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8th November 2023

Dear Sir or Madam,

Regarding the licensing review brought about as a result of complaints made from Mr John Glover, 34 Pit green Lane, Wolstanton.

I wish to express my deep regret, frustration and anger at Newcastle Council for seeking to possibly revoke the license for Wolstanton Social Club.

This well-established little club provides great facilities to the local area for people of all ages. It has been constantly bombarded with complaints from one neighbouring residence only. No other neighbours seem to have any issues, indeed many use the club for different events throughout the year, whether it be a Christening event, a child's birthday party, one of the many charity events that have taken place, bingo for older residents on a Sunday evening, a game of darts, dominoes, pool, cribbage or indeed just a quiet drink at the end of the working day. Whatever their reason for using the club, they are all part of a very friendly and well run club thanks to the committee, staff and indeed the members.

The constant vitriol and diatribe received by Mr Glover over the last few years due to his seemingly obsessive intent with trying to close a club that he himself was once a member of. The club has done much in an attempt to appease Mr Glover and to show its concern for local residents. The list includes building a wall om the club boundary at the recommendation of the council, installing triple glazing, building a new ;porch so that an extra set of doors could be fitted, hosting considerably fewer private parties (at great cost to the club)n in order to ensure there is no late night noise. Committee members always patrol the carpark on a busy night to ensure that noise levels from music etc, are within the legal guidelines and asking customers not to congregate on the carpark. The club really has gone above and beyond to try and facilitate the complainants ongoing apparent concerns. The council are aware of all of this, yet they have chosen to seemingly ignore all the club has done, ignore all the other resident neighbours and persecute the club based on illegal video recording of families and children (to which i strongly object) and his

diatribe of complaints. I repeat, he is the ONLY disgruntled neighbour to my knowledge and to be frank, I believe it is a personal vendetta for reasons I do not know.

I very much hope that, and indeed implore the licensing authorities to view this situation for what it really is and does not revoke the license if what is a lovely little back street club, with no visions of grandeur and merely provides a place of comfort, respite, charity and friendliness to the local community.

Yours faithfully

Mark Porter