

# APPENDIX I

Dear Andrea

I would like to reply to Mr. Walker's representation.

The extended opening hours that Mr. Walker mentions in his letter are only for bank holidays and New Year's Eve and I wonder if Mr. Walker is aware of this. His letter gives the impression that we have applied to extend the existing hours of the club opening times which is not the case.

Mr. Walker has also said that the door is left open between the music room and smoking area which is not true as especially in the current time of year the club would soon become cold through loss of heat. The club is however going to install an inner door to create an area to keep the heat in that in turn will reduce noise pollution.

Although we have removed the bench seating from the smoking area we have left a few seats to accommodate at least two disabled members (one of who uses a mobility scooter ) neither of who can stand for any length of time.

Members do not take their drinks into the smoking area as this is a condition put on our license and both the committee and staff are consistent in not allowing this to happen at any time.

Mr. Walker has also said that members sit outside listening to music which is not true as it can hardly be heard except momentarily when the door is open for people to enter or leave the smoking area.

I fail to see that extending the opening times by one hour on bank holidays will increase the amount of drunks which Mr. Walker appears to attribute totally to the club being in the area. As for people being drunk, laying on the ground drinking cans of beer outside the club is a total figment of his imagination. If this was the case I'm sure Mr. Walker would have called the authorities. I would like to add the club do not in fact have permission to sell alcohol to take away and do not sell beer in cans either. The only drink sold in cans at the club are soft drinks.

There are often committee members and staff members reminding customers to leave in an orderly manner as well as notices reminding them to be considerate to our neighbours. We also have a door that is operated by card so members can enter the premises.

Mr. Walker has stated that the club has not complied with the council regulations, but I feel the club has spent money and have put policies in place to comply with restrictions put on our license. The club have been open to suggestions to take measures to remedy these matters further if possible and would prefer to negotiate an amicable resolution to problems.

Yours Sincerely

Sarah Jenvey (club secretary)