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Subject: Medway Rugby Club - Licensing Application - Letter of Representation  
ENQ/23/2859

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in support of Medway Rugby Club's Application to Medway Council to amend and extend the hours of the clubhouse bar, REF ENQ/23/2859.

As residents of \*\*\*\* Priestfields for over 10 years, we live in close proximity to the club, with our rear garden overlooking the pitches. We have never been disturbed by events being held at the club and have no objection to an extension to the hours of the clubhouse bar.

The only time we have ever heard noise from the clubhouse is during the summer when we have had windows open due to the heat, which is no different to general, local neighbourhood noise. The Club is always respectful of its neighbours and we feel that living in close proximity to a sports club is an advantage.

We are aware of the excellent work that Medway Rugby Club do for the local community. As possibly the biggest community sports club in Medway they provide excellent facilities and coaching for adults and children of all genders and abilities. We thoroughly enjoy witnessing the hundreds of children and young people on a Sunday, and during the school holidays, learning to play rugby. When the club has hosted huge festivals and tournaments, local neighbours are informed in advance and all measures are taken to avoid disruption due to the volume of traffic etc. The clubhouse and all surrounding fields are then left in a clean and tidy manner due to the diligence of the club members, it's a pity local dog walkers are not so diligent.

As close neighbours to the MRFC we feel that when the club is open it provides a place of safety and a more pleasant environment for local families and children who may wish to visit the play area or open fields and prevents the likelihood of crime & disorder and public nuisance. We have been disturbed on several occasions, at times when the clubhouse is closed, by groups of youths gathering in the play area/car parks/fields and we are aware that the Police have attended. This type of antisocial gathering does not happen when the clubhouse is open.

So in summary, my wife and I fully support Medway RFC's application to extend their opening hours to help further the club's development.

Regards,

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