

From: Cliff

Sent: 16 July 2026 21:12

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

Subject: The Cricketers Public House , Sturdee Avenue , Gillingham ME7

Application for the Variation of a Premises Licence

To the licensing team

I am lodging a formal complaint against the extension of hours that the Cricketers pub is applying for, their address 40 Sturdee Avenue, Gillingham. It is currently operating outside their hours already and the noise and music that is played is so loud you can feel the bass in my residence, I know I don't live adjacent to the business but am only just offset behind the pubs garden rear fence.

My complaint is under the following licensing objectives:

- Public Safety
- The Prevention of Public Nuisance

I live at ***** and would appreciate your consideration for my grievance

Regards

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From: Mrs McCoy-Beer

Sent: 16 July 2026 01:55

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

Subject: Representation Objecting to Premises Licence Variation – The Cricketers, 40 Sturdee Avenue, Gillingham

Dear Licensing Team,

I am writing as a local resident to lodge a formal objection to the current premises licence variation application for The Cricketers, 40 Sturdee Avenue, Gillingham, and to report what I consider to be an ongoing public nuisance.

My property is located at *****, approximately **120 metres** from The Cricketers. Although my home is not immediately adjacent to the premises, I continue to experience significant disturbance from amplified music, heavy bass vibrations and customers leaving the venue late at night.

I am objecting under two of the licensing objectives:

- The Prevention of Public Nuisance

- Public Safety

Prevention of Public Nuisance – Ongoing Late-Night Noise

This is not an isolated incident. Over recent weeks, the venue has regularly hosted live and amplified music events that have continued late into the night, causing repeated disturbance to local residents.

Most recently, amplified music continued until approximately **1:30am**. Despite having all the windows in my home closed, the music and heavy bass vibrations travelled to my property and could be heard clearly inside my home, causing significant disturbance and loss of sleep.

With the recent warm weather, residents should reasonably be able to enjoy their homes with windows open during the evening and overnight. Instead, I have found it necessary to keep my windows closed in an attempt to reduce the level of noise entering my home. Even with the windows closed, the music and bass remain clearly audible.

The fact that these disturbances can still be experienced from approximately **120 metres** away demonstrates that the impact extends well beyond the properties immediately neighbouring the premises.

Prevention of Public Nuisance – Patron Dispersal

The disruption does not end when the music stops. At around **1:30am**, large groups of customers leave the premises talking loudly, shouting and making excessive noise as they make their way through the surrounding residential streets to their vehicles.

The repeated slamming of car doors, engines starting and loud conversations in the street create further disturbance at a time when residents should reasonably expect peace and quiet. This significantly prolongs the disruption after the entertainment has ended.

Public Safety and Prevention of Public Nuisance – Parking Congestion

Following the loss of the pub's dedicated car park, customer vehicles regularly fill Carlton Avenue during these events. The road is already heavily congested, and the additional traffic places considerable strain on the surrounding residential streets.

During a recent event, I observed a pub customer parking in a neighbour's clearly designated disabled parking bay. This demonstrates the impact these events are having on local residents and highlights that the surrounding street infrastructure is not suitable to accommodate the volume of vehicles generated by late-night entertainment.

For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully urge the Licensing Committee to refuse the application to extend the premises licence. I also request that the Council

investigates the ongoing late-night noise associated with the premises and considers whether additional licence conditions or enforcement action are necessary to prevent further disturbance to local residents.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my objection. I would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this representation and confirm that it has been recorded as part of the consultation for this application.

Kind regards,

Mrs McCoy-Beer

From: Ellen Mcdowall

Sent: 15 July 2026 18:25

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

Subject: Formal objection to the changes in hours and outside area of the Cricketers Pub, Sturdee Avenue, Gillingham, ME7 2JR

I am formally objecting to the extension of the sale of alcohol and all regulated entertainment hours at the Cricketers pub. As well as to the extension of the licensable area of the Cricketers Pub for the use of an outside bar.

