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Subject: St Francis Social Club CWA0053
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Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to object about the Licensing Application made by St Francis Social Club in which they request to:

- supply alcohol and beverages to its members and guests to be consumed in either the Beer Garden or the Patio Area adjacent to the main car park until 20:00 hours.

Chalkhill is a hospital ward that provides a service to children aged 12-17 years with emotional and mental health problems. We are located adjacent to the social club.

The impact of associated noise levels in relation to people congregating outdoors or providing live music, at any time of day or night, is as follows:

- Our garden area is adjacent to the social club's outdoor space. We use this all year round. Some of our children are detained and may be unable to leave the hospital premises. We must have access to a calm and quiet outdoor space to be able to access fresh air. It would be totally inappropriate to subject our children to noise from a drinking establishment.
- For many of our children, evening is the most difficult part of the day. We see a significant rise in distress and self-harm incidents from 6pm onwards. It is vital that we can provide a quiet, calm, and therapeutic environment for them.
- Many of our children have experienced trauma, and may be children of parents with alcohol problems so noise generated from drinking establishments and / or intoxicated people can evoke distressing memories for them.
- A significant number of our children have a diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Disorder and have sensory issues; many are extremely sensitive to any noise within the existing environment and often have to wear ear defenders to manage this. Any additional external noise would exacerbate their distress.
- We treat young people with eating disorders who struggle most around meal times. The kitchen / dining room is in closest proximity to the beer garden. We often keep our external doors open for ventilation and would be impacted significantly by increased noise.

In addition to problems associated with noise:

- Chalkhill and the Princess Royal Hospital Site are both smoke free. I am concerned that patrons of the social club smoking in their outdoor space will pollute our environment.
- We need to be able to protect our children's privacy and dignity in the event they become distressed; having people congregated in adjoining external space potentially compromises this.

We do apologise that, once again, we need to object to a licensing application from our neighbours. We appreciate that St Francis have adjusted the proposed timings since their last application. It is unfortunate that, due to our close proximity, our functions are completely incompatible with each other. The safety and wellbeing of the children in our care remains paramount.

I look forward to hearing from you,

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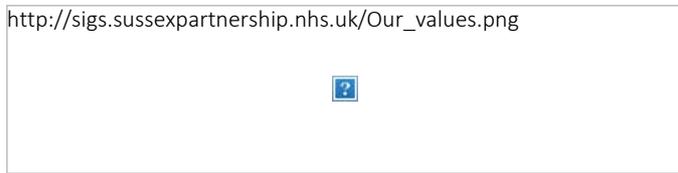
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