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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 10 October 2023 16:05
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Godalming Naval Club License review

[** This email originates from an external source **]

Dear Sirs

In light prior to the forthcoming Licence Review I would like, as an interested party, to submit my observations for consideration.

I am a member of the Naval Club but have no official standing or responsibility other than being a general member.

The Naval Club is a Family club, inclusive to all and a friendly place to attend. We have a eclectic membership base ranging from working class people like myself to business people, Artists, Company Directors, a former Mayor and even a Chess Grand Master. We have regular events organised for our Members such as trips out to the Coast, weekends away, Christmas and Halloween parties for the Children of members, live music (at an appropriate level) and events for our senior members such as Bingo ensuring those in their latter years are included in the heart of this community based social club.

The Club has also invested heavily in the local community such as sponsoring a local resident through his early Sporting career from youth events to National and finally World and Olympic level. The Club has also invested in other local sport donating to Godalming Football Club and in particular sponsoring the Shirts for the Ladies team so they can compete. The club has purchased an AED Defibrillator and provided the training funds to enable a local suicide awareness councillor. We have also held many Charity fundraising events for organisations such a Headway, SSAFA, RNLI (who use the Club for free for monthly meetings) and Surrey and Kent Air Ambulance who have all benefitted from the contributions from our members.

In my opinion the Club has always been run in a professional and respectful manner and I have never witnessed the accusations levelled at it in this review. In particular, the notion that the Club puts Children in harms way is not just ludicrous but spurious and defamatory.

I believe the current discord regards a neighbour who is quite inflammatory. i have personally witnessed him playing music loudly in what I assume is to intimidate members sitting outside. This is not too much of a problem for us as we have no facility for outside music and his Piano concertos are very relaxing on a sunny Sunday afternoon. However, I do feel sorry for his neighbours as sometimes he tends to put the music on and goes out. I have also observed him shouting and cursing over the hedge if he can hear people talking at a reasonable level.

In my opinion, this is someone attempting to manipulate the Licencing policy for their own NIMBY agenda. The Club has been there for over 75 years and is a vital hub for the local community and I would like the Club and Council to work together to ensure this continues far into the future, in spite of some short term and arguably selfish trouble makers.

Kind Regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 October 2023 16:26
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Naval Club

[** This email originates from an external source **]

Good Afternoon,

I have been a member of the godalming naval club since 2006, worked behind the bar for several years too.

When my kids were smaller. They used to love coming into the club for kids disco/Xmas parties and have always felt welcome. Everyone is friendly and the committee are always to be seen to help with anything.

The club welcomes people from different backgrounds and treats everyone fairly. We have several people with special needs/ autism and different ages and religions in the club and all of these are made to feel as one and that's what I feel is the most important.

The club holds different entertainment to suit all ages including kids disco, bingo, quiz nights, music, Snooker , darts and chess club so everyone is almost catered for.

We hold different events for charity throughout the year.

We help sponsor headway surrey, a local taewondo boy who played for England, helped a 15 year old towards her borneo trip to help orangutans.

We also raised money Kent Air ambulance, shooting stars and physill tuckwell, RNLI , saffa (armed forces) And Surrey Air ambulance.

We also help the poppy appeal every year and have several times beaten a recorded for it The club takes great pride in its charity work and they will continue doing so.

Kind regards
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 October 2023 17:17
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Godalming Navel Club

[** This email originates from an external source **]

To Waverley

We are so surprised Godalming naval clubs licence is being reviewed.

We love to go to the naval club for the only reasons it is a great club . Because this is a private membership club I feel so safe as a woman walking into this establishment on my own without my husband . Which I would never do in other pubs in the area .

There is a huge diversity of different people of all ages from nanna to kids, dogs . My nephew who has cerebral palsy and is in a wheelchair is made very welcome and feels very comfortable. He loves coming to the naval club . It is very differcort for him to find somewhere that has space for his wheels and loos that he can use .

This is family friendly and in the cost of living crises the drinks are priced very fairly . Sunday bingo brings so many different people together often it's great fun and a highlight of alot of peoples week .

The naval club provides so many different activities that you just don't get anywhere else . including - Snooker with teams , dart teams , chess workshops , kids halloween and christmas parties . coach trips whether it is a day trip or weekend away . Band nights . and let's not forget the thousands of pounds raised for different charities . from Christmas auctions to charity bbqs .

All the staff are highly trained , friendly, knowledgeable local people that love their jobs. Some have worked in pubs before and felt intimidated . But as a private members club that you need a card to get in they never get trouble i have never seen any trouble ..

