have been applied for.
- The time period applied for i.e. from 12pm to 12am, is unreasonably long given the above point regarding the constant nature of the tannoy/speaker noise.
- The rationale for midnight drinking hours is not given. It is difficult to see how this is appropriate for a family event, both for those attending and local residents.
- Leeds Rugby is far closer to residential housing than many other similar venues and should not be considered like for like.
- The stadium has not proved it is capable of running larger late night music/alcohol events responsibly. It should be first proven to be able to hold larger events of this nature before an ongoing license is granted. I believe that this application is premature for this reason.
- Traffic management implications - on a Saturday the last train to Leeds from burley park is 11:45 which suggests greater reliance on cars.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]



# Rep 6

**From** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Fri, 12 Mar 2021 09:46:04 +0000  
**To:** Entertainment Licensing  
**Subject:** Headingley stadium licensing wrestling/boxing

Hi there,

I hope you are well. I wanted to thank you for some of the prompt support you have provided in the past.

Please can you send me the full application of the Headingley stadium's request to host wrestling and boxing until midnight? I am particularly interested in annex about noise control measures which i have found difficult to access for some reason.

For now would like to clearly highlight my objection on the grounds of harm to children and public nuisance.

I am deeply concerned about the noise levels which are likely to be more prolonged than rugby matches, and last longer. Rugby matches end at 9pm and are loud enough for us to need to turn the tv up and to wake our children. Allowing this to go on until midnight presents a serious risk to sleep health which evidence suggests is highly detrimental to physical and mental health, including for very young children such as mine.

More understanding is also needed asap on the stadium's plans for crowd control post event. This application would mean up to 25k people (many more than a rugby match and with access to alcohol) entering a family orientated residential area from 12 midnight. The stadium have said they would want boxing matches to start at 10pm so this is far from theoretical.

As you will know, there is very limited parking available in the area and this is too late for the last train to Leeds from the nearest stations (Headingley and Burley).

This makes this application very unique compared to any other event they have applied for, and for very obvious reasons puts in question the stadium's proclaimed commitment to 'family friendly' events.

All the best,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



From [REDACTED]

Sent: Mon, 15 Mar 2021 21:10:15 +0000

To: Musson, Martyn; Entertainment Licensing

Subject: Re: Licensing Act 2003 - Representation relating to Leeds Cricket Football And Athletic Co Ltd, The Rugby Bowl Emerald Headingley Stadium St Michaels Lane Headingley Leeds LS6 3BR

Dear Martyn,

Thank you again for sending through the full application. I'm writing in supplement to my existing objection. I'm trying to get to the bottom of the noise conditions proposed. Please could you provide some clarity?

Firstly, representatives from stadium have said that the noise requirements that were applied to the concert licence last year would apply here, but these are not set out in the application and we have no assurance about what they are or how they will apply. The wording in section M (a) states that:

*We are mindful of residents and will adopt a policy consistent with existing procedures to minimise noise and light disruption. Floodlights will be dimmed by 23:00 and no bottle bins or waste will be emptied or collected until the next day.*

The application should detail what these are because it is very difficult to make an assessment about whether they are reasonable in these circumstances (e.g where noise could go on until midnight rather than 11pm). Can the detail please be added to the application, and further time given for residents and others to consider? I would also note that my impression was that the stadium is quite reasonably required to turn the floodlights off at 11:00 not dim them. This is therefore not 'consistent'.

Secondly, the application's risk annex confirms that a management plan will contain a noise management strategy that shall 'act in compliance with the licence conditions and with the 'code of practice on environmental noise control at concerts' developed by the noise council. I believe a copy can be found

below: <https://www.gov.uk/sitecollectiondocuments/leisure%20and%20entertainment/1d%20code%20of%20practice%20on%20environmental%20noise%2020110517%20Rwj.pdf>

This guidance states that for events held between the hours of 09:00 and 23:00:

A) the minimum noise level (MNL) for 1 to 3 concert days per year should not exceed 75db(A) over a 15 minute period

B) For 4-12 concert days they should not exceed the background noise level by more than 15 db(A) over a 15 minute period.

