

Exeter City Council – Licensing Act 2003

**REPRESENTATION FORM**

This representation is made about the premises to be licensed as detailed below:

Your full name	Robert Charles Pond
The name of the organisation/ body you represent (if appropriate)	
Postal address	
Email address	
Contact telephone number	

Name of the premises you are making a representation about	Exeter Rugby Club Ltd
Address of the premises you are making a representation about	Sandy Park Stadium, Sandy Park Way, Exeter, EX2 7NN

Your representation must relate to one of the four Licensing Objectives

Licensing Objective	Yes Or No	Please detail the evidence supporting your representation or the reason for your representation. Please use separate sheets if necessary
To prevent crime and disorder		
Public safety		
To prevent public nuisance	Yes	Please see attached sheet.
To protect children from harm		

If you are making a representation against a new application or full variation, please suggest any conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy your representation (or other suggestions you would like the Licensing Sub Committee to take into account).	Retain the current licence conditions
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Date:

5<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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Representation from Robert Pond: To prevent public nuisance

I object to the application by Exeter Rugby Club Ltd. to vary their premises licence so that a range of outdoor activities, including plays, dance, films, live music, recorded music, and boxing, be permitted on Mondays to Sundays between 10.00 and 23.00 hrs. This represents a very substantial relaxation to the terms of the current licence and thereby significantly increases the probability of public nuisance. The present capacity of the E.R.C. Stadium is about 14,000, so very large crowds could attend the proposed events. In effect, the variation would enable major events and their attendant disruption to take place on any day or sequence of days in any particular week throughout the year. The increases in noise, traffic congestion, parking, and inconvenience to local residents which have arisen due to rugby matches on Saturdays are already substantial. Currently, a small proportion of rugby supporters behave badly, such as rowdiness and urination in private gardens: no police presence is evident to control these activities. Most supporters of visiting teams start their homeward journeys relatively soon after matches finish. **However**, the proposals in the current application could exacerbate this situation dramatically. For example, if music festivals lasting several days are envisaged, attendees might stay around considerably longer. What provisions would be made to restrain poor behaviour and excessive use of alcohol or drugs?