Overall I don't think godalming and farncombe could go without the Naval club with if super friendly inclusive of all outgoing nature .

I do hope this helps with the future of the club .

Yours

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 October 2023 10:36
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Godalming Naval Club

[** This email originates from an external source **]

To whom it may concern,

I understand that the license of The Naval Club will shortly be reviewed and I wanted my personal point of view to be taken into consideration at the review.

I have been a member of The Club for many years. My first experience of The Club was as a child when i played in a concert there as a member of Godalming Band. I recall this , as all the band were offered a complimentary drink, for me this was a bottle of coke and a packet of crisps!

I was reintroduced to the club when playing darts for The Railway, and played against the Naval Club in the Summer walkabout league. It was, and still is such an inviting place, so I became a member. I joined their darts team when the Wey Inn sadly closed.

I then joined the team playing Village games against other local clubs, and started playing snooker and billiards.

The age range of the teams for both darts and village games was completely inclusive and we had so many fun evenings, making many new friends from both our club and the opponents pubs and clubs. The fun continues!

I am now retired, having been in Banking for 25 years and then retrained as an electrician. I met numerous local businessmen and women in the club, as well as other members, offering my trade where needed. The club was a great place to interact and grow my business, especially in the early years.

The cross section of people who are members of the club is far reaching, as well as the age range. The Club welcomes families, the older generation (which i suppose I am part of now) down to youngsters. We are one big happy family. We are a members club, and every new member is discussed at the monthly committee meeting before membership is agreed. The committee is made up of local people, with a broad age range, most of whom have lived in Farncombe / Godalming all their lives.

The activities offered by the club to it's members also accommodates everyone and inclusive to all. Darts team, snooker team, live music from different genres, live sports on TV, Halloween party and Christmas party for the children, Bingo, raffles and more!

We are also very proud of the money we have raised, and continue to raise for local charities and , of course, the RNLI. We have also sponsored young members to assist in their personal ventures in their chosen sport/ activity.

I am proud to now be the Vice President of the Club, having served many years on the Committee. To say the Club is part of the community is an understatement. We don't advertise this fact, but when I start to write about it, I truly understand this is a fact.

Yours faithfully

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 October 2023 11:05
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Godalming Naval Club

[** This email originates from an external source **]

To whom it may concern

My husband and I have been members of Godalming Naval Club since 1995. It is a small family friendly club where members are made welcome. We took our children there and are happy to take our grandchildren there when they visit. It has a lovely family friendly atmosphere and it is sad to think that any one person could take this club away from the members. It is a safe haven for many, and it is the only place that I as a woman feel able to visit on my own as I know that only members can walk through the door.

If you wish to speak to my husband or I about this email please ring on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 23 October 2023 18:40
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Godalming Naval Club

[** This email originates from an external source **]

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in regard to the recent licensing review request. I have been a member of the Naval Club for over 10 years and would like to offer my support in the continuation of the license.

The Naval Club offers so much more than just a licensed premises, it is a place of community and support. I work for a well known local charity, the club has raised money for us via family raffles and events, these events are frequent and contribute to various local charities and good causes, there is a tangible impact on the local communities e.g. supporting local women's football., Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice etc. Alongside raising money these events and activities provide for the families that are members, with frequent Childrens parties and activities, all at no or little additional cost, something that is even more needed in these current financial climates.

Alongside the family friendly approach, as a woman, the Naval club offers the opportunity to go out, have a drink, socialise, without the usual associated worry of unwanted attention or advances. There is an inherent respect from all the members that provides, in my opinion, one of the few safer spaces for women within Godalming. I have never witnessed any incidents that have led me to be concerned, indeed the few times I have seen staff or committee members intervene, I have been impressed by the swift de escalation of any potential situation. The live music and the broadcasting of various sporting events (not to mention the more recent national events concerning the Queen and King) in a safe and respectful place can never be underestimated for all, but especially women on their own.

The club also provides a friendly and warm environment for some of the more vulnerable in our society, with weekends away, day trips to the coast, bingo, Christmas morning get togethers etc. This helps tackle the loneliness and isolation that is ever increasing in our societies, to remove the opportunity to socialise and interact with very little financial cost would, I'm sure, be detrimental to many of the members.

I hope that the Naval Club do not suffer any restrictions or amendments to the license, in my opinion it is a great example of community and responsibility and should be supported going forward,

Many thanks

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 October 2023 07:20
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Godalming Naval Club

[** This email originates from an external source **]

Good Morning,

I am writing to you as I believe the license is being reviewed for The Godalming Naval Club.

