

# Appendix 4

## Other Person – One – Representations

**From:** Cllr David Fisher <David.Fisher@rotherham.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 03 July 2023 23:26

**To:** Diane Kraus <Diane.Kraus@rotherham.gov.uk>

**Subject:** RE: Application for Grant of a Premises Licence - Open Space (known as The Pitches) at Wickersley Road, Rotherham S60 3PR

Good evening Diane,

I wish to make a representation over the application for Grant of a Premises Licence, at the open space formally known as the Pitches, Wickersley Road.

The application seeks permission to hold events for up to 9,999 people to attend at any one time.

While I welcome, in principle, the use of the space for community based creative arts and cultural events. I cannot see how this location could safely manage the maximum capacity of visitors quoted in the application, without greatly impacting the local residents in a negative way.

I therefore fear that there is a risk of increased crime, disorder and public nuisance should the numbers quoted be achieved at any one time for the events listed.

Cllr David Fisher

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## Other Person – Two – Representations

21 June 2023

Rotherham Licencing Board  
RMBC

## Representations in relation to the Licence application by Corner Pocket Ltd for the site located at The Pitches Wickersley Road

Dear Sirs

*This representation is made in accordance with the licensing objectives of preventing public nuisance, ensuring public safety and the prevention of Crime and disorder.*

I would like to object to the granting of the licence made by the applicant for the above property on the following grounds.

### Preventing Public Nuisance.

The site is an enclosed site surrounded by residential properties which includes a sheltered housing complex on Stag Lane bordering the site which houses elderly residents. The noise and disturbance, fuelled by alcohol, for events spanning in excess of 10 hours is not reasonable or acceptable.

The disturbance would not be limited to the licenced outdoor hours, the site already has an indoor licence which extends beyond the 10pm application. What is to prevent the land owner of presenting that alcohol sales were made internally in compliance with the property licence.

There would also be the disturbance associated with the setting up and dismantling of any structures required for the event, stages, spectator seating, marquees etc.

Given the landowners past record and contempt for planning laws, I would be concerned that these events would be accompanied by unauthorised food outlets ie Burger Vans and other revenue generating outlets.

The site is a sports ground and is not suitable to accommodate numbers up to 9999.

There would be access issues, the site has a single access lane adjacent to 124 Wickersley Road.

The granting of the licence would create parking issues in the vicinity of the site.

Stag lane is currently used for car parking by non residents attending other (smaller scale) licenced venues due to the lack of parking opportunities at the Stag Roundabout.

The locality would be unable to accommodate the number of vehicles associated with an event attended by up to 10,000 people. Even by using an unrealistic estimate of 4 people per vehicle this would mean 2500 vehicles in the locality during events. I doubt that the site could accommodate such a large number of vehicles.

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Although the application is made by Mr Rohoman, the owner is Mr Peter Eyre. I am concerned that if the licence is granted, the stipulations / conditions will not be adhered to. Mr Eyre has previously had dealings / conflict with RMBC in relation to this site.

Without planning permission, several Porta Cabins and shipping containers were placed on the land as site offices for a proposed development. Mr Eyre appealed to the Inspectorate when a retrospective planning application was refused and was granted temporary permission for the cabins to remain for 6 months, however, he did not comply with the Inspectorates directive to move the cabins and 18 months later they were still on the land.

Planning permission to develop the site to build 116 houses was applied for but was refused by RMBC due to being designated Green Space. An appeal inquiry lasting 6 days was dismissed by the Inspectorate in December 2021.

I am aware that Mr Eyre has breached planning rules by implementing changes at his Corner Pocket Club in Mexborough. I understand this resulted in enforcement action following an unsuccessful appeal to the planning Inspector.

## **Ensuring the safety of the General Public.**

The site has a single access point. In the case of emergency considering the number of vehicles that could be present on site during an event the emergency services may encounter difficulty if there is a need to access the site or the need for an emergency evacuation.

There is also the risk of increased RTA's due to the close vicinity of the Stag roundabout and also the access / exit point being opposite a bus lane.

The site access is too close to Stag Lane and would be totally impractical for vehicles to turn right when leaving the site. The site is situated on a main arterial route in to Rotherham.

## **Prevention of Crime and Disorder**

The gathering of such a large number of people fuelled with Alcohol offers the potential for a volatile situation.

Whilst I appreciate that the site owner will say that security will be engaged on the site during any events this does not offer comfort for any potential flash points following the events when circa 10,000 will be released into the local community.

There are 6 licenced premises within 500 meters of the proposed site application and my concerns are that event goers will seek additional alcohol following the end of the events.

