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For the attention of the Licensing Team

Sir/ Madam,

My wife and I wish to make a formal objection to the granting of a piped or pre-recorded music licence to the Romford Greyhound stadium, which they want to play between the hours of 08.00 to 23.00, Probably up to six days a week or whenever they choose to hold a race meeting, daytime or evening meetings. The reason that we object to the granting of a licence is because like a many of the nearby residents, we have had to put up with so many noise nuisances such as loud race commentary's that can be heard several streets away, and the noise of people leaving at the end of the meetings. For anyone that has served on the council or lived in this area between the 1990's and the present day, will know the problems caused by the stadium. The stadium has always played the extension games. First they will apply for the music licence, and if granted, in a few months or maybe a year they will probably apply to have live music. Like public houses, they might even apply for extended hours for bank holidays, ie. Boxing day or whatever reason. Over a lot years the stadium have applied for different alterations, enlarging the restaurants, building the pavilion, extending the grandstand, serving hot meals all day etc. How long before they apply for late night party venues? There's an old adage 'give them an inch and they will take a mile' It took around thirty years for trees to grow that were purposely planted to assist in muffling some of the noise nuisances, like kitchen smells and exhaust fumes, then two years ago the then manager had them destroyed. When I asked him why, his explanation was that someone tripped over a speed bump in the Chase and Health and Safety recommended that the trees should be removed. His passing comment was that he hated the trees anyway. This is the sort of attitude that the stadium displays, and all too often the council gives in to them because the council claims they don't have the money to fight any appeals, and the residents end up paying the price. Please don't grant this licence. The owners of the stadium don't have to, or wouldn't put up with these inconveniences if they occurred at the bottom of their gardens.

Yours faithfully

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A. G. Payne. (Mr)