

**Kate Halsall**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Friday 22 November 2019 13:54  
**To:** Licensing Policy;  
**Subject:** Godalming Naval Club application of licence extension



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Dear

I understand that the Godalming Naval Club (88 Meadow, Godalming, GU7 3HY) has made an application to alter their existing licence. I write as a local resident to formally object to the proposed extension of their operating hours on the following grounds.

Members' noise and antisocial behaviour - Their premises is surrounded by residential properties. The loud noise created by their clients when existing and entering the club, particularly in the evening, demonstrates a total disregard to those who live nearby. Their members do not leave the premises according to the club's operating hours and their drunken noise is becoming a nuisance, particularly early morning.

Groups of clients stand and drink in the car park during the club's operating hours and, again, show no regard for those whose homes neighbour the car park. This is evidenced by the noise they create and their intimidating attention paid to residents who are carrying out their everyday activities. I have a right to privacy.

Music noise - As stated, above the club is surrounded by residential properties. I consider that an extension of the playing of music to be inappropriate for a business which essentially operates in the evening. I work at home and do not wish to be disturbed by music (live or otherwise) and the associated drunken club members during the day.

To conclude, I consider that an extension to their operating licence will ultimately see an extension to the current levels of nuisance client noise, disorder and antisocial behaviour. I should also point out that the club is located on a road used as the main pedestrian route for school children, and as such it is inappropriate for children to be exposed to the drunken and intimidating behaviour of the club's members.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

**Kate Halsall**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Friday 22 November 2019 18:52  
**To:** Licensing Policy  
**Subject:** Godalming Naval Club proposed extension of licensing hours!

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Dear

I strongly object to the Godalming Naval Club's proposal for extended licensing hours.

My home looks directly onto their car park and the club's rear doors, with only 52-inch fence to separate the two properties. There is no hedge to baffle the already unacceptable noise (especially at the weekends.) I already have to tolerate loud music, particularly the bass noise, car doors slamming, with raucous laughter and loud conversation from the outside 'smoking area' all evening, plus litter from their cars (blown under the fence into Catteshall Hatch) and incessant shouting as the drinkers depart.

This is a RESIDENTIAL AREA, and the Naval Club is surrounded on three sides by houses, where residents already have to tolerate the "disturbances" from the Club. Lights like search lights point at my bedroom with CCTV cameras all day and night. Most nights up to six or more large vans are parked until early next morning, when they leave with engines revving, men shouting and doors banging and slamming.

Increasing the licensing hours is a big step too far!

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**From:** .  
**Sent:** Friday 22 November 2019 22:24  
**To:** Licensing Policy  
**Subject:** Representation - Objection to any licence extension for Godalming Naval Club

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Hi,

I attempted to submit this using the online form, however I just received an application error. Anyway, the following is my objection.

I'd like to object to any extension of Godalming Naval Club's licence which would cause more noise.

On a number of occasions, their functions have caused noise late at night. The club and their patrons do not appear to have much consideration for residents.

The car park is often used as a beer garden(a table is outside and people sit and drink during the summer) and also people congregated in the car park.

Club doors have been left open and the noise therefore carries further particularly when bands play. Since I live immediately adjacent to the club with only a wooden fence between us, I am aware of people noisily leaving the club late at night(after 11pm) with car doors slamming, engines left running and people carrying on loud conversations. It's obvious to me that any extension to their licence would only make matters worse.

Please do not allow any extension.

Thanks and regards,

**Kate Halsall**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Sunday 24 November 2019 15:55  
**To:** Licensing Policy;  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Godalming Naval Club application of licence extension

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Dear

We understand that the Naval Club have applied for an increase in their opening hours. We did not receive any formal notification of this application, which is strange considering that the Club is ringed by residential properties. I have copied this to Linda Wilson, the Chair person of the Lammas Residents Association and request that in future we are all copied on any further changes the Naval Club may request.

There are already difficulties for us, largely due to the noise from members sitting and drinking outside on the edge of the car park in the evenings.

In summary, the current situation is bad enough, but any extension obviously makes matters much worse, later in the night. When they leave, there are loud discussions and noise as they get in to their cars, right under our bedroom window.

We beg you not to change the current hours.