It also states that:

*'For events continuing or held between the hours of 23.00 and 09.00 the music noise should not be audible within noise-sensitive premises with windows open in a typical manner for ventilation'*

My queries are:

1. Please can you confirm that the stadium will need to comply with the term B i.e the 15 db above background noise limit? I assume this is the case because the two proposed events are **in addition to** up to the four concert events proposed by the stadium and approved last year.
2. Given that the application would allow music to be played and serve alcohol until 12 o'clock midnight, how will the applicant comply with the post 11 o'clock noise

requirements set out in the guidance i.e requiring that noise levels are not audible to residents with windows open for ventilation?

The latter is a crucial point for me, because my young children sleep in our house less than [REDACTED] from the stadium seating and on summer evenings generally benefit from an open window to prevent overheating.

Without clarity on these issues (and given the significance of the application on the table) i think it is very difficult for residents, councillors and others to make a reasonable assessment of the application.

I would be grateful for your advice on next steps. There may also be a case to withdraw the application until these areas of uncertainty can be clarified.

All the best,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 15 March 2021 16:41  
**To:** Musson, Martyn [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Licensing Act 2003 - Representation relating to Leeds Cricket Football And Athletic Co Ltd, The Rugby Bowl Emerald Headingley Stadium St Michaels Lane Headingley Leeds LS6 3BR

Hi Martyn,

Yes absolutely please do. All the best, [REDACTED]

> On 15 Mar 2021, at 14:08, Musson, Martyn [REDACTED] wrote:

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>  Good afternoon [REDACTED]

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> Just to confirm, Are you happy for us to share an unreacted copy of your representation to the applicant once the final representation date has concluded?

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> Best Wishes,

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> Martyn Musson

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> Licensing Officer

> Entertainment Licensing

> Leeds City Council

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> e: Entertainment.Licen@leeds.gov.uk





# Rep 7

**From** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:**Sat, 13 Mar 2021 09:05:52 +0000  
**To:**Entertainment Licensing  
**Subject:**Objection to headingley stadium events licence

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> Hi

> I live very close to headingley stadium and I want to object to their application for the licence to expand their offer of events.

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> 1. Size- this is a much larger crowd than other events. The stadium does not offer much parking at all so all the neighbouring streets are used. I've lost my wing mirror 5 times on rugby match days because the area becomes a gridlock of diagonally parked cars and people squeezing into tight spaces in a hurry. My driveway gets parked over so I get parked in, and it's common for people to get out the car, chuck a load of beer cans and fast food wrappers into my hedge, pee against my fence and then walk to the match.

> We only have one green space that me and my child can easily walk to. It's the Elida Gibbs field. For some reason the stadium are allowed to use this football field as a car park on larger event days which means we can't use the field. The cars damage the grass and it's not safe for kids. It's a field not a car park and I don't support it's use as such. Stadium users leave litter everywhere - stuffing beer cans into my hedge and throwing glass bottles onto my driveway beforehand and kebab wrappers and more beer cans afterwards.

> I'm fed up of the stadium endlessly expanding while it's based in a residential area.

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> 2. Alcohol

> I understand that they have applied for an alcohol licence from 12pm-12am. This is a residential area. Boxing matches are really rowdy. Rugby matches are bad enough - I often find men breaking into my garden and urinating over my vegetable patch after a match and this will be worse with longer drinking times. Fans are noisy and linger on my residential street for a long time after matches and often shout, fight or drunkenly mess about. The sheer quantity of people that could be doing this after a match is going to be really unpleasant and inappropriate for a residential area. This is too late at night and will be a disturbance. I suspect the vibe of a crowd who have spent 12 hours drinking lager and shouting while watching men smash each other's faces in, is not going to be peaceful and quiet when they spill out onto our streets after midnight.

> I dont believe the trains run that late so they really will be all over the streets of headingley being sick and shouting.

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> 3. Noise

> Recent changes to the stadium (pre covid) meant they installed a massive outdoor sound system and used it to pump incredibly loud music and announcements to the crowd. I hear every single bit of it. The music is deafening. It's far too loud. On some summer weekends I can't sit in my garden because the noise is too loud to have a conversation with my children outdoors. We have to go inside to shut the door. My garden is unpleasant and unuseable on those days. I absolutely object in the strongest way possible to the noise. No local resident I know has been consulted about the changes to the noise and music. Noise is so loud it disturbs my child's sleep, and it spoils the enjoyment of my indoor and outdoor space.