I am a member of the club and I just wanted to let you know that this club serves the community in the most brilliant ways.

As a business owner that works from home, I visit the club most days for some much needed human interaction after being by myself in the daytime.

The club staff and other customers are always so welcoming and friendly. I visit the club by myself during the week and always feel safe doing so. The staff and committee members have created a fantastic atmosphere that is not replicated anywhere else in Godalming.

At weekends I visit with my husband and two children and unlike other clubs in the area, the children are welcomed and well catered for and I know they will be safe and cared for by everyone.

Many establishments have an occasional problem with drunken customers or arguments but I can honestly say, never have I witnessed this at The Naval Club, which is another reason for us continuing to visit.

The children are offered toys and colouring to keep them amused, which is a nice touch and adds to the feeling of genuine community.

The Naval club is also a great contributor to local charities, sponsoring local residents with charity ventures and raising funds in a fun and friendly way.

The entertainment supplied is well organised and music is kept to a decent level so that you are still able to enjoy without being deafened.

I was disappointed and quite saddened to hear that a complaint had been made by someone who does not frequent the club, and I was impressed to learn about the lengths the committee had gone to, to rectify any problems that the said complainant had raised.

The Staff and committee are very clear on the rules of the club, and as members who enjoy using the club we are all happy to adhere to the rules. We do not take drinks outside of the building past 8:45pm, tables have not only been moved away from the neighbours fence outside but have also been screwed to the floor to prevent anyone moving them. The outside areas are always clean and tidy and noise levels are just of members chatting, no music is allowed outside, although the neighbour who is directly behind the fence does play his music loudly on occasion, but that doesn't bother anybody.

I speak for many, many members when I say, The Godalming Naval Club, is a haven for families and the local community in general and it would be a very sad day should it not be able to continue. Loneliness is a huge problem within the elderly community and if you were to visit the club at any point, you would see how many elderly members use the club for social interaction.

I do hope you can consider the above when reviewing the license.

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 October 2023 15:29
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Godalming Naval Club

[** This email originates from an external source **]

Good afternoon

I would like to help raise awareness of the Godalming Naval Club and my experiences.

I started coming here when my brother introduced me to the club 5 years ago when I was 25.

I have a 7 year old daughter that loves to come to the club. She feels safe and looked after. If I am needing to use the toilet she feels that she can stay and talk to the other members. They cater for the children and do regular children's parties, discos and at Christmas they have santa come in. The children love this. We have also brought my cousins children in when they were a few months old I felt safe to bring them in.

The members spend time getting to know each other and will always look out for others. As there are many members that are trades men I have been able to get help and advice when doing my own house up and friends.

The club has a lot of links to charities and there is often fundraising. When members do things for charity other members are more than willing to donate.

There is a wide variety of members in the club. Many that have protected characteristics.

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday 24 October 2023 18:34
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Navel Club

[** This email originates from an external source **]

Please may I say on behalf of my wife and myself how much we enjoy our evenings at the Navel Club meeting with members listening to the occasional band and general catch up with people of all ages and walks of life we have always found it to be a very warm and welcoming place to visit.

Many thanks.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday 25 October 2023 19:20
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Godalming Naval Club

[** This email originates from an external source **]

Dear sirs

I am writing this email on behalf of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is visually impaired, registered disabled and has asked me to write this email on his behalf.

[REDACTED] words.....

"I am a member of Godalming Naval club. I enjoy using this facility because it is all on a single level and a visually impaired disabled person and white cane user, it means a lot to me that I can walk around without risk of tripping over. The staff and the clients have always been very welcoming and assisted me in anything that I need.

I hope you can appreciate that it is important for my well-being that somebody with my disability is being able to feel welcomed and participate in the community.

My disability aside, I know that Godalming Naval club is a hub for the local community and this historic beacon benefits hundreds of Waverley residents.

Yours sincerely,

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Just writing

To say that I joined Alcohol club a couple of months ago and have not seen any thing that is outwards, ie children playing or fights etc. In fact I go down mainly Sunday dinner times to play but bring out bingo and the children during this time are exceptional (quiet)

I cannot see from the life of me where this complaint's come from I have been in bars from South Africa to Berlin I think there in the past

And save bar in South Africa. Wash wine wash over the eyes

To stop the glasses causing the spirit. It's the most friendly club I've ever been in

Yours

I haven't encountered one like it a argument culture and the people that sit outside is mainly because they smoke And I haven't seen one person drink and people that go here no one goes out smoking or making a noise
It's beyond me where this complaint's come from.