Yours sincerely,

**Kate Halsall**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday 25 November 2019 17:04  
**To:** Licensing Policy  
**Subject:** Official Objection to license vacation, Godalming Naval Club



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Dear Sirs/Madam

I am writing in relation to the application for an extension of the opening hours of the Godalming Naval Club, Meadrow.

I live immediately adjacent to the GNC, separated by a fence and hedge that attempt to mitigate noise and disturbance with only partial success.

Presently, I am awoken or prevented from sleeping on multiple weekends because of loud music and the sub-bass that is transported through the walls & ground into my home, into my bedroom, into my BED and gently vibrating me on the low notes while I am lying prone, no more than 20 FEET from the source.

People at the far end of the Naval Club are generally further away from the music than I am.

As an unwilling participant of this karaoke and live music, I feel this would be considered enough by most people. However, this is also punctuated from time to time by hearing the shouts of 'No, Leave it, he/she's not worth it' projected across the carpark, at full volume, with accompanying scuffles, breaking glass, indignant car door slams, high revs and squealing of tyres in the dramatic exit style of a 70's Cop show.

And don't get me started on the 3am random Fire alarm going off without any response or remedial actions by the licensees.

All wonderful parts of human life, to be sure, but I feel this is already pushing the limits of an acceptable level of disturbance for the area.

To extend this by 30 minutes EVERY DAY is NOT acceptable to our community, and would likely lead to an increase from the immediate neighbours in the monitoring of decibel output, keeping of a noise diary and a large increase in complaints that would potentially be counterproductive to the Naval Club in the long term.

I hope that you will consider this fully in your evaluation of the application. In fact, I would like to ask you how I would go about petitioning for a restriction of current hours to more acceptable ones: is this possible?

Along with other immediate neighbours, I specifically forbid you under GDPR from sharing any of my details with the license applicants.

With kindest regards

Kate Halsall

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday 02 December 2019 05:44  
**To:** Licensing Policy  
**Subject:** Objection - Godalming Naval Club Application  
**Attachments:** IMG\_1807.JPG



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I write to formally object to the application submitted by Godalming Naval Club and request the Premises License is subjected to review.

I am an interested party as a property owner, directly opposite the car park to this social club and due to the ongoing disturbance I suffer, I would greatly appreciate the license being reviewed to minimise the public nuisance. Please see attached photo of the notice displayed inside the club, which at best demonstrates the incompetence of the club management but at worst, encourages their patrons to cause nuisance to local residents.

The car park is not detailed in the Premises License as an area for licensable activities yet it is used by the club for their customers to dwell for drinking alcohol, smoking and BBQs. A picnic bench has even been provided for the purpose of dwelling in the car park. In previous complaints to EHO and Waverley Licensing, I have requested the bench be removed and polite 'respect our neighbours' notices be displayed in order to reduce the noise nuisance caused by this club but this has not only been ignored, the attach sign has been displayed.

The noise from patrons is therefore not what you would expect from a car park and causes frequent disturbance to me, particularly in the evenings and weekends.

A smoking shelter erected against the garage in the car park, is also in constant use and the 'corridor' the shelter has created amplifies the voices of patrons. Another noise nuisance which despite having double glazed windows, I am frequently disturbed by shouting, swearing, laughter and even screaming.

There is a condition on the license to have doors and windows closed when music is being performed but this was not adhered to in summer months so loud music is blaring out, causing a nuisance to local residents throughout the evening.

The security alarm is frequently sounding when the premises is unmanned (in the night or early morning) and local residents must then suffer the very loud, irritating siren until a member of staff arrives to turn it off! A security light has also been attached to the side of the club, shining constantly and directly into my property.

The rubbish bins are situated in the car park and have a weekly collection between 6am and 7am. The noise of the lorry and the emptying of a large quantity of glass is a huge disturbance at a very unsociable time of day.

In summary, the noise nuisance I am affected by could and indeed should have been greatly reduced by the club management taking responsible steps to promote the licensing objectives.

I trust appropriate conditions will be added to this license to improve the quality of life for local residents and the application to increase activity of what is already proving a nuisance, be declined.

Regards

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PREMISES, PLEASE REMIND  
OUR NEIGHBOURS THAT  
DRUNK PEOPLE HAVE  
BEEN LOUDLY LEAVING  
THIS ESTABLISHMENT  
LONG BEFORE THEY  
DECIDED TO BUY HOUSES  
NEXT DOOR TO IT