> I don't think the stadium should have the right to amplify music and announcements to this level, in an outdoor setting. The speakers are just so loud they don't need to be heard a mile away but they can be. As a neighbour I really resent this noise. I work shifts and need to be in bed - this is just not fair in a residential area.

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> The stadium does nothing to improve the local area or support the community but is an absolute blight on the area. I don't know anyone who has ever attended a match or been inside the complex - it seems to serve an entirely different community to the local residents who have to bear the brunt of the problems.

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> Please reject this application as outdoor noise of this volume and drinking at this scale is not appropriate for this area.

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> Thanks

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[REDACTED]

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## Rep 8

**From** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Mon, 15 Mar 2021 16:10:29 +0000

**To:** Entertainment Licensing

**Subject:** Headingley stadium application for licencing to hold wrestling and boxing matches

**Importance:** Normal

We wish to object to this application on the grounds of the potential to cause a public nuisance due to the late licence, noise and extra parking which will impact upon family homes next to the stadium. In particular the disruption to children's sleep caused by the noise of the event itself and spectators leaving at the end of the entertainment. This shows a complete disregard for local residents who already suffer exceptional noise pollution from the stadium.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



From [REDACTED]

Sent: Fri, 19 Mar 2021 21:27:46 +0000

To: Entertainment Licensing; Entertainment Licensing; Musson, Martyn

Subject: Licensing Act 2003 - Representation relating to Leeds Cricket Football And Athletic Co Ltd, The Rugby Bowl Emerald Headingley Stadium St Michaels Lane Headingley Leeds LS6 3BR

Hi,

I would like to make an objection to the latest rugby stadium licence application.

**Licensing Act 2003 - Representation relating to Leeds Cricket Football And Athletic Co Ltd, The Rugby Bowl Emerald Headingley Stadium St Michaels Lane Headingley Leeds LS6 3BR**

I have a young family and live [REDACTED] from the south stand. This application would be a great harm to my children with the noise levels looking to continue until midnight. The existing rugby matches finish around 9:30/10 with music tending to stop around 9:30. This isn't ideal in itself but is a darn sight better than a midnight curfew. My children need their sleep in order to grow/repair their brains and have a better mental well-being. When moving to this area we knew the risks with the bi-weekly rugby matches but we did not sign up to any future applications which would impact so greatly on our daily lives. Our children's rooms face the stadium!

This would also be a great public nuisance as the application is for 25K people. I can't see how this will work with the sheer volume of people/finishing times beyond the last train departures and a severe lack of car parking in the area. Our house backs onto [REDACTED] so any people entering/exiting through this corridor will no doubt create a great amount of unnecessary and unwelcome noise.

Please reconsider this application.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]  
Sent: Fri, 19 Mar 2021 11:46:05 +0000  
To: Entertainment Licensing  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Application for license (Rugby Bowl - alcohol, wrestling/boxing, recorded music)  
04536/001 - objection without conditions

Dear Sir/Madam - I am a neighbour of the Rugby/Cricket ground over many years and I write to OBJECT to this application as it stands (without further conditions attached).

I consider that the 12 noon to 12 midnight application is completely devoid of sensitivity to the residents and the activity likely to be forthcoming from such an event. We have had a meeting with the applicant's representatives last week and there was no further clarity on the issue of 12 hours of 'freedom' to do as the promoters please on these issues. I think that represents no sensitivity at all - especially in regard to this specific activity of wrestling and boxing - for which, it is no coincidence that it is usually carried out INSIDE an internal arena (to 'contain' the nuisance/noise etc).

At many of these events there appears to be an almost constant compère, 'narration' even 'hyping up the crowd' carried out by a (usually) male voice - loudly over a 'tannoy' ...a far cry from simply watching a rugby match - which actually created its OWN entertainment in 2 halves of 40minutes (with, in my view, a positive crowd sound).

The fact that our neighbourhood is in such proximity to this exposed noise is exacerbated by the fact that the stadium has, effectively, 3 stands - with an open end facing our neighbourhood - which seems to 'funnel' the sound, increasing volume and disturbance. I fail to see how the freedom to deliver the 'hype' cannot be limited well within that 12 hour period ..to simply 'welcome' the participants onto their stage.

So my objection is very prolonged noise and sound nuisance to neighbours - some families are within a few metres of this stadium and the decibel level is high - there has been much suffering of that imposition already, and this promises more with (so far) no compromise or restriction offered (other than 12 noon to 12 midnight, which is inadequate for the nuisance likely).