The site owner's business at the Corner Pocket in Mexborough has been subject to forced closures by the Police following assaults at the premises. This shows that the owner is unable to effectively ensure the safety of his patrons and prevent crime on his premises.

I am concerned that the gathering of up to 10,000 people at music events offers the potential for drug abuse and the associated paraphernalia to be left littering the site / local community.

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As stated above, the site is bordered by Residential Properties with approximately 2 thirds of the properties having a gated access to the site. Therefore, having potential to trespass and possibly use private gardens as emergency toileting facilities or other activities fuelled by alcohol.

The site owner is fully aware of the feelings of local residents in relation to the use of the site. Which is the subject of an ACV. There are several local sporting clubs / organisations who are willing to enter in to leasing agreements for the site. One club has confirmed that they would be willing to enter into a 25 year lease agreement.

The land owner had the opportunity to utilise the licenced facilities of the site and to contribute to the local community by continuing to provide a sporting and community functions facility when he obtained the site in 2015 but he immediately evicted the tenants and closed the site to support his application for development quoting non use of the site.

The above are my opinions on why the Licencing board should reject the application.

If it was deemed appropriate to grant the licence, I would request that a condition is that there is no activity on the Land between the hours of 11:30pm and 7:00am

Yours Sincerely

**From:**

**Sent:** 30 June 2023 12:28

**To:** Diane Kraus <Diane.Kraus@rotherham.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Fw: Application for Outdoor Licence at The Pitches Sports Club

Further to my initial objection I would like to support my concerns in relation to vehicle volumes with up 10,000 people expected to attend events.

Please find attached evidence which proves that there is only capacity for 65 vehicles on the site.

As a number of members of the community have said to me they feel that the intended use of the site is retribution for opposing the development of the site and this proposal is intended to cause as much disruption to the community as possible.

Another neighbour has expressed concerns about Leopards not changing their spots. They quote the neglect of the properties owned by the site owner Mr Peter Eyre,, Nos 122 & 124 Wickersley Road which has resulted in action being taken by RMBC following complaints of Rat infestations.

Yours Sincerely

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## Other Person – Two – Supporting Evidence

### Application for Planning Permission. Town and Country Planning Act 1990

**Publishing of applications on planning authority websites.**

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

**1. Applicant Name, Address and Contact Details**

Title:  First name:  Surname:

Company name:

Street address:

Town/City:

County:

Country:

Postcode:

Telephone number: Country Code:   
National Number:   
Extension Number:

Mobile number:

Fax number:

Email address:

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?  Yes  No

**2. Agent Name, Address and Contact Details**

Title:  First Name:  Surname:

Company name:

Street address:

Town/City:

County:

Country:

Postcode:

Telephone number: Country Code:   
National Number:   
Extension Number:

Mobile number:

Fax number:

Email address:

**3. Description of the Proposal**

Please describe the proposed development, including any change of use:

Has the building, work or change of use already started?  Yes  No If Yes, please state the date when the building, work, or use started:

Has the building, work or change of use been completed?  Yes  No If Yes, please state the date when the building, work, or change of use was completed:

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## 4. Site Address Details

Full postal address of the site (including full postcode where available)

Description:

House:

Suffix:

House name:

The Pitches Sports Club

Street address:

Wickensley Road

Town/City:

Rotherham

County:

South Yorkshire

Postcode:

S68 3PR

Description of location or a grid reference (must be completed if postcode is not known):

Easting:

444254

Northing:

391402

## 5. Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application?

Yes

No

## 6. Pedestrian and Vehicle Access, Roads and Rights of Way

Is a new or altered vehicle access proposed to or from the public highway?

Yes

No

Is a new or altered pedestrian access proposed to or from the public highway?

Yes

No

Are there any new public roads to be provided within the site?

Yes

No

Are there any new public rights of way to be provided within or adjacent to the site?

Yes

No

Do the proposals require any diversions/extinguishments and/or creation of rights of way?

Yes

No

## 7. Waste Storage and Collection

Do the plans incorporate areas to store and aid the collection of waste?

Yes

No

Have arrangements been made for the separate storage and collection of recyclable waste?

Yes

No

## 8. Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, I am:

(a) a member of staff

(b) an elected member

(c) related to a member of staff

(d) related to an elected member

Do any of these statements apply to you?

Yes

No

## 9. Materials

Please state what materials (including type, colour and name) are to be used externally (if applicable):

Vehicle access and hard standing - descriptions:

Description of existing materials and finishes:

Gravel/land

Description of proposed materials and finishes:

Unstone, Crush and Pfln

Are you supplying additional information on submitted plan(s)/drawing(s)/design and access statement?

