

Application to vary a premises licence held by Tingley Athletic
FC Ltd, The Crescent, Casson Avenue, East Ardsley,
Wakefield, WF3 2EG

Submission for Hearing

Tingley Athletic FC is a club currently made up of 400 players across 30 teams of girls, boys and men's football. We are a club that is entirely run by volunteers including coaches, ground staff and those serving.

As with many organisations, our fundraising was badly hit during the Covid Pandemic with our normal fundraising activities curtailed, this led to the club running a deficit.

This financial position has been further impacted by the cost-of-living crisis faced by many of our families as well as the club. It has become clear to the Trustees that increased funding activity needs to take place to safeguard the future of the club, leading to this application.

We wrote to the residents of Casson Avenue (appendix 1) in August 2022 to inform them of our intention to make this application and it is disappointing that in the months between that letter and the submission no concerns were raised with the club. Having read the representations submitted we would like to address the concerns raised. It seems that it is a perception of these issues, rather than evidence based.

The peak periods of traffic relate to the starting and ending of matches and not the sale of alcohol and therefore should not have bearing on the decision. The issue of traffic relates to the use of Casson Avenue which has been controversial since pre 2006 when access was planned for the site.

The club reminds its visitors of the need to drive considerately and drive with care, however there is little in the way of enforcement. Given that this issue predates the original licence application, we can see no impact should this application be approved.

The issues of public nuisance, crime & disorder and the protection of children appear several times, since first being granted a licence in January 2020 there has been no instances of any of these issues related to the sale or consumption of alcohol.

There has been no evidence offered to support the perception that this amendment would lead to the issues raised in the submissions. Indeed, the history of the premises is one of compliance and control.

As a volunteer led club all of whom have or have had children pass through the club, we are deeply committed to meeting our licensing objectives in providing a safe, well-run club with a viable future.