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Representation 1

i am writing in regard to the Corder complaint and in support of the Corfe Mullen branch of the British Legion.

I have been a member of the Legion for several years and have always found it to be a 'tightly run ship'. I have never witnessed any mismanagement of the club, or the flaunting of any of the licensing laws at any time. I have also found them to be scrupulously conscious in regard to noise when leaving the club and actively display posters reminding people to leave the premises quietly. I have attended multiple evening and afternoon events and have never witnessed any anti-social behaviour or any noise disruption.

I have also used the club to attend Slimming World classes and also Pilates sessions weekly and have found the staff and management of the club to be helpful and welcoming at all times.

In conclusion, as a widow of many years, I really value the social interaction the club offers. I feel it is a safe place for me to go and I feel protected and welcome at all times.

Representation 2

It has come to my attention that you have received a Notice to review the application for the Club Premises Certificate for this venue.

The Corfe Mullen branch of the Royal British Legion is an integral part of the community in the village.

My first memories stretch back over 50 years, and I accompany my husband, a veteran of the 17/21st Lancers, on a regular basis.

The club has hosted generations of families celebrating all manner of events, from family parties to charity events, and in my view serves its community and veteran's well. I have never personally experienced, or heard of any activities that would be detrimental to the community.

I fully support the Royal British Legion and all who use this valuable community asset.

Representation 3

I'm writing to say I'm shocked at the alleged complaint against the Legion. I've been a member of this club for over 25 years and have always found it welcoming, a friendly atmosphere, no trouble and a valuable asset to the community. Also we must not forget the club was established here over 100 years ago to remember our fallen, help the wounded and the families left behind whose sacrifices should not be forgotten. The club is a place for veterans to come together.

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The club is an integral part of the community, hosting Remembrance parades and Anniversaries, fundraisers, various clubs, seminars, meetings, celebrations and big part of carnival day .

To lose this club would be criminal injustice to the community . If you wish to have any more correspondence with me you are more than welcome thank you

Representation 4

I have recently heard that you have received a Notice to review the application for the Club Premises Certificate for this venue.

As a veteran of 20yrs in the Army I am disgusted that anyone would want to close a Royal British Legion Club down!!!

These clubs help support veterans and their families who are injured or have unfortunately past during service.

They also provide a great service for the local community, fun days for children and a safe good value for money haven for our elderly.

Why move into a house near/next to an establishment that provides events and entertainment for the local community then complain about it!!!!

Disgraceful!!!

The Corfe Mullen branch of the Royal British Legion is an integral part of the community in the village.

I have been a customer of the Royal British Legion since the mid nineties .

The club has hosted generations of families celebrating all manner of events, from family parties to charity events, and in my view serves its community and veteran's well.

I have never personally experienced, or heard of any activities that would be detrimental to the community.

My wife and I whole heartedly support the Royal British Legion Club.

Representation 5

I am writing in support of the Corfe Mullen Royal British Legion following the recent complaint regarding noise levels at their premises and the subsequent review of their Club Premises certificate.

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While I understand that noise can occasionally be a concern, I believe it is important to view these instances in the broader context of the Legion's invaluable contributions. Furthermore, these events are only likely to occur no more than a few times a month at the most, usually when there is live music.

The Legion has consistently demonstrated a willingness to work with neighbours and local authorities to ensure its activities remain respectful and inclusive and if any disruption has occurred, I am confident it was unintentional and will be addressed with the utmost care and consideration which it has already done by reducing its closing time to 11pm.

We must remember that the Royal British Legion is more than just a venue—it is a living tribute to those who have served our country. Its presence enriches our community, and I hope we can continue to support its mission with understanding and goodwill.

Representation 6

I'm a member of the Corfe Mullen RBL, and the proud Standard Bearer for the annual Remembrance Sunday parade through Corfe Mullen village.

I am objecting to the recent notice given by Mr & Mrs J Cordner for the review of the club premises certificate and would like to see the details of this application please.

I've attended many happy social occasions at the RBL club, whilst they can be loud, there is very little anti social behaviour, however, I admit I've not attended every social event.

Representation 7

I would like it noted that as a Corfe Mullen resident of over 25 years I DO NOT support Mr & Mrs J Cordners and object to the request to review the license of Corfe Mullen British legion.

I have always found the Corfe Mullen British legion to be accommodating and responsible whilst trading as a community venue. I believe they are conscientious in ensuring minimal disturbance to its neighbours. This established community venue was already in situ for a number of years when Mr & Mrs Cordner bought their home therefore they were aware of its presence which seems unfair to now dispute.

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Representation 8

I am most concerned with the proposed review of club premises requested by Mr and Mrs J Cordner.

The Legion in Corfe Mullen is a vital hub of community activity. Any allegations of anti-social behaviour or noise pollution are utterly false. I teach at the adjacent school (Lockyer's Middle) and I can assure you that any incidents of anti-social behaviour would be reported to us. There have been none. We would take such situations extremely seriously as we must ensure that we safeguard our pupils.