The Cricketers pub is in a residential area surrounded on all sides by housing. The current licensing regulations already cause disruption with music playing, people shouting, screeching, cars/vans parking dangerously on pavements blocking the zebra crossing and an increase in rubbish due to broken glass, empty bottles/cans as well as discarded plastic cups in the surrounding area. We have already experienced the disruption extended hours can cause due to the later hours during the World Cup which has exacerbated the previously mentioned points.

To illustrate these points this is a brief snapshot of these issues we have had since the notice for the extension was placed:

28th/29th June 12.20am - shouting/arguing which was peaking at 70 decibels. This led to the fight outside the pub and the police were called. This noise of people shouting and screeching continued until the early hours. It was a hot night due to the heatwave and the windows needed to be left open causing a very disturbed night's sleep.

1st July 7.20pm - 12.20am people shouting, music, loud noises peaking at 63 - 75 decibels. The noise continued throughout the night until the early hours as people left the pub and walked past the houses. Again, this was a very hot night but the windows had to be closed to reduce the noise so that my family could sleep.

3rd/4th July 10.30 pm groups shouting/talking loudly.
3am drunk group screaming and shouting

6th/7th July - music loudly playing/shouting/girls screeching/cheering/singing this continued to the early hours reaching 59 - 66 decibels.
3.30am couple shouting abuse at each other about returning to the pub
4 am noise was at 61 decibels.

These are just a few of the incidents that have occurred. They do happen regularly and we have photos/ring doorbell evidence if this is required. These objections relate to the Cricketers Pub, Sturdee Avenue, Gillingham, ME7 2JR.

I would like these points taken into consideration when the licensing is reviewed. I understand that we live near a pub and that will come with some issues around noise and disruption. However, recently in the past few months this is the worst it has ever been. I think that an extension of hours and space would be unfair to people who live in the vicinity and would be unreasonable for people who need to get up early for work after a disturbed night's sleep.

Yours faithfully
Ellen McDowall

From: Lou Letchford
Sent: 16 July 2026 22:05
To: Licensing <licensing@gravesham.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to Premises License Variation, The Cricketers 40 Sturdee Avenue Gillingham

Dear Sir/Madam

I am a local resident residing at ***** the road directly behind the Cricketers.

The recent noise omitted from the above premises until the early hours of the morning must be seen as a public nuisance and cannot be allowed to become a regular occurrence.

The pub is located in a residential area and disrupts the sleep of local residents with loud music in the garden of the establishment. This then spills over on to our street with noisy inconsiderate patrons leaving the pub.

I therefore object to the increase in opening hours and the opening of a bar in the garden serving in the evening, which will affect our standard of living.

I support the local pub, but do not feel due to its location extended hours should be allowed. I look to outdoor music events such as at Rochester Castle which typically finish by 10:00 PM which I understand is due to local council curfews. I feel the residents should be shown the same consideration.

Kind regards

Louise and James Letchford

From: shannon bergman

Sent: 08 July 2026 06:58

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

Subject: Objection to Licensing Application: The Cricketers, Gillingham (ME7 2JR)

Gravesham and Medway Shared Licensing Service Civic Centre

Windmill Street

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Kent DA12 1AU

Dear Licensing Team,

I am writing to formally object to the application submitted by The Cricketers, Sturdee Avenue, Gillingham ME7 2JR, seeking to extend its licensing hours and install an outdoor bar. As a local resident, I am directly affected by the operation of these premises.

My objection is made under the statutory licensing objective of **The Prevention of Public Nuisance**.

The proposed extension—allowing alcohol sales and late-night refreshment until 00:00 Sunday to Wednesday and 01:00 Thursday to Saturday—would cause significant and unacceptable disturbance within what is otherwise a quiet residential neighbourhood.

Recent activity at the premises already demonstrates a total disregard for residents and existing licensing conditions. Despite a listed closing time of 23:00, on Tuesday 7 July the pub was playing loud outdoor music and patrons remained in the beer garden until nearly midnight.

