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Dear Sarah,

Thank you for your previous email. Please find below my comments in relation to the Review of Glynneath Sports Bar Licence.

Although the prevention of public nuisance does not apply to this review I would like to offer evidence to show that it should. The sports Bar frequently operates beyond its current licence with patrons drinking well into the early hours of the morning. Although the premises appears to be locked and closed down we can frequently hear music from both inside the club and the beer garden in the summer months. Additionally, patrons of the bar, park their vehicular directly outside of the bar and play extremely loud music from their vehicles while sitting in the beer garden drinking. Their currently operating hours have also lead to substantial increase in the litter both in the street and the noise pollution from clanking bottle being emptied into containers at 3pm or later. Sadly, due to the premises not having bins lately the rubbish which is kept in the beer garden are often used by patrons as weapons when disagreements occurs within the premises and and used as projectiles, these include black bags and glass bottles. Additionally, one Sunday morning [REDACTED] [REDACTED] came to our door asking for help, as the boys sitting in the beer garden were throwing bottles over the wall into his premisses and one nearly broke the window on the side of his property. The bar manager and bar staff only asked the boy in question to leave after [REDACTED] were on the phone to the police. This kind of anti social behaviour is a common occurrence and lead to SW police being contacted or videos being uploaded. Another nuisance is the litter that is regularly left on the pavement outside of the property, surely this is a breach of the 2010 Equality Act as they are indirectly discriminating against wheelchair users, visually impaired and others with protected characteristics who are now no longer able to use that side of the pavement. Additionally, Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 are being breached as not only do they cause obstructions, they restrict access to the pavement, attract vermin and look unsightly. This is occurring as the smoking area where the bins were kept have been turned into an out door darts and music area. Thus meaning they store waste in the street and lane.

#### Protection of children from harm

The safeguarding of minors is a serious issues at Sports Bar with the site being visited by a significant number of underage children especially when they hold live music events, GlynFest, Octoberfestand Back To school Nights that are help before the start of each academic term. Large number of children turn up to the venue and consume unsafe levels of alcohol as they are not being cut off by the venue. We regularly have to help young people who are so intoxicated they leave the venue to vomit. However, after doing so either on our door step, side gate or lane they return to the club and continue to drink as witnessed on numerous occasions. This has even led to us helping a young woman who was 16 and extremely intoxicated by giving her water and sitting with her until her mother arrived this October. The young girl was from Birchgrove and had bought tickets online. This breaches child safeguarding laws , The children and families Act 2014 and the Licensing Act 2003.

#### Crime and disorder

The latest incident of anti social behaviour to take place in the premisses occurred around New Years around 2pm when there was a fight in the smoking area that resulted in the gates being ripped off the

wall. This kind of behaviour regularly occurs when there are Live Music events and often spill over into the street. Another example of this occurred around Halloween when there was a huge fight involving that the police were required to attend. Additionally, during these fights that start on the premises and spill onto the street it become very loud and we have heard threats of knives being used. Additional criminal activity that takes place on the property is the selling and use age of drugs. We regularly see laughing gas canisters on the road, pavement and lane around the club. Additionally, we have witnessed a specific car ( white BMW) turning up at different times throughout the night outdid of the pub. Large number of Patrons then leave the bar sit in the car for a short period before going back in, they are then replaced by a different person. Again this usual occurred around the evening where there are large number of people in attendance. Public urination also regular occurs just to the side of the Sports Bar. On numerous occasions when returning to the house in daylight have we witnessed patrons urinating across the road before returning to the beer garden or pub. This even occurred in my lane as and against [REDACTED] When challenging the people involved my husband has been threatened. When asking them to use the facilities in the pub they have responded with its too busy.

I have been complaining for years about this club first to Callum Lewis and most recently Rachel Matthew's who had videos and now to the one who has taken over from him there has been police presence there on numerous occasions surely a club like this should not be in a residential area .there is often children party's in the day and there has been fighting and drunk behaviour and small children.

If you would like additional information please contact me as I have a number of videos that I have not been able to sent to both Callum or Rachel it have emailed information. .

One last request, I am fearful of reprisals if my name or location is shared with the license holder. Over the weekend, a member of the community posted on Facebook a link to the review and received significant abuse from patrons with one suggesting the owners let people know who are complaining so they can fill them in. Although this was removed the same attitude appears on the Sport Bar Facebook page where the owners have called locals who report them as clowns and assuring patrons the club is in no danger. This shows that they seem to think they above the law and encourage thuggish threats as they have not asked the person commenting about attacking locals to take it down or not to make such threats.

Kind regards

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