Whilst writing I would add that some of the other activities expanded into in recent years seem wholly more appropriate, and I would add that if this is 'successful' economically and thus squeezes out other activities, it would be appalling for this relatively 'low' number of days to be increased to more than 2.

With thanks for your attention to this, and I would like to see refusal of this licence if it does not provide further (appropriate) conditions as noted above.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Sat, 20 Mar 2021 07:40:45 +0000  
To: Entertainment Licensing  
Subject: Rugby Stadium LS6

Good morning,

I write to object to the application by the Rugby Stadium to hold 2 further late night events per annum. I object on the ground of prevention of harm to children of whom there are now many more in Headingley as it returns to being a residential area. I object on the ground of prevention of public nuisance. Anti-social behaviour and litter are a great concern for residents and the Stadium has not yet implemented adequate controls. It was only a year ago that the Licensing Committee granted permission as requested for 4 late night events with alcohol available till 11 and potential audience of 25,000.

As these fixtures have not yet been able to take place, I request that the Licensing Committee defer permission until local residents can be assured that the Rugby officers can manage noise and crowds satisfactorily. The Stadium could then reapply.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]  
Sent: Sat, 20 Mar 2021 18:54:00 +0000  
To: Entertainment Licensing  
Subject: PREM/04536/001 Emerald Headingley Stadium

I write as Treasurer of The Turnways and Laurel Bank residents' Association to object to this application.

While it may be the case that football and rugby grounds have increasingly been allowed to 'diversify' their activities, this is inappropriate in the case of stadia in Headingley where residents live within a few metres of the grounds. It may be possible in the case of a stadium newly built on an out of town site, but not one which is in the middle of a densely populated area.

We object first on the grounds of protection of children from harm. The streets have seen a recent welcome increase in the number of families moving in, and the decline of HMO blight. There are now children who will be sleeping, eating and doing schoolwork within metres of the ground. Their lives should not be affected by the expansion of noise-generating activities such as boxing matches. Sub-section (e) of section M on the application form appears to think that the children who are to be protected are those within the stadium only.

Public nuisance will be increased by the granting of this application. Sub-section (a) and (d) refer to the dimming lighting, but there is no mention of the precise management of the cessation of noise, especially the recorded music. There is a vague reference to noise limits established for earlier applications, but this element of the application needs to be stated precisely.

The creeping advance of drinking time is also bound to lead to more undesirable effects.

Local residents have already had to put up with Licensing Panels (composed of non-residents) who have imposed musical events on the neighbourhood. Circumstances have prevented such events from taking place, but we think it would show an even greater lack of consideration for residents if the panel were to allow events such as the ones being applied for - with extended hours - when the applicants have not demonstrated that they can run the activities permitted by earlier applications in an acceptable way.

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[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Sat, 20 Mar 2021 19:14:51 +0000  
To: Entertainment Licensing  
Subject: objection to extension of licensing at Headingley Stadium

Dear madams / sirs

I would like to make a strong objection to the granting of a further license to the rugby stadium to hold more events involving up to 25,000 spectators at which alcohol is sold and music is played.

I object on several grounds including:

The Prevention of Public Nuisance:

In more than 10 years we have lived here we have experienced the level of noise increase massively with a new and more powerful public address system making the problem worse. Parking has become a real issue on 'stadium days' with saturation parking (often inconsiderate) to the point where a resident coming home at the wrong time will not find anywhere to park. At certain times the streets around the cardigan triangle are gridlocked with people coming but especially when leaving, making it necessary for residents to plan carefully when to use the car (to take an elderly relative back home for example) to avoid getting stuck. Rubbish from drinks and takeaway meals are frequently left on the pavement, or thrown into gardens. The stadium has made no effort to alleviate the situation which as a result can only get worse.

The protection of children from harm:

Sleep deprivation due to noise affects children and adults alike. The extension of a license to operate until midnight prioritises a company's profits over people's mental health which is unacceptable. Students in the area can be fined or have their equipment taken away for playing loud music, whereas it seems a large profit making business needs only to ask for a license to be exempt. This is inconsistent and hypocritical.

The idea that they should START boxing matches at 10pm is unbelievable. This would guarantee massively increased traffic and circulation, noise, announcements, music, etc before and after the events, and ensure that incomers would HAVE to use their own vehicles, as the end of the event would be later than the last train from Headingley / Burley Park.

