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Dear Sirs

**LICENSING ACT 2003**  
**Representation in respect of :**

**Variation application by Enfield Cricket Club, Lincoln Road, Enfield, EN1 2RY**

I am writing on behalf of the residents of this block of twenty flats located adjacent to the Enfield Cricket Club field on its southern boundary and immediately opposite its clubhouse.

I wish to object on behalf of the residents to the application by the Enfield Cricket Club to permit the sale of alcohol on Friday and Saturday to midnight (00.00 hrs) on two counts: first, that the design of the clubhouse, with its main doors and windows, plus a veranda and terrace, facing Trentham Lodge, results in excessive noise transmission across the cricket field; and, second: that there is a strong likelihood that rowdy misbehaviour will occur after closing time. It has been our experience over the years that a late closing hour at the cricket club is accompanied by drunken shouting and general misbehaviour in the area of the clubhouse. On occasions the rowdiness has continued for some hours, and one must suspect that alcohol has been taken from the clubhouse for consumption in the grounds.

It is possible that this obviously excessive drinking and associated rowdiness at the club is the consequence of the management of the cricket club being not sufficiently professionally skilled at bar management to regulate and influence the behaviour of its members.

Trentham Lodge is probably more affected by the noise than other blocks nearer the clubhouse. On a still night, sound carries with remarkably clarity across the cricket field. We are particularly aware then of the loud chatter and laughter before closing time and, later, of the after-hours misbehaviour.

In many respects the residents of Trentham Lodge are typical of the population of the surroundings of the cricket club: primarily retired persons, who live here to enjoy the peaceful character of the area. The rowdiness from the cricket club on summer evenings is a nuisance that the residents are prepared to accommodate to a reasonable hour such as 10.30 pm. Asking us to accept additional noise nuisance to midnight and rowdiness on into the early hours is unreasonable. Please reject the application.

Yours faithfully