Yes

No

If Yes, please state references for the plan(s)/drawing(s)/design and access statement:

Site Photos

1:250 Site Plan

1:500 Block Plan

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## 10. Vehicle Parking

Please provide information on the existing and proposed number of on-site parking spaces:

Type of vehicle	Existing number of spaces	Total proposed (including spaces retained)	Difference in spaces
Cars	40	65	25
Light goods vehicles/public carrier vehicles	0	1	0
Motorcycles	0	1	0
Disability spaces	0	1	0
Cycle spaces	0	1	0
Other (e.g. Bus)	0	1	0
Short description of Other			

## 11. Foul Sewage

Please state how foul sewage is to be disposed of:

Main sewer  Private treatment plant  Unknown   
 Septic tank  **Cess pit**

Other:

Not affecting existing sewage

Are you proposing to connect to the existing drainage system?  Yes  No  Unknown

## 12. Assessment of Flood Risk

Is the site within an area at risk of flooding? (Refer to the Environment Agency's Flood Map showing flood zones 2 and 3 and consult Environment Agency standing advice and your local planning authority requirements for information as necessary.)  Yes  No

If **Yes**, you will need to submit an appropriate flood risk assessment to consider the risk to the proposed site.

Is your proposal within 20 metres of a watercourse (e.g. river, stream or beck)?  Yes  No

Will the proposal increase the flood risk elsewhere?  Yes  No

How will surface water be disposed of?

Subsurface storage system  Main sewer  Pond/lake  
 **Catchment**  Existing watercourse

## 13. Biodiversity and Geological Conservation

To assist in answering the following questions refer to the guidance notes for further information on when there is a reasonable likelihood that any important biodiversity or geological conservation features may be present or nearby and whether they are likely to be affected by your proposals.

Having referred to the guidance notes, is there a reasonable likelihood of the following being affected adversely or conserved and enhanced within the application site, OR on land adjacent to or near the application site:

a) Protected and priority species

Yes, on the development site  Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development  No

b) Designated sites, important habitats or other biodiversity features

Yes, on the development site  Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development  No

c) Features of geological conservation importance

Yes, on the development site  Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development  No

## 14. Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site:

Open field

Is the site currently vacant?  Yes  No

Does the proposal involve any of the following?

If yes, you will need to submit an appropriate contamination assessment with your application.

Land which is known to be contaminated?  Yes  No

Land where contamination is suspected for all or part of the site?  Yes  No

A proposed use that would be particularly vulnerable to the presence of contamination?  Yes  No

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## 15. Trees and Hedges

Are there trees or hedges on the proposed development site?  Yes  No

And/or: Are there trees or hedges on land adjacent to the proposed development site that could influence the development or might be important as part of the local landscape character?  Yes  No

If **Yes** to either or both of the above, you **may** need to provide a full Tree Survey, at the discretion of your local planning authority. If a Tree Survey is required, this and the accompanying plan should be submitted alongside your application. Your local planning authority should make clear on its website what the survey should contain, in accordance with the current 'BS5837: Trees in relation to construction - Recommendations'.

## 16. Trade Effluent

Does the proposal involve the need to dispose of trade effluents or waste?  Yes  No

## 17. Residential Units

Does your proposal include the gain or loss of residential units?  Yes  No

## 18. All Types of Development: Non-residential Floorspace

Does your proposal involve the loss, gain or change of use of non-residential floorspace?  Yes  No

## 19. Employment

If known, please complete the following information regarding employees:

	Full-time	Part-time	Equivalent number of full-time
Existing employees	0	0	0
Proposed employees	0	0	0

## 20. Hours of Opening

If known, please state the hours of opening for each non-residential use proposed:

Use	Monday to Friday		Saturday		Sunday and Bank Holidays		Not Known
	Start Time	End Time	Start Time	End Time	Start Time	End Time	
A1	17:30:00	19:15:00	09:00:00	14:00:00	09:30:00	14:00:00	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 21. Site Area

What is the site area?  sq.metres

## 22. Industrial or Commercial Processes and Machinery

Please describe the activities and processes which would be carried out on the site and the end products including plant, ventilation or air conditioning. Please include the type of machinery which may be installed on site:

Not applicable

Is the proposal for a waste management development?  Yes  No

## 23. Hazardous Substances

Is any hazardous waste involved in the proposal?  Yes  No

## 24. Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?  Yes  No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact? (Please select only one)

The agent  The applicant  Other person

## 25. Certificates (Certificate B)

Certificate of Ownership - Certificate B

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedures) (England) Order 2008 Certificate under Article 12

I certify/The applicant certifies that I have/the applicant has given the requisite notice to everyone else (as listed below) who, on the day 21 days before the date of this application, was the owner (owner is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least 7 years left to run) of any part of the land or building to which this application relates.



