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To: [DCAdmin](#)
Subject: Objection - Dewsbury rams
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Good Morning,

I would like to strongly object against the above planning application, which has asked to discharge condition 40 on previous permission 2015/90201.

I have, along with other residents that are affected by this pitch usage been dealing with the councils environmental health department regarding the noise and light problems that are caused by the heavy usage of this 3g pitch since early 2017. I was informed when I first came to view my property that the area immediately behind my house would eventually become a practice training pitch for the Dewsbury Rams rugby team and used 2/3 times per week for a couple of hours at a time and possibly Saturday mornings, this I did not have a problem with as the plans I was shown had the pitch built a fair distance away from the house with nice walkways/cycle paths built along with trees planted around the perimeter. The pitch has been built a lot closer to the properties than it should have been and we are still awaiting the trees and landscaping to materialise. I was also told that the original plans they had submitted were to build 2 x muga pitches on that site instead of the training pitch, but due to the close proximity to a residential development and the anticipated noise and heavy evening usage the planning department had made them move the planned muga pitches right to the other side of the stadium to alleviate the disturbance to residents.

List of my objections

1. Used for sports that it was not intended for.

This pitch at times is used for 3/4 games of 5 a side football so in affect this is actually more noise and disturbance than 2 mugas would have been, due to it being used in the manner it is means that there are no safety nets along the side of the pitch (as the pitch has only been set up with nets behind the rugby posts as it was only intended to be for rugby) which means on far too many occasions I have footballs hitting the windows of my property and landing in my garden.

2. Detriment to my health and wellbeing.

I was hit with a ball whilst trying to relax in my garden in the summer (2018) after a long day at work, but I no longer use my garden due to what happened as it has made me wary of getting an injury plus the fact I cannot relax as the noise that the pitch users create is so loud and the disgusting language that is clear for all to hear means that I can no longer use or enjoy my own property or garden this in turn is having a detrimental affect on my health and wellbeing as I have to keep the windows closed all through the summer (meaning my house is stifling hot) and can no longer sit

out and relax in my garden due to the noise levels. I have been in bed asleep on a few occasions at just past 10 pm and have had men banging on my door asking for their balls back and on 2 occasions I have caught men climbing over the fence to retrieve their footballs, once the men were quite confrontational and I felt scared and threatened to call the police, s

We as residents have had to put up with full blown football matches all day Saturday complete with fans cheering, shouting, swearing and using the back fence as a toilet (urinating against it) they leave beer bottles and litter behind. On Saturday mornings when you should be able to have a lie in after a week of getting up at 4.30/5 am for work you are woken to the sound of whistles been blown and 15/20 men shouting sometimes as early as 7.40 am. The users of the pitch think it's fun to blast their car horns at each other once they are leaving the premises at 9.45/10 pm. I am often woken by this which then in turn leads to another disturbed nights sleep. 9.30/10pm finish is far too late next to residential properties, as a lot of my neighbours have children and have said that their children struggle to get to sleep and when they do manage to get to sleep they are constantly woken due to whistles blowing men shouting and car horns blaring. This does have an effect on the children who have to get up and go to school tired through disturbed sleep as I had my Granddaughter stay with me

and the only nights she managed to get to sleep early was Saturday and Sunday but was then woken on Saturday at 07.50am with the Rams on the pitch and Sunday at 05.25am with people blasting theirs horns due to queueing to get in the Rams for the carboot sale, so you see this is 7 days a week for us residents.

3.Proposed hours of use.

The proposed hours of use are far too late we have in the 3 years of this pitch been in use very rarely had a night where it has finished earlier than 9.40pm and then the flood lights (all 6 of them) are still left on until 10pm. We have complained to and had meetings with regarding limiting the usage to a reasonable time but to no avail,

I do believe that The Dewsbury Rams are putting profit before people, so if the Rams are allowed to have exactly what they are asking for in terms of times it will mean even more disturbance for us poor residents as they do not stick to the times now, they agreed to not rent the pitch out before 9am sat or sun but they get round that by putting the Rams on at 7.45 am for their training session and when we questioned this the response was we agreed not to rent it out before 9am and we are not renting it out as it's our own team training on there!!

Conclusion

Whilst I understand that I live next door to a Rugby club I feel that the problems we as residents are forced to endure are not all rugby related, the Dewsbury Rams do actually train on that pitch about 1/1.5 hours 3/4 times a week and on Saturday mornings and that I could live with, but commercially the pitch is in use heavily from 4 pm until 10 pm every night of the week giving no respite from the continued noise and most of the day Saturday from early morning and the same Sundays then we have the addition of the early morning carboot sale every Sunday and of course the Rugby games themselves. I have had sound monitoring equipment installed in my house on 2 occasions as have a lot of my neighbours once from Kirklees environmental health and once from an independent company, on both occasions it was found that the noise level exceeded the accepted level and also had light monitors due to the extreme brightness of the floodlights again found to be unacceptable. I plead with the council planning to look at the earlier decision of allowing this to be ever placed so close to a highly residential area with so many families including children affected by this clubs actions and not to allow these changes to go ahead but to reduce the times to a reasonable finish time where families can sit together and enjoy some quiet time and parents can relax in their gardens of an evening without listening to vile disgusting language and fear of footballs hitting them, also limit the days so that we do have quiet enjoyment of our property and gardens which we are entitled to but are not getting at the moment.

I would be happy to attend a meeting with the planning committee to discuss my objections with you.

Please could you confirm receipt of this objection

Kind regards