A more flagrant disregard for the impact of the pub's business on residents occurred during the England vs Mexico World Cup match on the night of 5–6 July. Although the Prime Minister extended pub operating hours nationally for the scheduled 1:00 AM kick-off, severe weather in Mexico delayed the match until 2:00 AM UK time. Instead of screening the game indoors to minimise noise disruption, the management chose to screen it on an outdoor large screen television. Due to the extreme heat, residents had no choice but to keep windows open during the night. The loud commentary and cheering continued into the early hours of Monday morning, making sleep impossible.

Granting an official extension would legitimise this pattern of disruptive behaviour and push noise and disturbance even later into the night, at times when residents are entitled to quiet enjoyment of their homes.

Customer dispersal from the premises is already a major source of nuisance. Intoxicated patrons frequently leave the pub arguing, shouting, and engaging in rowdy behaviour along Sturdee Avenue and surrounding residential roads.

A residential street is wholly unsuitable for a late-night drinking venue. It is unreasonable for local residents—including families with young children and shift workers—to endure additional hours of nightly disruption so the operator may increase profits at the expense of community wellbeing.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the Licensing Committee to **reject this application in its entirety** in order to uphold the licensing objective of preventing public nuisance.

Please keep me informed of the date and details of the hearing regarding this application.

Yours faithfully,

Shannon Bergman

Representation includes 'Whatsapp Video Footage 1 and 2'

From:

Sent: 15 July 2026 10:31

To: Licensing

Subject: Ref: Objection to Licencing application for Cricketers pub Gillingham.

Objection to the change of Licencing conditions for : The Cricketers. Sturdee Avenue, Gillingham, Kent. ME7.

Dear Sirs,

This email has been sent from my brother in laws email address. He has given his permission to use this for sending and receiving emails in relation to dealing with this objection only.

We think it is important for the Committee to know that there has only been one public notice displayed on the pub sign post ever since this application has been active. More importantly, someone has parked a car blocking the reading of this notice ever since it has been erected making it impossible for some to read!

I am writing on behalf of my husband and I.

We are both pensioners, I am 69, my husband is 77, he suffers from several serious medical conditions which he needs peaceful bed rest.

There has been a good number of complaints to the pub over many years mainly over disturbance from rowdy customers, loud music and problems with customers leaving. Complaints are always ignored, never seem to be actioned. In fact it has now reached a level where local residents will make further complaints directly to the Police as it is pointless reporting to the pub as all they seem to be interested in is hitting their sales targets.

A number of years ago the pub applied to Medway Council for an extension to their serving hours. The public hearing was met with huge objection from the local affected community. Many residents attended, some addressed the committee in person. The pub asked for their licence to be extended for a trial period of one year. After reading the objections and hearing from the residents, they refused their application. They told them to reapply in a years time where they would have time to prove to the community

that they could run an orderly house and be confident of a much reduced level of objections if any at all. To my knowledge they never made another application.

This current application will be much worse for the community than the previous one that was refused. Currently there are loud speakers placed in the beer garden connected to any live bands and Discos they are holding. The outside bar as well and the indoor bar will potentially attract many more customers both indoor and outdoor bringing an increased level of noise nuisance and public order problems. In addition to this, it will cause even greater parking problems. They have recently sold their car park for housing use. Medway Council are planning to place double yellow lines along both sides of Sturdee Avenue with an estimated loss of 133 parking places. With the exception of two or three parking places with no legal provision of access the pub has no parking for anyone. The customers and delivery vehicles regularly drive across the public foot path to park outside the pub. There is no dropped kerb and has caused excessive damage to the public walking surface of which some people including my nephew have tripped and suffered injury. We have had to endure extended opening times during the World Cup which has been bad enough. In Fact, on the morning of the 6th July 2026 their customers were stood outside the pub still drinking at around 7am. I was told this by a local shop worker who passed them on her way to work. During this same extended opening period I was told that a customer was glassed twice in the face. This was attended by Paramedics and the Police. The Sturdee Avenue Social Club was open late for this football match. They managed to be clear of staff and customers by 04:30!

We dread to think what we will be forced to put up with should this application be granted!

