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Subject: RE: Representation 6 to applicant - The Pateley Club, Pateley Bridge - CX183822
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Good morning,

We are sorry that the respondent has raised an objection, and would like to offer the following points in response to "Representation 6" :

Response to specific points raised in the Representation

1. The representation as submitted indicates that the Club has issued a letter stating "that they have applied to extend their performance times until 1:00am. The letter also

states, in brackets, that the premises are usually emptied approximately an hour and a half after closing, which would mean dispersal at around 2:30am."

We are sorry that you have received this letter, which we do not recognise, and which is most certainly not an official communication from the Club Committee. It is also factually incorrect.

We have not applied for an extension to alcohol or regulated entertainment hours – in fact, the hours being applied for are a reduction to those on our current license. The hours we are applying for (as stipulated by North Yorkshire Police) are reduced on Sunday – Thursday, with serving finishing at 11pm and full closure at 11:30pm, which is a reduction of some 2 hours on the hours available to us under the current licence. We believe there is some confusion between the hours for which we are currently licensed, and the hours which we advertise as our "opening times", which are considerably shorter.

1. With respect to noise, shouting etc in the High Street, we already try very hard to make our customers understand that it is important that they minimise noise when leaving or being outside the premises for some other reason. We have signage to this effect on both the doors, and if our staff become aware that someone is being noisy outside they will make every effort to stop this. We have purchased a decibel measuring device which is regularly used to monitor and record sound levels. In general terms, in order to reduce noise, we have installed air conditioning units throughout the building in order to make sure that windows and doors are not needed to be opened to maintain a workable temperature – not a cheap item for a small Club, but hopefully an indication of how hard we are trying to control the environment. We have further plans to sound proof some areas of the upper floor which are currently single glazed and "single skinned" walls to further reduce ambient noise, and also to make the rear door "soft-closing" to reduce the noise made when this opens/closes.

However, we do also need to point out that the Club is indeed on the High Street, and that – particularly late at night – many people pass by the Club on their way home etc. There is a public house just a few yards down the street, as well as others elsewhere in the town, which are often open late at night (often much later than the Club), as well as take away food venues, shops and restaurants at the

bottom of the street, all of which can and do produce foot traffic in the evening. We have on several occasions experienced complaints of late night noise - reported to have taken place some hours after we have closed.

Why have we made the application for a Premises Licence ?

The 145-year-old Pateley Club is a much valued community resource, which provides much more than simply alcohol and entertainment. We have a high complement of senior members, who value the Club as a welcoming place to meet their friends and enjoy activities such as Bingo, quiz nights, wreath-making etc, all – in an age of much rural isolation - in a place they feel happy and safe to visit. We also host many community-focussed events, such as funeral wakes, fund-raisers for local and national charities, birthday and christening parties, events which supply foodstuffs to the local food bank etc. Last year we hosted an event to celebrate the life of the young man, much loved in this town, tragically taken from us by a vehicle while walking home. The event raised monies to support his family, and also to promote road-safety and awareness.

The Club is used as a venue by a wide range of local organisations for meetings and gatherings - for which we charge either nothing or at best very minimal amounts – including church groups, the local angling, bowling and cricket clubs, local seniors ukulele group, local political party meetings, the walking club etc – and also provides teams for dominoes, snooker, darts competitions etc. During the summer months, we are visited by many of the caravanners who stay in the area, very many of whom have become year-in, year-out members and friends of the Club, and who do so much to bolster and support the town's economy.

However, as everyone knows, costs have rocketed in recent years, and additionally the hospitality trade is seeing a serious decline due to increasing prices and a change in people's drinking/socialising habits. So we face two problems : firstly, our current licence does not actually allow us to provide many of the community services and functions outlined above, and secondly, without providing functions and entertainment at the weekends (not every, or even most weekends), the Club will simply not survive financially.

In order to allow us to continue to host these functions (and to allow non-members to continue to attend them and the Club in general, which is also critical), the North Yorkshire Police and the Licensing Authority have advised us that we must change our current licence type to a Premises Licence.

What does this mean for local residents ?

The Police and Licensing teams have made a number of stipulations and recommendations to us, and we are complying with **all** of these, some of which are shown below :

1. Our opening hours are reducing – from Sunday to Thursday, we will close 2 hours earlier, and there is no increase in hours on Friday or Saturday..
2. We will continue to strive to make sure customers/visitors understand the need to keep noise to a minimum, and our staff will enforce this as much as possible. Additionally, when required we will employ licenced door personnel during events to ensure disruption is kept to a minimum.

3. We will continue to improve the Club building's sound insulation – we have already installed aircon systems to mean doors/windows do not have to be opened when it is hot, and we have plans to further sound-insulate or replace walls/windows, introduce soft-closing doors etc, no putting trade waste out after 9pm etc
4. We are introducing improved CCTV systems to provide the Police with better information regarding any incidents.
5. We are introducing an age verification system to additionally deter underage drinking.
6. Our staff are undertaking a comprehensive set of training, introducing records and procedures to ensure that we completely understand and comply with our licensing obligations and aims, opening hours and permissible licensing activities.

Summary

At the heart of all of this is a Club which seeks to look after its members, the local residents and the wider community. We very much wish to do so by living in harmony with our neighbours, and genuinely do try to do so in every way we can. We are not looking to change the Club into a large-scale profit making operation – the Committee are all unpaid volunteers - but in these days of accelerating costs it is very difficult to pay our staff, keep everything maintained and generally cover costs. Providing functions and entertainment at the weekends (not every, or even most weekends) is a key contributor to our survival, and the change of licence is key to this : however, we will continue to do everything we can to make these events as unintrusive as possible to our neighbours, and ensure that they stay within the permitted bounds of our license conditions.

Kind regards,

Frank Jauncey

On behalf of The Pateley Club

From: Licensing Central

Sent: 11 May 2026 15:48

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Good afternoon,

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PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION

LICENSING ACT 2003

Please find attached a representation raised by an interested party in respect of the above application.

You should give this representation your careful consideration and you are encouraged to resolve the issues raised by negotiation through the Licensing Team. You should address the concerns in the representation in writing and send these to the Licensing Team who will forward your response to the interested party.

If resolution cannot be reached and the representation is not withdrawn the application will be dealt with at a Licensing Sub-committee hearing which will be arranged within 20

days of the end of the consultation period. Please be aware that the Licensing Authority has a maximum of two months from the original submission of the application to make a final determination so it is important that any negotiation is swiftly conducted.

Should you have any questions or require clarification on any particular point please do not hesitate to contact the Licensing Team.

Regards,

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