

The development would result in the loss of further parking spaces in an already constrained area. The site is located on a junction where space is extremely limited, particularly from Thursdays to Sundays when the fish stall operates, drawing high visitor numbers.

Resulting impacts include:

- Increased congestion
- More unsafe or obstructive parking
- Vehicles being pushed further into residential streets
- Increased noise from cars searching for spaces
- Heightened risks for pedestrians, especially children

These issues present a material and unacceptable impact on highway safety.

6. Opposition to Extended Operating Hours

I strongly oppose any extension to the club's indoor or outdoor operating hours. This is a quiet residential area and wholly unsuitable for increased late-night hospitality activity.

Extended hours would:

- Prolong noise and traffic into the late evening
- Increase disturbance as patrons leave
- Prevent residents from maintaining normal sleep routines
- Further erode residential amenity

Such an extension is incompatible with the character and expectations of the street.

7. Impact on Household Health and Wellbeing

My family includes a one-year-old baby and a daughter with a medical condition where tiredness and disrupted sleep are known triggers for epileptic seizures. Maintaining a quiet and stable night-time environment is essential for her health and safety.

Any late-night noise or outdoor activity that disrupts sleep significantly increases her risk of seizure events. This is not a minor concern but a substantial and material health issue that must be taken into account when considering the impact on vulnerable residents.

8. Visual Impact, Streetscape Harm, and Immediate Proximity to a Main Road

The proposed outdoor area sits only feet away from a main road and would create a significant visual intrusion in what is otherwise a consistent and well-presented residential street.

Key concerns include:

The outdoor seating/smoking area will create an eyesore, breaking the visual uniformity of the street.

Increased clutter, fencing, furniture, and activity will detract from the residential appearance of the surrounding properties.

Outdoor drinking and gathering areas located next to a main road present additional safety risks, including:

- Pedestrians and children being forced to navigate around groups congregating by the roadside
- Higher likelihood of accidents where vehicles, alcohol, and foot traffic mix
- Distraction for drivers at a junction that is already busy and congested
- Increased risk of patrons stepping or staggering into the road, particularly at night

This location is entirely unsuitable for an outdoor drinking or social area from both an aesthetic and safety perspective.

9. Oversight and Management Concerns

Outdoor areas are fundamentally harder to control than indoor spaces. Even with staff monitoring, it is unrealistic to expect full control over noise or behaviour during peak times.

Without strict and enforceable conditions around:

- Hours of operation
- Noise limits
- Amplified sound
- Smoking area management
- Customer congregation controls

the impact on neighbouring residents will be both ongoing and severe.

Conclusion

For all of the reasons outlined above—including the impact on privacy, noise levels, highway safety, visual appearance, extended hours, and the health of vulnerable family members—I believe this proposal would cause a significant and harmful impact on the surrounding residential environment.

I therefore respectfully request that the council refuse this application or require substantial amendments to protect neighbouring residents.

Thank you for considering my objection.

Yours faithfully

Fiona

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From: Craig

Sent: 21 April 2026 09:28

To: Licensing <licensing@gravesham.gov.uk>

Subject: Re Application for a variation Walderslade Social Club, 274 Walderslade Road ME5 0PA

Hi,

I noticed a poster go up about an application for Walderslade social club to:

- Include the outside area to on the premises and
- Extend the trading hours

I live on the road the club sits on, not far from the club, it is already noisy at times until late enough, has a lot of mess left not just at the club but also drunk people coming into drives walking home to urinate and leaving cigarette butts and beer bottles. Also the car park can't accommodate the number of cars already so they park down both sides of chestnut avenue making it really dangerous. As you try to turn from Walderslade road into Chestnut Avenue with cars behind you to find you can't turn into the junction as cars are parked making it single file traffic so you have to brake and cause everyone behind you to also who are

expecting you to turn round the corner. The junction at the club is already dangerous and even worse since a fish stall was added so parked cars block line of sight of oncoming traffic.

To include outside as premises also means more groups of drunk lads hanging outside (less parking space), it will be both noisier and can be intimidating for my daughters walking with groups of drinkers outside in a residential area.

I would like to object to both aspects of this going ahead.

Thank you.

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Craig

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From: Hanna

Sent: 01 April 2026 23:04

To: Licensing <licensing@gravesham.gov.uk>

Subject: Walderslade Social Club Ltd Application

Dear Licensing Team,

I am writing to make a formal representation regarding the application to vary the premises licence for Walderslade Social Club, 274 Walderslade Road, Chatham, ME5 0PA.

I live XXXXXXXX the premises and wish to raise concerns about the proposed inclusion of the outside area as part of the licensed premises and the extension of trading hours.

As a resident xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, I am particularly concerned about the potential impact on my privacy and quality of life. If the outside area is used by patrons, there is a risk that people will be congregating directly opposite my home. This could result in individuals looking into or towards my windows, which would be intrusive and uncomfortable, especially during evening hours when lights inside homes are on.

I am also concerned that the use of an outdoor area combined with extended trading hours may lead to increased noise from conversations, raised voices, and people arriving or leaving the premises late at night. As this is a residential area, such disturbance could significantly affect residents' ability to peacefully enjoy their homes.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that the licensing authority carefully consider the potential impact on nearby residents, particularly regarding noise, disturbance, and loss of privacy.

Thank you for taking my concerns into account.

Regards,

Hanna