We implore you to refuse this application in any form.

Please feel free to make contact at any time in relation to this matter. Could you let me know asap where any opportunity to publicly address the committee will be.

Mrs W Page. Mr J Page.

From:

Sent: 16 July 2026 17:19

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

Subject: Re: Ref: Objection to Licencing application for Cricketers pub Gillingham.

Objection to the change of Licencing conditions for : The Cricketers. Sturdee Avenue, Gillingham, Kent. ME7.

Dear Sirs,

This email has been sent from my brother in laws email address. He has given his permission to use this for sending and receiving emails in relation to dealing with this objection only.

Supplementary information.

In addition to our original letter of objection we now have to add detail of serious disturbances in the early hours of this morning!

At approximately 00:45 we found it necessary to make a report to the Police via 101, the crime number is 16/0058. We were woken by an extremely a large group of people drinking outside, loud music, shouting, singing and people running up and down past our house whilst shouting at each other. It was so loud the lady on 101 could hear it down the phone, she advised us to lock ourselves in our home!

Soon after, between 01:00 and 01:15 the disturbance escalated to such an extent we felt the need to call 101 again, someone else obviously beat us to it as two Police riot vans arrived.

The customers were completely out of control.

The pub eventually fell in to darkness at around 03:00.

There was the England v Argentina match taking place on the evening of the 15-07-2026 that ended at around 22:00. There was absolutely no need for them to be open beyond normal closing time of 23:00.

We find it quite astonishing that a Brewery and their relatively new manager in place are happy to openly display a complete disregard for the Licencing Laws of which are governed by and a total lack of respect for the local community. They clearly have no ability or desire to abide by their existing Licencing conditions so is fair to say they will not adhere to any future ones.

It is amazing to see them behaving like this at anytime especially when the have this current application in place and know the the eyes of the Licencing Dept, the Police and the local community are watching their every move!!! One would expect to be on their best behaviour, but clearly not! This proves what they are really like and demonstrates what we should expect if the Committee allows their application.

Please do not approve any part of their Application.

If you require any further information please feel free to contact us.

Regards,

Mrs W Page and Mr J Page.

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16 JUL 2026

Email [REDACTED]
Telephone 07831 643822

Objection to the proposed Extension of the Cricketers Public House licence

I am writing to strongly object to the application by the Cricketers Public House on Sturclew Avenue Gillingham Kent to extend its licence until 1am.

This proposal would have significant impact on those of us who live in this residential area. We already experience excessive noise from the pub garden on many occasions throughout the week with music continuing late into the night.

It is also common for customers to remain on the premises after the expected closing time.

When customers leave the premises there is often shouting screaming and loud conversations causing further disturbance to nearby residents.

Extending the licence until
 1am would have a detrimental
 effect on our quality of life.

I respectfully ask the licensing
 Committee to refuse this application
 and to give proper consideration to
 the Wellbeing of the residents
 who live here and already are
 effected by the noise and
 disturbance.

Thankyou for taking your
 time to consider the objection

Yours faithfully

Mrs Kumar
 Resident of Sturdee Ave for
 over 27 years.

From: brog mc

Sent: 16 July 2026 18:38

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

Subject: The cricketers pub opening hours

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to oppose the new opening times for the cricketers pub. I believe that the hours set already are late enough that people can enjoy their time, without causing a nuisance.

Having lived opposite the pub for 30 years, we've never had much of a problem as we have in the last 6 months. Having put tables and umbrellas outside the pub just invites unnecessary rubbish, glasses and bottles (mostly smashed) littered in front of the pub but also in surrounding streets. We've had to clear smashed glass outside our own home, outside the shop, across our road, and surround streets which the pub owners have never cleared up. This makes our area look disgusting and invites vermin and can cause harm to dog walkers (like myself) and children who walk to school.

Because of this we've had an influx of people who think it's acceptable to sit on our brick fencing of our front garden and lean on our cars, drinking and smoking. In my opinion, they should not be allowed any drinks outside the front of the pub and keep it to the pub garden.