Someone here needs to think a bit harder about the consequences.

I strongly urge the committee to reject granting the license to the stadium, which would amount to further degrading the quality of life of residents in the area, and moreover, would urge it to ask the stadium what it intends to do to address the problems it already causes as outlined above.

Yours

[REDACTED]

**From** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:**Sat, 20 Mar 2021 10:03:11 +0000  
**To:**Entertainment Licensing  
**Subject:**Application for more late night events at Emerald stadijm

Dear officers,

I would like to register my strong objection to this application which I only heard about because someone posted a photo (on our community chat) of a tiny poster tied to a fence.

I would like to point out that there is a Stadium Liaison Group exists in this area which means that the stadium has contacts for quite a lot of local residents.

However, they did not even bother to write to us about this.

My objection:The implications of even more late night music events are very bad news for the entirely residential neighbourhoods that surround the stadiums. I understand that the stadiums may be in some financial difficulties as a result of the pandemic but to give them a renewed licence for late night events would allow these events to continue for ever.

Further, as all the events are likely to occur in the summer, together with the return of very regular rugby games, this application represents a substantial noise impact on our neighbourhoods.

I feel sure that I do not have to outline how the deterioration of tranquil opportunities is a public health issue. The noise from that stadium is significant. It destroys peaceful use of outdoor spaces in summer and at all times permeates indoor spaces, interfering with normal activities and of course sleep.

Also, there is the traffic issue, which is so bad sometimes it can represent a threat to safety: at certain moments emergency vehicles could be significantly delayed.

The Cardigan Triangle area has recently become a low traffic neighbourhood area with the introduction of planters.

However the planters do not actually stop people coming in and out of the area using existing entry and exit points and therefore will not stop the area from becoming a car park on match days and any other event days.

Finally, the stadium has only just extended its music event license. It is clear to me that nothing will stop them from continuing to promote more uses for their stadium that are outside sport. For obvious reasons, they put their finances above any effects on the local community.

I implore you as part of a duty of care to restrain the direction that the stadiums are moving in. The areas around the stadiums are full of families, babies, children, the elderly, the disabled. It is not a student area. It should not be allowed to turn into a party zone.

Litter is another huge problem. After events there are bottles and half-eaten take-away food boxes left on the street and even thrown into gardens.

Please do not grant this license.

yours sincerely,



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[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Sat, 20 Mar 2021 12:31:48 +0000  
To: Entertainment Licensing  
Subject: objection RE PREM.04536.001

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RE PREM.04536.001  
Leeds Cricket, Football & Athletic Company Limited  
The Rugby Bowl  
Emerald Headingley Stadium  
St Michael's Lane  
Headingley  
LS6 3BR

Hello

This is my objection to the planned 2 outdoor events.

1. The impact of loud music until midnight is not fair in a very family-oriented area. There are over 6 schools within 10 minutes walk, which highlights how many young kids live near by. This makes it harder to sleep, and also people don't want to listen to listen to other peoples music, I'm sure you can understand.
2. Later alcohol licence leads to more drinking and anti social behavior such as noise and littering.
3. The traffic on event days is already really annoying for local residents as there is a lack of parking.
4. I am concerned, if granted, the logical step will be to have more late night events on in the future.



Please note, concerns are not about boxing or wrestling but about noise, litter and anti social behavior, in a saturated neighborhood  
thank you

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From:   
Sent: Sun, 21 Mar 2021 22:35:20 +0000  
To: Entertainment Licensing  
Subject: Objection to boxing entertainment license at Headingley Stadium ref 04536/001

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Dear Sir or Madam,

As a family living close to Headingley Stadium, we would like to register our objection to this application in the strongest terms on the grounds of disturbance to childrens' sleeping hours and general noise nuisance, traffic nuisance, and likely anti-social behavior.

There are three serious issues apparent in this application which can be quite easily dealt with in the following way.

