

## **Objections to Application by Kingsbury Town Management Co Ltd for a Premises Licence**

I live on Kinloch Drive and the boundary of my house is only about 35 meters away from the boundary of the football pitch and only a few meters from the car park which is used by the football club. It is only a couple of meters from the houses directly abutting the car park

I attach a photo to show the locality of the football club and the car park in Silver Jubilee Park and its proximity to houses.

### **PUBLIC NUISANCE**

1. Local residents have, in the past years been suffering in silence the disturbance caused by the late night alcohol and entertainment licences currently held by the football club. We have only recently become aware of the times of the licences which go even beyond normal pub hours! The complaints system is not easy to work. We did not know till how we might be able to do anything about it.

2. There is already an increase in the numbers of people using the club/football pitch, this can only get worse if the licence was granted to open to the public.

3. This is especially when people leave the premises. The car park as mentioned is only about a couple of meters from the houses' boundaries. Our houses have small gardens and the living areas are therefore very nearby; the occupants would hear all that is going on in the car park, and particularly in the quiet of the night.

#### **The problems include:**

4. People talking/shouting, laughing as they come out of the club. People hanging around to talk, slamming of car doors when getting into their cars, starting and revving up of cars and driving off along the access road.

5. Although the disturbance may be for a short time, residents (including children needing to get up for school the next day) may be disturbed for the rest of the night as it is not always easy to get back to sleep.

#### **Instances of nuisance:**

- A resident on Kinloch Drive on the east side has been disturbed by music at 2 am coming from the football club. The club is sited at a lower level and noise travels up to the surrounding houses and across the open park.
- A couple of residents in Meadowbank Road (junction with Townsend Lane near the access road to the car park by KTFC) have been rudely woken up at 2am by loud singing and on another occasion by people knocking on their door asking if a cab can be called for them!
- A recent occurrence took place on Sat 6 June 2015 (ref to the noise team SR 10980/15) when Kinloch Avenue residents were disturbed. At least one other household apart from myself complained. The disturbance was caused by people who have left the KTFC premise at 12am but loitering in the carpark and disturbing neighbours till 2am. I found out afterwards that there was a Dance Benefit event in the KTFC finishing at 12am. The noise disturbance was

caused by people speaking loudly and laughing, and cars coming and going on the access road from the car park.

- Although stated as one of the conditions of hiring of the KTFC facilities that “All persons must leave premises and car park by close time” this clearly has not been adhered to. The management of KTFC had not done their job by ensuring this and locking the gate to the access road.

## **SUMMARY**

The Premises Application is totally inappropriate and unreasonable for this peaceful residential area. The area is essentially a park which happens to have a football pitch. The installation of artificial turf to the football pitch a year ago has already increased the footfall of the area. The recent approval granted to the planning application (14/4365) to improve the football club facilities will further increase the numbers of people using the area. These recent development have already affected and compromised residents’ rights to enjoy their homes and gardens, and will open up the area to even greater likelihood of health and security issues. Any change in the use of the premises will further compromise this.

Clause 19 of the Lease agreement between Brent and the Kingsbury Town Management Company Ltd states.....”*The Lessee covenants.....not to do or permit or suffer to be done in or upon the demised premises anything which may be or become a nuisance annoyance or cause damage or inconvenience to.....the owner or occupier of any adjoining or neighbouring property*”.

Based on all the above, I would urge the Licensing Committee **NOT TO GRANT** the new Premise Licence.

I would also request a **REDUCTION** in the licensing hours. This should take into account children who need to get their sleep to be ready for school the next day as well as adults who need to work the day. The times should also responsibly enable people to sober up before they leave the premises. As it is a club and not a pub, it is only a facility for it’s members. Being in a residential quiet area, it is not unreasonable for the hours to be reduced to more civilised times. Hence I would say the hours should be:

11.00 to 22.30 Monday to Thursday,  
11.00 to 23.00 Friday and Saturday  
11.00 to 2130pm Sunday.

I trust my views would receive your due consideration.  
Many thanks.