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## 25. Certificates (Certificate B - continued)

Notice recipient:				Date notice served	
Name:	Deal Central Limited			01/04/2012	
Number:	1,700,378,003	Suffix:			
Street:	Wickensley Road				
Locality:	Stag				
Town:	Rotherham				
Postcode:	S60 1PR				
Title:	Mr	First name:	James	Surname:	Pink
Person role:	Applicant	Declaration date:	01/11/2012	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Declaration made	

## 25. Certificates (Agricultural Land Declaration)

**Agricultural Land Declaration**  
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2000 Certificate under Article 12

Agricultural Land Declaration - You Must Complete Either A or B

(A) Name of the land to which the application relates is part of an agricultural holding.

(B) I have/The applicant has given the requisite notice to every person other than myself/the applicant who, on the day 21 days before the date of this application, was a tenant of an agricultural holding on all or part of the land to which this application relates, as listed below.

If any part of the land is an agricultural holding, of which the applicant is the sole tenant, the applicant should complete part (B) of the form by writing 'sole tenant - not applicable' in the first column of the table below.

Title:	Mr	First Name:	James	Surname:	Pink
Person role:	Applicant	Declaration date:	01/11/2012	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Declaration Made	

## 25. Declaration

I/we hereby apply for planning permission/consent as described in this form and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information. I/we confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

Date: 01/11/2012

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## Other Person – Three – Representations

**From:**

**Sent:** 21 June 2023 16:36

**To:** Licensing <[Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A NEW PREMISES LICENCE APPLICANT: Pocket Sports Bar Limited

My wife and I have lived [REDACTED], which overlooks the proposed premises location, for over 50 years, and we strongly object to this licence being granted for the following reasons:-

- **Increase in Crime**

Granting this licence could potentially lead to an increase in crime in the surrounding area, particularly when the sale of alcohol is involved.

The proposed premises give relatively easy access to the gardens of the houses adjacent to this location.

- **Disorder**

The loud Noise coming from the proposed events, particularly at night, would be a recurring source of Environmental Noise Pollution and could cause significant distress, particularly to older residents and children who go to bed early, as well as the patients in the adjacent HOSPICE.

The sale of alcohol, especially at music venues, often leads to potential disorder, this could result in a further drain on the resources of the Police and Emergency Services, which are already stretched.

- **Public Safety**

There is currently only one point of ingress and egress to this designated location, which is a relatively narrow driveway, if a major incident were to occur then the resulting rush to leave the venue in a hurry could result in severe consequences, as well as limiting access to the Emergency Services.

- **The Prevention of Public Nuisance**

In addition to the potential increase in Crime, Disorder, the Environmental Noise Pollution and the increased Risk posed to Public Safety,

the increased traffic that this Venue adjacent to the Main Road would generate, as well as insufficient Safe parking, could potentially become a source of Public Nuisance.

- **The Protection of children from harm**

As stated previously, the proposed premises give relatively easy access to the gardens of the houses adjacent to this location and subsequently increases the potential risk.

Loud Noise at bedtime would affect their Quality of Life.

This Licence should not be granted.

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## Other Person – Four – Representations

**Sent:** 27 June 2023 12:36

**To:** Licensing <[Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Ref: 3325358 Ask about licensing, enquire about a licence or raise a concern - Public entertainment

## **Page: About your enquiry**

I wish to object to the application for a Premises Licence at The Pitches, Wickersley Road S60 3PR.

I live about 5 minutes' walk away and I do not want 10 hours of music playing and disturbing my peace.

Also the problems with traffic it is likely to cause as there is one entrance onto the site. If there is insufficient parking on the site then people attending will be parking on streets round about causing problems.

Then the litter that will be created, even if rubbish bins are provided there are never enough and so people just dump rubbish anywhere.

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## Other Person – Five – Representations

28<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### Representations in relation to the Licence application by Corner Pocket Ltd for the site located at the Pitches – Wickersley Road

Dear Sirs,

I would like to object to the granting of the licence made by the applicant for the above property on the following grounds

#### Preventing Noise and Public nuisance

The proposed site is surrounded by residential properties. Also, on Stag Lane there are bungalows and sheltered housing for the elderly. The noise created from alcohol fuelled activities from the outdoor venues, particularly live music – would not start and end at the allocated times i.e. 12 noon till 22.00 hrs. The Pitches Club already has a liquor licence up to 11:30 pm – so what is preventing alcohol from not being served there after 22.00? Who is going to monitor the public from not bringing their own supply of alcohol with them? People linger long after drinks are stopped being served.

Also, what about the noise and disturbance that would be created from all the dismantling of any structures being present from any events – stages for the live music events, plays, film showings – all the seating, tents, portable toilets, food vans, marquees etc., etc. This would go well into the early hours. Not forgetting all the cars, vans, lorries etc exiting the grounds.