More often than not, at the end of the night there is a brawl / fight which ends up with police being called. Just last night there was an incident at 1.10am, where police and ambulances were called as men were fighting with glass bottles, that they had from the pub. We were up until 3am because of this disturbance, and if you were to allow them to open later this will still continue to happen just later into the morning.

Not only are the above a problem, but the sheer volume of the pub is beyond a joke. At 11.53 the volume of the music (which kept getting louder) kept me and my household awake most of the night, I can't bare to think how much longer we'd be awake if you allow them to open longer. Like us, most of our neighbours & surrounding roads are working people, this cannot continue.

The parking has become a real problem as of late, as you can see in attached photos, most days cars will block access to crossing the road, will park on double yellow lines, on the pavement, block driveways to go to the pub. How are disabled people, parents with push chairs, people with mobility issues meant to cross the road? This is unfair.

I implore you to think about us, the residents that live in the surrounding area of this pub and how this will affect us and our daily lives. This has never been a problem before, but between the antisocial behaviour, the amount of rubbish and broken glass that the owners never clear up, the loudness of the pub and its customers, it's very evident that the new pub owners and its colleagues do not care about the local community at all.

I will attach files to this email to show you a fraction of what we have to endure.

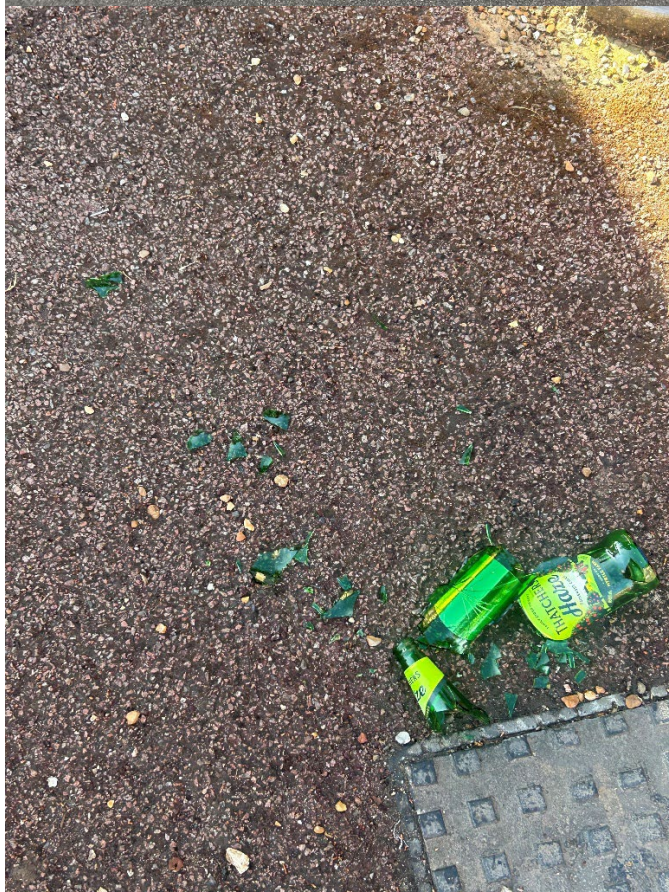
Thank you

Brogan Marie

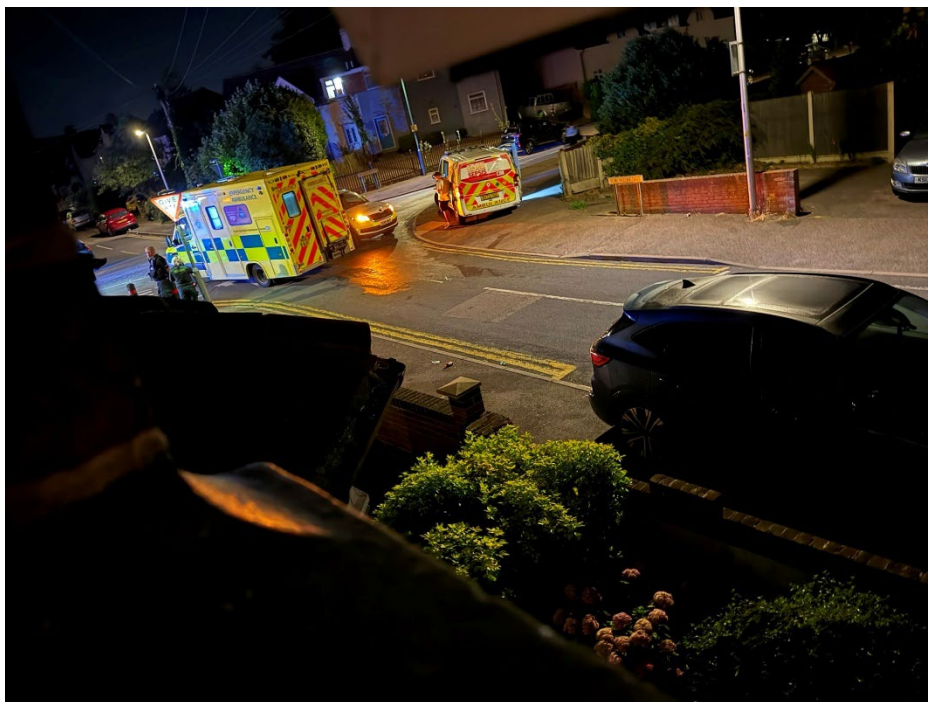
Resident on Toronto Road

Representation includes 'BM Video Footage 1 to 4'









From: Gina Gordon
Sent: 12 July 2026 21:08
To: Licensing <licensing@gravesham.gov.uk>
Subject: Cricketers Sturdee Avenue Gillingham

Dear Licensing Team,

I am writing to formally object to the application to extend the licensing hours of the cricketers on Sturdee Avenue, Gillingham.

As a resident living extremely close to the premises, I already experience significant disruption from the pub's current operating hours. Extending these hours would have a considerable negative impact on my family's quality of life.

