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Dear Sirs,

Re: **Exeter Rugby Club Limited Premises Licence at Sandy Park Stadium,
Sandy Park Way, Exeter, EX2 7NN**

Application to vary a premises licence to remove Annex 2 conditions and replace with more clear, concise and enforceable conditions. To add plays and the performance of dance and allow, films, live music, recorded music, and performance of dance and boxing events outdoors. There will be no change to the indoor times, the outdoor times are as follows:

- **Films:** 10:00-23:00 Monday to Sunday
- **Live and Recorded Music:** 10:00-23:00 Monday to Sunday
- **Performance of Dance:** 10:00-23:00 Monday to Sunday
- **Boxing or Wrestling:** 10:00-23:00 Monday to Sunday

We are the owners of a farming and residential property business situated on land immediately adjacent to the Sandy Park Stadium. We own and let out 9 rental residential properties, all of which are currently occupied and all of which are in close proximity to Sandy Park Stadium.


Our land is allocated within the Exeter Local Plan for development. To the South of Old Rydon Lane we have an extant Resolution to Grant for up to 393 dwellings and we shall shortly be making an Outline Planning Application for mixed use employment and residential development of the remainder of our land at Sandy Park (immediately adjacent to Sandy Park Stadium) which will include for a further number of up to 160 dwellings. All these dwellings will be adversely affected by the proposed variation of a premises licence.

We wish to make the following representation in respect of the above variation of license application:

1. When Exeter Rugby Club purchased the land, they agreed to a restriction which permits indoor functions rather than outdoor functions.
2. The profile of attendees to these functions and the arrival and departure of them will be significantly different to Rugby crowds. Arrival is arguably similar, but departure from these events will be en-masse in much larger numbers and at much later times than the end of Rugby matches. Events licensed until 23:00 hrs will mean large crowds seeking to leave the venue over the course of the following hour especially when awaiting buses and taxis. (NB rail services will be likely finished at those times).
3. Air borne noise arising from outdoor events will constitute a public nuisance especially at the late times when residents and future residents will be trying to sleep.
4. Large numbers of visitors will be coming to the venue and more particularly leaving the venue late at night causing significant disturbance through vehicular noise when residents and future residents will be trying to sleep. Such disturbance will continue after the stated licence times.
5. Outdoor events will include bright and sometimes flashing/coloured lighting. This will give rise to public nuisance disturbance to existing and future households through light pollution.
6. Peripheral lighting outside the venue necessary for health & safety of visitors/prevention of crime & disorder will ~~further~~ give rise to light pollution disturbing these households as such lighting will remain on until longer than the stated licence times.
7. It is foreseeable that late night visitors to the outdoor events may have consumed alcohol and be inclined to carelessness and anti-social behaviour, especially if waiting for transport to take them away from the event.
8. There are likely to be numbers of visitors walking to and from the venue at much later times than the normal Rugby match times. Some of them may have consumed alcohol. The surrounding streets and neighbourhoods require protection from possible crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour that may arise later than the normal Rugby match crowds dissipate. The effect on the wider neighbourhoods require consideration.

We should be grateful for any opportunity to meet and discuss these matters if this is at all of any use.

Yours faithfully



Mr. R.B. Pratt

For and on behalf of
The Pratt Group