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From: Andi B

Sent: 03 May 2026 16:23

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

Subject: Objection to variation of licence for Chatham football club.

Good afternoon

OBJECTION TO THE ABOVE APPLICATION

I am contacting you with regard to the above application being made by the football with an application to the variation to their alcohol licence.

I am a resident who lives XXXXX of the club and am extremely concerned about any variation to their licence.

The variation is to:

Add consumption off the premises to the licence

and

Add 2 external pop-up bars to the outside area.

My concern is that this variation would further exacerbate the excessive noise and anti social behaviour that comes from the ground on both training and match days. Previously pop up bars and food trucks have been in place inside the football club using generators that were so loud my whole house was vibrating and were used beyond times agreed. When I asked for this to be turned off I was followed out of the club by a drunk person who attacked me in the car park and police had to be called.

This would also attract yet more people to the club which has outgrown its current site and needs to find an alternative location. The worst noise is after serving time ends when all the fights and trouble starts and the security staff leave at that time rather than when they are needed most. This includes people shouting, drug taking, dropping all their litter for up to an hour after time while they hang around for taxis etc. Should this application be granted I would hope the coverage of their security is improved and must include moving people away from our street. We have a right to not be constantly be woken up.

Additional noise will also come from rubbish disposal. The bar love to dispose of all their glass bottles at 2am waking us all up without any consideration.

It would also further expose underage children to the exposure of drunk individuals and the risk of underage drinking. My concern is also to individuals who would be

able to access the consumption off the licence area to drink driving. I have witnessed on many occasions individuals leaving the football ground with alcohol in hand (albeit in plastic cups) which are then discarded within the road further adding to littering within our residential area.

I have also witnessed on many occasions drunk individuals urinating in the bushes outside the football ground in full view of underage children during daylight hours.

I therefore strongly object to any variation to the licence as I feel this would encourage more littering, antisocial behaviour, exposure of underage children to alcohol and therefore increased risk of underage drinking, exposure to underage children to more drunk individuals if there are more areas to purchase alcohol, that individuals feel it would be more acceptable to take alcohol outside of the ground into the residential area, residents would be more exposed to drunk individuals leaving the ground and therefore exposing not just residents but families enjoying the park area, littering would increase and the noise volume would also increase.

With regards

Andi

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From Lizzie

Sent: 07 May 2026 14:08

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

Subject: VARIATION TO ALCOHOL LICENCE - CHATHAM TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

Dear Mr Fazio

Many thanks for your email and attachments.

As requested I give permission to lodge my objections in relation to the above licence application.

My objections are as follows:

I strongly object to the proposed variation of the licence because I believe it would significantly worsen the existing problems of noise, littering, antisocial behaviour, and alcohol-related disorder already experienced by residents living near the ground. The football ground is located within a residential area and close to a public park regularly used by families and children. Expanding the availability of alcohol, including off-sales, would inevitably increase the impact on local residents and public safety.

On both match days and event days, the level of disturbance from the ground is already excessive. Supporters and guests leaving the premises late at night frequently create significant noise through shouting, swearing, arguments, and disorderly behaviour. On many occasions over the years I have been woken during the night by intoxicated individuals gathering outside the ground and along nearby residential roads. While the club may state that notices are displayed requesting patrons to leave quietly, these requests are unrealistic and ineffective once individuals are intoxicated.

I have also personally witnessed individuals leaving the football ground carrying alcohol in plastic cups. These cups are often discarded in surrounding residential streets, particularly along Bournville Avenue, increasing litter within the neighbourhood and nearby family park areas. This demonstrates that alcohol is already being consumed beyond the immediate premises and adding a variation to the alcohol licence would likely worsen this issue.

Following the game held on Saturday 4 May 2026, I observed several supporters leaving the ground carrying pints in plastic cups. A number of these cups were discarded along Bournville Avenue and remained there until they were later collected by a member of the public and placed in a bin. During the same period, I also witnessed three male supporters urinating openly in bushes along Bournville Avenue without attempting to conceal themselves. This behaviour was visible to anyone passing by, including children and families. Unfortunately, this is not an isolated occurrence but behaviour that residents regularly experience after matches and events.