I dread to think about the potential increase in crimes and disorder fuelled by the alcohol intake by the crowds of people. As we all know that this can get to be a very volatile situation. A good percentage of the properties around the field have gates – that have been in situ for 50 yrs + -that allows access to the land. My concern is the use of these gates when the public – late in the night – will be tempted to use the gardens as a toilet relief plus other activities not to mention!! With the amount of people that Mr Eyres wants to gather at these events (up to 9,999) is ideal for drugs to be bought/sold and used!

**This isn't an ideal environment to have children attending.**

#### Safety to the General Public

This site was originally for sporting activities etc., and is definitely not suitable to hold the proposed 9,999 people! To give a perspective of what Mr. Eyres is trying to achieve – an average home attendance of Rotherham United Football club is approx 10,000! Try squeezing that amount of people into such a restricted area!

The locality would not be able to cope with the expected amount of vehicles arriving at such events. Where are they going to park up? Wickersley Road is a 'No parking' zone plus a bus lane in operation. Stag Lane is already parked up with non-residents who work nearby etc. There isn't suitable access to the land – just a one single driveway. The houses adjacent to this driveway are owned by Mr Eyres (122 and 124) and have been totally neglected since they were purchased in March 2019. Are these being 'earmarked' for dismantling to allow access onto the site? The amount of vehicles arriving at such events would have to be parked on the field. I'm sure that the field would not be able to accommodate up to 9,999 *and* their vehicles.

In the case of an 'emergency' situation arising during any event – would the emergency vehicles be able to get onto the site? I dread to think what would happen if there was an Emergency Evacuation situation.

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The risk of traffic accidents is tremendous. Due to the Stag Roundabout and the entry/exit points being directly opposite the bus lane – Wickersley Road is a very busy arterial road 24/7.

I have had unfortunate dealings with Mr Peter Eyres in the past when he applied for the planning permission of 116 houses. I have great concerns that if the licence was granted, any conditions etc., attached to the licence would not be adhered to. At one time 11 Portal cabins were erected – Site Office, Reception area etc – without permission. When the initial planning application was refused he appealed to the Government Inspectorate and was granted temporary permission for the cabins to remain for 6 months – this condition was not complied with until 18 months later.

The land at the moment has an ACV attached to it and is also designated as Green Space.

Mr Eyres knows how the community feel about the use of this valuable land. It has been used for sporting activities for many years. The club house was used not just as a place to have a chat and drink watching crickets, football etc., but for Weddings, Birthday and Party venues as well. Unfortunately he let the place run down, people stopped attending and he closed it all down in 2015 – So he could support the claim that no one used the facilities – so he could built on it. There have been quite a few sporting clubs, etc who has expressed their interest in using the site for sports etc – I do believe that one club even offered to enter into a 25 year lease agreement. There has been interest out there but they have just been turned away.

Can't the land be put back to what the vast majority of the community want and need – to be able to sit and watch the sports, have a quite drink and enjoy nature as intended? THAT would definitely be an ACV.

***This representation is made in accordance with the licensing objectives of preventing public nuisance, ensuring public safety of Crime and Disorder.***

Yours sincerely

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## Other Person – Six – Representations

Original Message-----

Sent: 29 June 2023 12:33

To: Licensing <[Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk)>

Subject: Pocket Sports Bar Ltd application for open space license, The Pitches

Good afternoon,

**Re: Pocket sports bar Ltd application for open space license for several events up to 9,999 people at any one time on The Pitches, Wickersley Road.**

We wish to place an objection to the above application on the following grounds:

### Public Safety and Public Nuisance

1. Access - one gate.

In the event of any incident on the field e.g. public disturbance, ill health/injury, fire, emergency service access may be hindered/ delayed by the one entrance, volume of crowds and parked vehicles.

2. Fire

Potential risk of fire and fire spread as field is dry scrubland, for example from discarded smoking material. The field is in immediate contact with residential dwellings, garden outbuildings and fencing on all sides.

3. Noise pollution

The field is in the middle of a residential area with all gardens adjoining Pitches plot.

4. Traffic volume and Parking for events If up to 9,999 people are to attend then a very large number of vehicles will be arriving, parking and leaving the event. With limited parking, vehicles will be parked on surrounding roads, which are already congested.

5. Potential for easily exiting event via private property straight on to Wickersley Road, Broom Avenue and Stag Lane.

6. Demands on already overstretched emergency services Potential for public disturbance due to large crowds and alcohol.

Regards

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## Other Person – Seven – Representations

Sent: 30 June 2023 03:17 PM

To: Licensing <[Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk)>

Subject: Objection - Pocket Sports Bar Licence Application - Open Space Behind The Pitches

Dear Sir / Madam,

I wish to object to any licence being granted to the open space behind The Pitches.