The existing problems include excessive noise from customers gathering outside, shouting, loud conversations, and people leaving the premises late at night. We also regularly witness anti-social behaviour, including suspected drug use in the surrounding area. In addition, helium canisters from customers doing balloons and broken glasses/bottles are frequently left behind, creating an untidy environment and requiring local residents to deal with the aftermath.

I have children who are regularly disturbed by the noise, particularly during the evenings, affecting their ability to sleep. We also have a dog that becomes distressed by the shouting, noise, and activity outside, especially late at night.

One of the licensing objectives is the prevention of public nuisance. In my view, extending the pub's opening hours would increase the level of disturbance already experienced by nearby residents and would not promote this objective. I am also concerned that later opening hours could lead to an increase in anti-social behaviour and further disturbance within this residential area.

I respectfully ask the Licensing Committee to take into account the impact on local residents and refuse the application for extended licensing hours.

Thank you for considering my objection.

Yours faithfully,
Georgina Gardner
A Toronto road resident

From: ailish mcdowall

Sent: 17 July 2026 22:51

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

Subject: Rejection of cricketers pub, Gillingham, application for the variation of premise license

Dear Licensing Team,

I am writing to formally object to the application by The Cricketers Pub, Gillingham, ME7 2JR, for a variation to its premises license, to increase licensable area, hours and any additional conditions.

The pub is located in a highly residential area, close to multiple schools and surrounded by houses and the current closing times already have a significant impact on those living nearby. Extending the premises hours would further increase disturbance and have a detrimental effect on residents' quality of life, particularly those who need to get up early for work or school as on multiple occasions we have been kept up late at night due to noise from the pub, at its current opening hours.

One recent example occurred during the extended licensing hours for the football on 3 July. Customers leaving the pub were repeatedly shouting and screaming outside until around 3:00am. This made it impossible to sleep and demonstrated the level of disruption that later opening hours can cause.