1. The Stadium was recently given an entertainment license for four events per year to be held over two weekends. At the hearing, the Stadium said they would not need to increase the number of events, yet they are now asking for two more events. Whether it's music, boxing or wrestling, it is still an entertainment license, so they have broken their commitment by seeking permission to host more events. The Stadium has already increased the number of events from two to four, and the number of guests from its original license of 10,000 to 20,000, and now is asking for two more events of 25,000, before they have held ANY such events. This is the most cynical "planning creep".
2. Due to Covid, the current events license has not been used. The Stadium asked for four events per year, but was restricted to holding them over two weekends. So in effect, the Stadium is in a probationary period and it is unknown how competent they are at managing such events and how much disturbance will be experienced to the local amenity as a result of hosting such events, yet they are asking for more before the ground has been tested.
3. The license already agreed for entertainment events at the Stadium stipulates that alcohol is not served after 11.00pm and that the Stadium is cleared of guests by 11.30pm in order to protect local residents, yet they are now asking for an alcohol licence until 12.00am and 25,000 people spilling onto the streets until 12.30 or later in a residential area. This is totally unacceptable and unprecedented and undoubtedly in contravention of the '*code of practice on environmental noise control at concerts*' developed by the noise council.

**I propose that the Stadium are granted a license to hold two boxing/wrestling events, but that they are included in the current license agreement so there can be:**

- 1. Four events per year as already agreed, with a mixture of music, boxing and wrestling, but no new additional events.**
- 2. Alcohol license until 11.00pm with the Stadium cleared by 11.30pm.**
- 3. That the capacity for all events remains at 20,000 as the per current license.**
- 4. All conditions pertaining to the current music events license remain in place, including that there is a requirement to re-apply after a probationary period of four events.**

**Thank You**



**From** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sun, 21 Mar 2021 13:02:08 +0000  
**To:** Entertainment Licensing  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Objection - ref 04536/001

Dear Sr/Madam/Person

I am emailing to register my objection to the license request made by Leeds Rhinos to hold 2 boxing or wrestling events with 25 000 spectators and a 12-hour drinking license, in addition to the 4 live music events for which they already have a license, and the many matches already held there.

My objection is on the basis of public nuisance for the following reasons:

- Parking is already an issue in our street (The Turnways) and in nearby streets on match days - we have had to contact the traffic wardens on match days (rugby and/or cricket) as cars have been parked either on the grass verge, making a mess of this, or on the street making access an issue for residents/emergency services
- We already have to tolerate the noise of the sound system
- We already have to tolerate the crowds making their way to/from the stadium and before/during/after matches
- We already have to tolerate the very bright lighting on match days
- We already have to tolerate the increased number of people who walk down our street to access the ground
- We already have to tolerate the increase in litter which is left in our street and/or the ginnel on/after match days
- We already have to tolerate the increase in traffic on match days, causing traffic jams, delays, pollution, noise and a great deal of frustration

Furthermore, the location of the venue is simply not suitable in any shape or form to be able to cope with the number of spectators envisaged. There is no suitable parking for this number of people. The increased passenger numbers by train and bus would have a huge impact on the area.

As explained, we already tolerate the impact that match days have on enjoying our usually quiet, calm, safe neighbourhood and this we do with good grace. However, for Leeds Rhinos to seek to increase income for events which are entirely unrelated to the purpose of the stadium crosses a line. It shows no awareness of what residents currently tolerate nor any attempt to consider the impact of any additional events on our health and well being. This is very disappointing to say the least. We would suggest that Leeds Rhinos need to be aware of the above and should be working with residents in order to seek to maintain good community relations.

Were the license to be granted, this would inevitably lead to unruly behaviour, a further threat to the safety of our residents at a time when the safety of the ginnel - particularly

for women - is in the spotlight (Reclaim the Night campaign), additional noise beyond 10pm, potential damage to property, more litter to clean up etc. There are other venues in Leeds which are suitable for this kind of event, which are purpose built and which are therefore better able to cope with the inevitable disruption of events of the size anticipated.

As I said, we already tolerate with good grace the impact of match days on our area. However, for there to be events of the type applied for, this would be completely unsuitable and an infringement of our right to live safely and peacefully in our neighbourhood.

Thank you for taking this objection into consideration.

Yours faithfully,



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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Sun, 21 Mar 2021 20:31:26 +0000  
To: Entertainment Licensing  
Cc: Entertainment Licensing  
Subject: Objection to license application - ref 04536/001

Dear Sir/Madam/Person

I am writing to object to the license application ref 04536/001 by Leeds Rhinos to hold 2 boxing or wrestling events per year with 25,000 people and a 12 hour drinking license on the basis of public nuisance and harm to children for the following reasons;

As a [REDACTED] resident of the Turnways who lives less than 100 metres to [REDACTED] the stadium I am highly concerned that this license will affect the lives and wellbeing of myself and my family and other residents and children who live on Turnways and the surrounding streets.