I am also deeply concerned about the impact this variation would have on children and young people in the area. Increasing the number of locations and opportunities to purchase alcohol at the ground would expose underage children more frequently to intoxicated behaviour, public urination, foul language, and alcohol consumption in public spaces. This normalises excessive drinking behaviour within a family residential environment and increases the risk of underage drinking and alcohol-related antisocial behaviour.

Allowing off-sales of alcohol would create additional problems because patrons would be more likely to take alcohol away from the premises into nearby streets and park areas. This would increase littering, noise, and disorder within spaces regularly used by local families. Residents should not have to deal with discarded cups, alcohol-related behaviour, and public nuisance in what should be a safe residential environment.

I also question whether there is any genuine need for an additional off-licence facility at the ground. There are already several established retailers selling alcohol within a short walking distance of the premises, including the Co-op, the M&S garage, and the Premier Food Store, with a new Aldi store also due to open later this year. Given the number of existing outlets already serving the area, there is no clear justification for granting further off-sales capacity at the football ground.

For these reasons, I believe the proposed licence variation would undermine the licensing objectives relating to the prevention of crime and disorder, prevention of public nuisance, and protection of children from harm. I therefore strongly urge the licensing authority to refuse the application.

With regards

Lizzie

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From: Steve>

Sent: 18 May 2026 17:57

To: Franco De Fazio <franco.defazio@gravesham.gov.uk>

Subject: Variation to Chatham FC alcohol licence

Dear all,

Although the request is slightly ambiguous, the request to sell alcohol off the premises in specific areas is understandable if it is to ease pressure on the main bar at football games ,as from experience at other clubs I've been to this leads to a more pleasant experience for the public . The worry comes if Chatham FC want to use these outside areas to sell alcohol outside with the same opening times as their current bar hours. Upto 11pm Mon to Thursday & Midnight Friday to Sunday . This would lead outside drinking late into the night, loud disturbance for already beleaguered Residents !!! It would become a Beer Garden. The community is suffering enough from accessive noise upto7days a week as it is ! This variation would make matters worse. The Club sell alcohol for people to consume of the premises already , is this a licensing breach already?

The licence conditions are already being ignored drink should not be allowed to be taken off the premises into the car park and residential areas yet plastic beer glasses are evident and no Marshalling is being implemented. The Club are not taking this seriously!

In my opinion, the Club should be promoting sport not an alcohol culture. Many young children are present at these events , it is not going to lead to a safe environment if drinking is a priority! Please consider this constructive objection. This club is breaking up a local community as people and friends have moved out after decades of living here because of the relentless disruption.

Regards

Steven

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From: mike

Sent: 21 May 2026 17:01

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

Cc: Ang

Subject: LICENSING APPLICATION CHATHAM TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

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Dear sir/madam,

I am writing to send an objection to the variation to alcohol licence for Chatham Town Football club.

We are residents who live close to the Maidstone Road Sports which Medway council currently lease part of to Chatham Town Football Club. The club already causes a number of issues for local residents with regular noise into the evenings, light pollution, anti-social behaviour and car parking congestion as the club has outgrown its current premises in the middle of a residential area.

The club already has a bar that is enclosed, but there seems to be a lack of controls in place, with attendees leaving the premises with alcohol, urinating in public and general disruption to the local residents. To add to this the current location is also in part of the Maidstone Road sports ground which is used by families and children which we would not want further exposed to lewd behaviour.

The ground does not have any park & ride scheme, and instead relies on attendees driving to the ground, which could potentially increase the likelihood of drink driving in areas where children often play. In addition, the club restrict control of public parking in the sports ground's car park, leading to more individuals parking on roads surrounding the grounds.

There already seems to be a second bar at the opposite end of the main bar, and can see no logical reason for wishing to increase alcohol consumption in new areas close to children, and would rather

support local public houses in the areas that have a history of being well managed and control inappropriate behaviour.

Kind regards

Mike & Angela