Additional example was the late hour on 15/16th July, where pub goers were fighting in the streets, rioting, shouting and arguing until nearly 2am. Music/entertainment from the pub was extremely loud, much louder than normal. The fights were so extreme that multiple ambulances had to be called at 1am. I fear that this is a demonstration of the lack of ability to manage their customers behaviour upon exiting their venue, risking the safety of the residents, pub goers, local property and safety of streets with the large volume of broken glass in the aftermath. This is an example, but is not the only time similar occurrences have happened.

The issues experienced by local residents already include:

- Loud shouting, screaming, swearing, arguments and conversations outside the premises late at night.
- Doors slamming, glasses being smashed/thrown and other noise from customers leaving the pub, often continuing long after the premises has closed.
- Loud music that can be heard from streets some distance away from the pub.
- A lack of effective management of customers as they leave the premises, with no apparent effort to minimise noise or encourage people to leave quietly.
- Concerns for the safety of our cars parked close by to the pub.
- Vehicles associated with the pub parking on pavements outside the pub, blocking footpaths and obstructing the line of sight at the nearby zebra crossing, creating safety concerns.
- Broken glass regularly left on surrounding streets, creating a hazard for pedestrians, cyclists and pets.
- Ongoing sleep disturbance caused by late-night noise from customers.

I also have evidence of some of these disturbances, including shouting, loud conversations, arguments should you want to see this. I have attached a few for you to see.

In my view, granting an extension to the premises hours would undermine the licensing objectives, particularly the prevention of public nuisance and the prevention of crime and disorder. The current operating hours already have a considerable impact on nearby residents, and extending them would only worsen the existing problems. For these reasons, I respectfully ask that the application to extend the premises hours be refused.

Thank you for taking my representation into account.

I am happy for this email to be forwarded if required.

Kind regards,

Ailish McDowall

Representation includes 'AM Video Footage'



APPENDIX E



From: Birju Patel

Sent: 16 July 2026 22:01

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

Subject: Representation Objecting to the Application to Extend the Opening Hours of The Cricketers (Sturdee Avenue, Gillingham, Kent)

Dear Licensing Authority,

I am writing to make a formal representation objecting to the application by The Cricketers to extend its opening hours.

I live in close proximity to the premises, and my family and I are already significantly affected by the operation of the pub under its current licence. In my view, extending the opening hours would undermine the licensing objectives, particularly the prevention of public nuisance and, to some extent, the prevention of crime and disorder.

The main issues we experience are:

- Loud amplified music from the premises, which can clearly be heard inside our home, particularly during the evening and at night. We can hear the songs word for word, even from the back of the house. This includes when they have bands, DJs and karaoke. It's just too loud.
- Customers congregating outside the pub, and in the beer garden creating excessive noise through shouting, laughing and general disturbance.
- Drunken patrons leaving the venue late at night, often shouting, swearing, arguing and behaving in a manner that disturbs nearby residents. The amount of times we've seen the police having to deal with awful behaviour and fights is beyond belief and I worry for the safety of my family. Just this morning there were broken bottles on the street on the way to school which were left by people who had left the pub and proceeded to fight on the street. Children should not have to tip toe around glass alcohol bottles left broken on the footpath.

These issues already have a considerable impact on our daily lives. I have young children, and the noise regularly disrupts their sleep and affects their ability to settle at night. As a family living close to the premises, we should be able to enjoy our home without repeated late-night disturbance. Extending the opening/ licencing hours would inevitably prolong the period during which these disturbances occur and would have an even greater impact on our family's wellbeing.

While I appreciate the importance of local businesses, I believe the interests of nearby residents must also be protected. The current level of disturbance is already unacceptable, and allowing the premises to remain open later would only increase the noise and anti-social behaviour experienced by those living nearby.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the Licensing Committee to refuse the application to extend the premises' opening hours. I further request that robust conditions be imposed to minimise the impact on local residents, including effective management of customers leaving the premises, limiting the noise levels and the sound of their speakers so it doesn't disturb neighbours and regular monitoring of the area outside the pub to discourage anti-social behaviour.

Thank you for considering my representation.

Yours faithfully,
Birju Patel