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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Premises Licence – Jubilee Park Pavillion, Love Lane, Ongar CM5 9BL**

My family and I have lived in Love Lane since 1986, our property is situated at the High Street end of Love Lane. Also we are members of the present Ongar Social & Sports Club. During our residence here, like many of our neighbours, our lives have been interrupted and disturbed from anti-social behaviour during and after events held at OSSC.

But, in the interest of Community spirit, the Club was run on a non-profit basis by the Community, we accepted to a certain degree that we should support these community/social events'.

We have tolerated our gardens being damaged/trashed, our pot plants/garden ornaments distributed in the High Street, fights and people screaming abuse at each other, which has led to several calls to the Police.

However, Ongar currently does not have any Police stationed through the evening. When required they respond from 'nearby' stations, i.e. Loughton, Debden, Harlow. Therefore, the response time is Abysmal.

The access to the Club is poor, with only a single path leading to the entrance. Daytime use is not a problem, but busy late nights are.

With many vehicles leaving on a single lane, plus cabs arriving/departing from pick-ups - the Resident's drives have to be used as passing bays.

Due to the unsavoury behaviour, car engines revving, doors slamming & general noise - our school age children's bedrooms were moved to the rear of the house.

The Club is hired out to non-members. As a Club member and local resident, I have spoken up and fought against this type of clientele - as behaviour cannot be guaranteed.

The Club also has 'Local Knowledge'; and now refuse many Bookings.

Recently, the present Club banned all 'under 18' parties, NO exceptions. This action has been very successful in creating a more harmonious environment for the local residents, and the Community.

**Please note: there is now a large development 'Weighbridge Court' for elderly residents on the High Street, opposite the entrance to Love Lane.**

This application from OTC proposes to open for 'Late Night refreshment' between the hours of 24.00 to 01.00. The club as run by the OTC will become the latest opening Venue in the area.

Why serving 'refreshments' to 01.00 on the Weekday mornings is required, I don't know - as we all know if it's there it's used. **Also Alcohol from 11am???**

With regards to hours of opening during the Week, the present club strongly resists any late nights; it is rare that Friday night parties are allowed. The present Club Licence was also 'Too Late' for this Venue.

It is NOT NECESSARY for a weekday licence past 11pm as normal public houses in the area, with 24.00 the latest for Saturday & 10pm Sunday.

OTC is openly promoting a Non-membership Policy, and looks to make the Venue Financially Viable. It has stated that it intends to increase Takings by £35.000, which is a 37% increase in Trade.

That means a Party Party Venue. The present Club will have no Input as to who is allowed to Hire the Venue.

In the past for reasons stated above, we have put up with this, but the Council have publicly stated a Non-membership Club & a massive increase in Turnover.

THIS IS NOW A BUSINESS, NOT A NON-PROFIT CLUB

**WE STRONGY OBJECT TO THIS TYPE OF LICENCE, THIS IS A SOCIAL & SPORTS CLUB NOT A PUB /CLUB**

We have spoken to our District Counsellor Mr Paul Keska with regards to the above, who has agreed to represent our views at the meeting.

Yours trulv

Mr & Mrs David Poulter

cc. Mr Paul Keska, District Councillor