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Dear Madam

I request that you note my concerns for the new license application from Gillingham Football Club Limited. My particular objection is with that of the Blues Rock Café: When previously Gillingham Football Club Limited and specifically the Blues Rock Café held a late night licence, the life of the local residents, including ourselves, was intolerable. From a personal viewpoint my wife had her rear windscreen broken and I had my car kicked and the wing mirror broken off. We did report both of these incidents to the police. I know that it is difficult for us to actually prove that it was people leaving from the Blues Rock Café, but I do know that we have lived here for forty years next year and had no problems like this before the late night opening of the Blues Rock Café or indeed since it has been closed for late night opening. We were woken every evening that the Blues Rock Café stayed open late along with most of our neighbours, with excessive noise, doors knocked on and doorbells rung.

In your council plan 2013 to 2015 it states as one of your four priorities that you aim is for:-  
A SAFE CLEAN AND GREEN MEDWAY. This is a residential area and it is absolutely unreasonable to have large numbers of revellers roaming about at 1-2 in the morning. How can this be considered a SAFE environment?

There are lots of families here with young children and they were also being disturbed at night. You state that:-

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE THE BEST START IN LIFE IN MEDWAY. Is this really a good start if children are woken and frightened? There are plenty of out-of-town nightclubs in the Medway area to accommodate people who want to be out late.

We have never had problems like this with living near a football club and do not want situations like we had before with the Blues Rock Café, or indeed a new venue offering even more trouble on virtually every day of the week.