This area of land is “protected Green Space” and falls within the local SP38 policy as highlighted by the Planning Inspectorate when the own Mr Peter Eyre appealed the decision made not to grant planning permission for 116 dwelling on the site.

I am extremely concerned by the types of events listed on the application as they do not fit within a residential setting.

I am also concerned of the effects and re percussion it will have on not just the surround houses but also the local community.

The application states “hours from 12.00hrs and 22.00hr everyday of the week with these premises that is the open space closing at 23.00hrs”

The company running such events that would attract alcohol usage and antisocial behaviour could be viewed as not a good neighbour?

I have a young child who would be affected by such noise and anti social behaviour as our home backs onto the site.

I am highly concerned by the numbers of people who would attend these events.

In a consultation with Mr Eyres representative Abs Rohoman he disclosed the licence would be for the erection of staging, sound systems and seating on the site. He also disclosed the licence would be to hold 9,999 people capacity.

These are the type of numbers who attend a Rotherham United Football match. There space is designed to accommodate huge crowds. The Pitches is surely questionable?

It has a single narrow access. I am concerned about if there was a major incident how would people be evacuated?

Such numbers would require great infrastructure such as policing, security of the site on a huge scale.

As previously stated my property backs onto the site and I am worried what impact this will have on our own home security. This site has gated access by many homes and would these points be used as alternative cut throughs?

Alcohol sales would have an impact / contribute to anti social behaviour on and off the site.

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Where will all the people go after these events and where will they park?

The area already has major parking issues on a daily basis with many surrounding road being double or single yellow lines marked on them.

Mr Eyre the owner of The Pitches and Pocket Sports Bar limited has a reputation for flaunting the rules. This comes from Mr Eyres past actions. He has no regard to for the law / rules or the local community. Once again this is another example of this project / licence is purely for a commercial business opportunity.

Would Mr Eyre be happy with such events at the bottom of his garden?

As a community we would like to see the site in use. We would like it to be used and reinstated as a sports facility which our community desperately needs for all ages. The Pitches would be a great asset to our community if it was used for what it was originally intended sports.

I hope my concerns will be taken into consideration and a licence would not be granted for the outdoor space.

Yours Sincerely



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## Other Person – Eight – Representations

Sent: 01 July 2023 13:45  
To: Licensing <Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk>  
Subject: Licensing application for The Pitches, Stag, Rotherham

Dear Sir

I would like to object to the granting of a license for the Pitches, Stag, Rotherham for the following reasons.

The site is totally surrounded (except for a small drive/access) by housing some of which is for elderly residents. I feel that granting a license to serve alcohol in this space and holding such events as music festivals etc would cause a great deal of distress to those residents with noise, lighting, excess traffic and the possibility of drug use and nuisance from those attending.

The Pitches was intended for sports use for the community and is also an area where wildlife has been allowed to flourish in the past and this should be encouraged again in the future. These type of events would have a negative effect on wildlife and on local residents. The local roads are very busy with traffic every day of the week and the access to The Pitches is already dangerous with the Stag roundabout and schools close by and a bus Lane opposite.

Should this license be granted for up to 9,999 people to attend it opens up the doors for further applications to extend the number and scope of the events. Rotherham Borough Council turned down the application for houses on this land for many reasons. Should the license be granted and the events are not successful it opens up the possibility of this land being again considered for building and this should never be considered again.

With climate change being so high on everybody's agenda, and rightly so, this land should remain for local sports groups or for a nature reserve, allotments or community growing space and wildlife should be encouraged not shut out.

Please consider my comments when coming to your decision.

Regards

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## Other Person – Nine – Representations

**Sent:** 01 July 2023 19:15

**To:** Licensing <[Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** The Pitches

I live on Stag Willow Close in bungalow which backs onto the pitches site. The thought that a licence could be granted in this area for what the owner of the business has planned is truly horrifying.

The noise would be unthinkable.

The potential traffic coming onto the site.

The possibility of catering wagons.

This scheme is a supported living scheme where frail elderly people with many different disabilities currently live in peace.

Surely this license and plans cannot go ahead with the past history of this business owner.

I intend to organise a petition in the surrounding areas as it is an area of predominantly retired elderly people.

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## Other Person – Ten – Representations

**Sent:** 02 July 2023 19:04

**To:** Licensing <[Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Pocket sports bar

Re: Pocket sports bar Ltd application for open space license for several events up to 9,999 people at any one time on The Pitches, Wickersley Road.

