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**To:** Entertainment Licensing

**Subject:** written Objection - La Liga PREM/02876

Dear Miss Wood

**Application No.: PREM/02876 – La Liga, Dick Lane, Thornbury, Bradford BD3 7AT**

Further to your letter of 21/05/10, providing with me with notice of hearing for the above application, I write to inform you that it is with regret that I unable to attend, due to pre-existing work commitments. However, I wish to provide representation to the hearing in the form of the attached letter and would be grateful if you could ensure that it is presented to the panel.

Please can you confirm receipt of this email and that my letter of objection will be presented to the panel at the hearing on 07/06/10.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs F. Mir**

1<sup>st</sup> June 2010

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As a resident whose home sits directly behind the above premises, albeit at some distance, I am painfully aware of the disturbance and disruption caused by activities that take place there since it was purchased by the present owners.

La Liga first began to cause a problem for residents in early 2009 by way of making changes to the land it owned without being granted the necessary planning consent. These issues intensified when the club converted the tennis courts that lie directly behind my house into football pitches, again without planning consent. This illegal change of use of the land has regularly resulted in my family and I having to listen to the shouting and foul language of footballers, whilst we sit out in our garden or in the house with the windows open.

The problems intensified when the club erected floodlighting to some of the pitches in October 2009, again without the necessary planning consent. The lights shone directly into my house, and more distressingly, into my children's bedrooms. This resulted in the children not being able to sleep, and all of us suffering headaches because of the intense white light. The situation was made worse by the fact that the lighting was a cause for increased activity on the pitches, and hence we were subjected to increased noise and disturbance.

Although La Liga had been instructed to remove the offending lighting, they blatantly disregarded these instructions from the council for many months and it was only when they were faced with notice of enforcement action that they took remedial action. Having said that, only the lights were removed – the poles still remain, creating an eyesore, and the tennis court conversion to further football pitches still remain and we are still forced to put up with the noise and foul language of their users.

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Over the last year, La Liga have increased their activities at the club to include the playing of very loud music on a regular basis, including weekdays and both during the day and night. As I am sure you will appreciate, this has been the cause of stress and disruption to myself and my family. I have had cause to call the council's out of hours service on many occasions as a result of the noise of both the music and the club users causing a nuisance. The music often begins pounding as early as 5pm/6pm [earlier when conducting sound checks] and continues without a break up to 11:00 pm and after. Indeed, the police were called out to the club by residents on 20/05/10 and stopped the music at 23:10 and again were called out on 28/05/10 when the music continued beyond 00:45. I am aware that there are many more instances when either the police or out of hours team have been alerted to the disturbances caused by the club. In addition to the music, club users regularly spill out onto the grounds/car park and create further disturbance by shouting and screaming. The situation is made worse by the fact that club users use the car park to race cars, power slide and generally act recklessly.

My eldest son is currently revising for his GCSE exams and his ability to concentrate has been greatly affected by the regular and prolonged noise emitted from the clubhouse; further adding to what is already a stressful time.

I can not emphasise strongly enough my objection the granting of the premises licence to La Liga. The club has shown no regard for residents or planning regulations over the last year. It has been a nuisance and caused distress and disturbance for local residents since it's change of ownership and has had a damaging affect on my ability to enjoy family life within my own home. My children's studies and sleep have been adversely affected, and the granting of this license will only add to this.

Residents should have the right to peace and relaxation within the four walls of their homes – La Liga have removed this right from those whose homes surround it.

Whilst I have no objection to the premises being used for quiet activities such as films and indoor sporting activities, I strongly object to the license for music and alcohol being granted as La Liga have proved over and over again that they are unable and unwilling to manage their activities in a way that does not impact adversely on local residents.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs F Mir