The western terrace of the stadium is merely 3 metres tall and just a few metres to the nearest residential houses (See image 'Projection of noise') with families and children who'll be in bed in the evening. The noise generated by 25,000 people all day and late into the night will be unbearable, a serious threat on our hearing and will affect our mental health.

There has been no attempt by Leeds Rhinos to model the sound travel and noise travel that a 25,000 strong crowd who have potentially have been drinking all day and are hyped up by the boxing and commentator will bring to see what impact it will have on surrounding houses.

25,000 people leaving at 12 o'clock at night into very small residential streets outside the stadium (See image 'Leaving the stadium') will cause huge disruption, loss of sleep for residents with potential shouting, vomit, litter, beeping of cars and noise of car engines from the adjacent car park which is directly behind residential houses.

Headingley transport can not cope with 25,000 people leaving at 12 o'clock at night, any buses provided will add further noise and disruption to local residents.



No attempt to highlight the type of sound system or decibel level the commentator will be used highlights a vague and uncommitted application.

No attempt was made to discuss these plans with local residents by Leeds Rhinos prior to this application, they only engaged when prompted and only contacted some residents on the mailing list, highlighting their lack of concern for local residents.

The number of people who object to these licenses each year is not always a reflection of those who oppose them as people have busy lives and forget. This is the third license application in 3 years and with the limited time I have as a father [REDACTED] who runs a business I have spoken to some neighbours who also support the objection. Please see a petition (images 'Petition 1' & 'Petition 2') of people who are against this or any other future license being granted.

Numerous residents have complained to the council and Rhinos direct about the PA system that projects onto the Turnways during rugby matches and 3 years after it's installation we're still waiting for action to be taken.

In no way can this be compared with a rugby match which lasts for 1.5 hours and finishes at no later than 9.30pm.

The Rhinos already have a license for 2 live music events over 2 weekends a year so to add these 2 new events would make living in this quiet residential area unbearable over many weekends a year and does not align to this being a rugby ground who has the interests of the neighbours and community at heart.

On the whole the license application is vague, lacking in information and shows little concern for the impact it will have on local residents and our right to live in a quiet, safe neighborhood .

Thank you for taking this objection into consideration.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]





Sparrow Park

Yorkshire cricket ground

Intensive Driving Courses Leeds

Emerald Headingley Stadium

**25,000 people exiting at 12 am**

Mini-Missions Driving School

**25,000 people exiting at 12 am**

2D





**12 hours of loud noise**

Emerald Headingley Stadium

**Residential homes**

**Western terrace 3m high wall**

Min Drive

2D



From [REDACTED]  
Sent: Sun, 21 Mar 2021 23:25:14 +0000  
To: Entertainment Licensing  
Subject: Leeds Rhinos application

Dear Sr/Madam/Person

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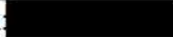
There are various issues. Parking is a huge problem in the Turnways even though residents have permits we still have cars blocking our drives and destroying the verges. We already have noise from the various activities and while these are tolerable at the moment increased noise would be detrimental to our well being.

Light pollution is already a problem from the ground.

Litter is already a problem on the ginnel and the surrounding streets. Rubbish is often left for weeks after matches.

I do hope you will consider the residents of the Turnways who already have to tolerate all of the above.

Kind regards  
[REDACTED]

  
From:   
Sent: Sun, 21 Mar 2021 16:32:09 +0000  
To: Entertainment Licensing; Musson, Martyn  
Subject: Leeds Cricket Football and Athletic Co Ltd

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Dear Councillors,

I am writing to oppose the application by Leeds Cricket Football and Athletic Co Ltd to host a maximum of two events per year for boxing, wrestling and live music on a Friday and Saturday until midnight.

The premises are in the middle of a residential area, including many families with young children. Whilst there is a perception that Headingley is predominantly student-land, there has been a significant change in demographics over the last 20 years to more families and young professionals. A simple fact to back this up is that there are more children than school places in the locality. It is not appropriate for regular open-air events to be held in the middle of a residential area.