As a resident of Broom Avenue I wish to submit an objection to the above application on the following grounds.

- Use of already overstretched emergency services, gatherings at that size would require considerable planning and onsite emergency service presence on given days potentially leaving the rest of the town vulnerable.
- It's a small area completely encircled by residential properties, a large percentage of these are elderly residents who wish to enjoy their retirement in a quieter part of town, the remainder are families and busy professionals like myself, concerts with that potential size would cause distress amongst some if not all in the locality
- Parking? Overstretched already, most households already own 2-3 vehicles, where is everyone going to park
- In its current state there is a vast amount of wildlife residing in and around. I have seen kestrels during the day hunting, can hear foxes at night all indicating there is an abundance of wildlife living there. Surely better to leave it as it is.
- There are far more wide open spaces available in Rotherham, purpose built for this kind of thing, causing less upset. If anything re-use as a sports pitch as intended.

Regards

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## Other Person – Eleven – Representations

**Sent:** 02 July 2023 20:13

**To:** Licensing <[Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** The Pitches

I wish to protest strongly against the license application for the business to be known as the corner bar.

The music noise and general disruption of food wagons and customer cars would be unthinkable.

I live on stag willow close which is a supported living scheme owned by Together Housing who i believe know nothing of this application.

9999 people .... Really.

My neighbours are all elderly with lots of different disabilities.

I feel the mental health and their well being would be severely affected.

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## Other Person – Twelve – Representations

Sent: 03 July 2023 09:10

To: Licensing <[Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk)>

Subject: The Pitches licensing application

Good morning.

I wish to lodge my objection to the application for licence events on the land known locally as The Pitches. My concerns are as follow:-

This is a residential area comprising of families with small children as well as a high percentage of elderly residents. Such events will inevitably cause disruption and noise throughout the day and well into the early hours. I note that alcohol will be sold until 10pm and the premises will close at 11pm but the dispersal of 10,000 people will take a long time. It has to be borne in mind that 10,000 is the average attendance for a Rotherham United home game so these are not small, insignificant events.

I have concerns about associated criminality (against property), underage drinking and violence / offences against young or vulnerable children who will be drawn to such an event. that will take place. I assume the applicant will say that they will have 'appropriate security' on site. As a retired senior police officer I am fully aware how difficult this will be to achieve in such an enclosed and densely populated residential area with a high percentage of vulnerable residents. It needs to be considered how many security staff and police officers work at Rotherham's home game to achieve this.

Security of surrounding residential properties. My property, as well as dozens of others, back onto the Pitches site. I have a small and very flimsy metal fence that the owners have erected between my property and the field itself. This is not secure in any way and would not prevent anyone who wanted to enter my garden. From my previous experience of being in charge of crime within the Rotherham Borough I know full well how many offences of criminal damage and burglary have taken place within the vicinity when access has been gained from the Pitches site. Since the site has been unused these offences have subsided to a certain extent but when there are 10,000 persons on the site how are the owners going to prevent anyone who has criminal intent from entering my property.

To sum up my concerns are around four areas:-

- The prevention of crime and disorder.

- Public safety.

- The prevention of public nuisance.

- The protection of children from harm.

Regards.

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## Other Person – Thirteen – Representations

**Sent:** 02 July 2023 10:07

**To:** Licensing <[Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Ref: 3330256 Ask about licensing, enquire about a licence or raise a concern - Report a concern

I want to object to the application by Pocket Sports Bar LTD to seek permission to sell alcohol for consumption on the Pitches open space and for events to take place between noon and 10 pm.

I am an 86 year old resident of Together Housing who lives directly behind the Pitches ground and I feel that the noise created by a potential "Glastonbury" will be detrimental to my mental health and well being.

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## Other Person – Fourteen – Representations

Sent: 03 July 2023 03:15 PM

To: Licensing <[Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk)>

Subject: dk/abPitches Sports Ground, Wickersley Road, Rotherham proposal by Pocket Sports Ltd

Dear Sir, Madam,

With regard to the proposed application for the use of the green space area, at Pitches Sports Ground, for a variety of events/activities involving up to 9,999 people. We would like to make the following objections to the proposals:

1. We are concerned about the noise and security associated with the events.
2. With Wickersley Road having a bus lane adjacent to the site, and current parking restrictions on Wickersley Road, we are concerned with the parking arrangements and associated safety with large numbers of people using the site.
3. As the area is surrounded with residential properties (including some elderly accommodation), we do not consider the proposal is in keeping with the well being of the local community.
4. Whilst the existing "pavillion" has historically been used for indoor events for many years, the change to larger outdoor events will adversely affect this designated and protected green space, which we would support the return to a sporting amenity.
5. There are currently a number of alcoholic outlets at the Stag Roundabout, another outlet so close to the Stag may not be appropriate.

Yours faithfully,

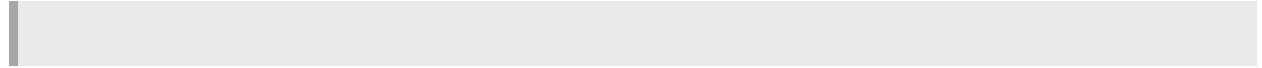
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## Other Person – Fifteen – Representations

**Sent:** 03 July 2023 03:21 PM

**To:** Licensing <[Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** The Pitches playing fields



Hi

I live on Stag Willow Close which backs on to the Pitches. I feel, and a lot of people who live on here also feel, is that this licence should not go ahead. This is because many people are elderly and have complex needs. I have lived on here for 17 years and can remember what it was like when it was open before. Also the amount of people he is hoping to have on there where are they going to park their cars. Also what about if there is a fire. Over the fence from Pitches on our side is a lot of wood from the trees which is dry. We've already had to phone the fire brigade because they burn rubbish in a skip. The woman who was there doing the burning said she was just burning paper. I know and many people know it was not just paper because the smell was horrendous. As some people on here suffer from lung complaints and were suffering because of the smoke. When someone questioned her about the smell and what she was burning she was very rude.

I wish to remain anonymous because I do not want repercussions from them.

Regards



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## Other Person – Sixteen – Representations

Sent: 03 July 2023 23:48

To: Licensing <[Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk)>

Subject: Comments on application The Pitches Wickersley Road

Hello

As a resident who lives on Wickersley Road and home backs onto The Pitches land I wish to make comment on the licensing application.

I am objecting to the proposal as it is a residential area with families with children. Having outdoor events that can go on until late at night will cause noise and disturbance for residents.

I am concerned about the noise from having an outdoor licence for alcohol that is until late at night.

There is the potential for an increase in anti social behaviour making the area less safe for residents.

As we already live in a postcode that means some car insurance companies will not insure us or it is a higher premium.

Regards

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## Other Person – Seventeen – Representations

Sent: 03 July 2023 20:55

To: Licensing <[Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing@rotherham.gov.uk)>

Subject: The Pitches Premises Licence application

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to raise concerns regarding the application of a premises license submitted by Pocket Sports Bar Ltd for The Pitches (outdoors), Wickersley Road, Rotherham S60 3PR.

This land sits closely within and is surrounded by a large area of housing being home to young families, elderly people as well as those with complex and demanding needs who require the safety of a quite and secure surrounding to optimise their own health and well-being.

The Pitches has been undeveloped for many years now however historically was a venue for community events and sporting activity, maintained well and sympathetic to its neighbours being in its close proximity to not disturb and cause nuisance by not holding events such as those that are now being suggested.

It concerns me that Pocket Sports Bar have now applied for a licence to hold a number of events including that of live music, recorded music and anything considered similar? amongst other events, alongside the sale of alcohol on the premises for up to 9,999 people. My concerns lie with the selling of alcohol which states it has to be consumed on the premises but how and who will be policing this for so many numbers, the risk this will then lead to antisocial behaviour within the close proximity of residential housing surrounding the area and the chaos of parking and accommodating so many people in such a small area with one small entrance.

My house sits directly in-front of the only access to The Pitches, and with the increasing number of vehicles already using Wickersley Road this will cause disruption, upset and risk to safety for all those living and using the community area.

The events named are also to involve loud music and alongside this noise from the huge numbers of people suggested, will cause disruption and noise pollution to those living in close proximity trying to enjoy the peace of their own homes.

Places that hold such events are most commonly found in larger more open areas not close to residential housing and there is obvious reason for this.

I am in favour for the Pitches to be used as a community area to support daytime events such as sporting, charity, or community celebration with the much needed green space ideal for this, however the selling of alcohol, loud events such as music for such large quantities of people is not acceptable in such a dense residential area where the risk to safety of the local residents and community will be impacted.

We were devastated in September 2022 when our house was broken into, and there has been much criminal activity around the surrounding area, granting a license to sell alcohol and attract such large numbers to this residential area will only heighten this risk further.

Furthermore accommodating such large numbers will have an impact on the environment, with consideration needing to be taken to facilitate sanitation and toileting facilities for the numbers

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suggested, alongside the risk of littering and destruction to the green space and natural environment around.

There is serious implications to the residents, the surrounding community as well as the environment and health and well-being of the people who live in close proximity to The Pitchers if this license is to be approved.

I urge you to strongly consider the decision and consider the impact on the local residents prior to favouring and allowing this license for Pocket Sports Bars monetary gain.

Kind regards