I understand the maximum noise within the surrounding homes from events within the stadium must be 15 decibels or less. We have offered for the noise during regular matches to be tested within homes but have never been taken up on the offer - the only in-house tests were conducted in the day-time when the audio system was being tested. No live event testing has been carried out.

As a resident living adjacent to the stadiums, I and my family (which includes school children) are impacted by the noise from the stadium. It is not just during matches, but the pre-match warm up which starts hours before the event.

If you have small children, you will hopefully appreciate how important peace and calm is necessary when trying to get them to go to sleep at night. However, since the installation of the new sound system post the recent rebuild, this noise pollution has got to the point where we need to raise our voices to hear each other within the bounds of our property and the children can't concentrate on our studies. The impact of the noise around exam season is especially stressful and has severely impacted their mental health.

Whilst Leeds Cricket Football and Athletic Co Ltd may have made assurances about the noise from within the stadium post-midnight, how have they guarantee a noiseless evacuation of the attendees to their transport home and away from the area?

The public transport stops before mid-night but 25,000 people will be leaving the stadium. Whether or not public transport is flexed for the event, a significant number will leave via taxis or their own vehicle:

- Taxi ranks will be a queue of noisy people.

- Most streets within a mile radius of the stadium are either residents parking only or double parked with residents' vehicles. Thus, the event spectators' vehicles will spread out around the whole area for more than a mile radius and a mass of noisy people will be allowed to fill the streets with people on foot or in [vehicles](#) at midnight.
- Some may choose to go to the local pubs and bars, only prolonging the noise pollution
- Headingley is gridlocked at the end of events - at gridlock at 10pm is bad enough but a gridlock from midnight, when most residents are in bed, is both noisy and invasive.

At no point before the application was submitted did Leeds Cricket Football and Athletic Co Ltd conduct any known consultation with the residents of the local area to establish what would/wouldn't be acceptable despite, during previous application processes, having said they would in future. IF any was conducted, it was not with the established Residents' Associations that they have contact details for.

Had they conducted one they may have found that an event ending at 10pm would have been more warmly received. This would have made more sense as people travel long distances to attend such events, and those who are making a day trip of it would then be out of the city and on their way home by 11pm.

Whilst some councillors making this decision may feel that it would be prestigious to have such an event in Leeds, please note that there are more appropriate venues. One such being the sound proofed First Direct Stadium.

Please also note that we pay our council tax which contributes towards the policing of these late-night events and the overtime bill.

I hope you will take these factors into consideration and I hope to attend the meeting during which I can clarify any questions you have.

Kind regards

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From:planning.comments@leeds.gov.uk  
Sent:Sun, 21 Mar 2021 18:00:43 +0000  
To:Musson, Martyn  
Subject:Comments for Licensing Application PREM/04536/001

## Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Comments were submitted at 21/03/2021 6:00 PM from [REDACTED]

### Application Summary

Address:	The Rugby Bowl Emerald Headingley Stadium St Michaels Lane Headingley Leeds LS6 3BR
Proposal:	Premises Licence - New Application
Case Officer:	Mr Martyn Musson

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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: 21/03/2021 6:00 PM I am deeply concerned by this application which seems completely inappropriate for this location, situated as it is in the middle of a residential zone.

I note that it is proposed to use all 4 stands to house the 25,000 audience, meaning that the commentary will be equally directed towards the Western Terrace, and will therefore pass over the rear wall of the open stand and directly into a residential street. The majority of the closest houses are family-owned, many with small children. To have a licence for the full noise of commentary until midnight will cause a severe public nuisance because of this, one for which no mitigation seems possible.



The late hour, after public transport has ceased, also means that all those attending will need to depart by road, and the majority will therefore try to park a car in the neighbourhood. We know from rugby matches with this capacity that this will be associated with illegal parking, and even where parking is legal, traffic will find it difficult to pass along the through routes in the neighbourhood, causing significant congestion and delay for buses and for residents travelling by car throughout the afternoon and evening.

Finally, I am concerned that the departing crowds will almost certainly create significant noise in the neighbourhood, and are likely to leave litter and quite possibly urinate in our front gardens after excessive consumption of alcohol (whose sale until midnight forms part of the licence application).

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Kind regards

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**Sent:** Sun, 21 Mar 2021 14:38:50 +0000  
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Sent from my iPhone