The Legion is a vital community resource. It must be allowed to continue to function as it has. It is my understanding that Mr and Mrs Cordner moved into a property adjacent to the Legion during the Covid lockdown period, when activity was understandably significantly reduced across the country; everywhere was quieter. There may be more noise now than when they first moved in, but this does not equate to noise pollution. Any suggestions of public nuisance, public safety or crime and disorder are scandalous.

I do hope your officers visit the Legion and enjoy the warm, welcoming environment. You will see for yourselves that there are no grounds for this review.

Representation 9

I am writing to you as 3rd generation of my family to frequent corfe mullen royal british legion, can I just say what a pleasant little club this is barstaff are friendly the patrons are warm and welcoming, it is a nice place to meet friends old and new with entertainment pool snooker darts quiz nights bingo, I have only ever seen a bit of disruption when local youths who had been stealing drink from local garage were hanging around might I say on road outside legion who were moved on and dispersed very quickly I am a regular on a Friday night and Saturday night and am 1 of last to leave and apart from maybe a goodnight and an engine starting and driving off we are very respectful of the cordners I feel this has been a bit of a witch hunt by them as it seems like they have grievances with the dance troop that rented from legion after the dance troop left they seemed to focus attention to the british legion numerous complaints to which legion has to best of ability remedied, the burger bar lease was not renewed because of noise etc which provided a nice income to legion the club is open 6- 11 mon to wed 4-11 Thurs 3-11 Fri 12-11 sat and 12-7 on Sunday with no extension unless it's already booked event ie party in hall i myself used to live next door to a busy shop on main road I hope you will find in favour of the british legion

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Representation 10

I would like to protest about the complaint made about the Corfe Mullen legion.

My husband is a member and plays snooker weekly. We attend parties and charity quizzes there too.

My husband and I have never witnessed antisocial behaviour. I'm sure the noise of the music travels but anyone who buys a house nearby would know this and do their homework before buying.

It has a community feel to it and is an important resource for the village.

I assume the complainants moved in after the Legion was built? If so, they should understand how a social club works.

Are you going to close the Coop or the Esso garage? They are the main problems of antisocial behaviour.

Representation 11

In response to the complaint made against the RBL I would like to say that this establishment is a community asset.

I attend a club held there on a Wednesday morning and have attended evening music events on occasion.

I would like to state that the staff are very professional and friendly. The premises are spotless and every effort is made to monitor any noise and they always request that patrons leave in a quiet orderly manner.

I have never witnessed any antisocial behaviour or loud noises.
This Royal British Legion is a real asset to the community and supports so many people.

Please leave alone for the good of the people.
We have lost too many pups and clubs already.

Representation 12

Whilst I am a current committee member at Corfe Mullen Legion and am party to the ongoing dispute, I wanted to provide an example of why my family and I are so passionate about the club, and why we want to do everything we can to help it survive.

By way of background, we first moved to Corfe Mullen in 2018, living in a property next door to The Dorset Soldier pub. Before we moved in, we spoke to [REDACTED] (the

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landlords) and asked them about noise levels and functions. We knew living next to a pub was a risk, especially with two young children, but we chose to take the property and become part of the community.

Unfortunately, [REDACTED] leaving her unable to leave the house for a long period of time. Seeking a fresh start, we relocated to Towers Way in Corfe Mullen, directly behind the village hall, where we have now lived for over five years.

I mention this because during our time in Corfe Mullen we have lived directly next to two venues that generate noise, both of which are louder and more frequent than the noise from the British Legion. Whilst the noise from these venues has occasionally been excessive, we accept that such places need to operate, and we would never consider complaining — it is part and parcel of living near a social or entertainment venue.

Due to my wife's [REDACTED] she finds it extremely difficult to be in new places and has long struggled to leave the house. In 2020, I managed to get her into The Royal British Legion. There, she was welcomed with genuine warmth and a true sense of community. The people at the club — both staff and members — made her feel “normal”. She was able to share her story and her challenges without judgement or criticism, only with kindness and understanding. That club became her safe place: somewhere, other than home or work, that she could go without fear of a panic attack.

Over the past few years, her passion for the club and for the Royal British Legion charity has grown. She accepted an opportunity to join the Branch Committee (which represents the charity, not the club), giving her a sense of purpose. She became the Community Support Officer — something I could never have imagined just a few years earlier — and has helped veterans facing genuine difficulties such as homelessness and PTSD. The club is central to her being able to do this role.

Last year, she stood for Branch Chair and was elected. She proudly marches in the Remembrance parade and, although she still cannot attend the church service due to her anxiety, she does everything she can to support the RBL — even selling poppies outside the Co-op in Corfe Mullen.

It is the club that has given her this sense of purpose, restored her confidence, and united our entire family.

I also know from personal experience that many other members of the club have similar stories; from the gentleman whose wife suffers from dementia and finds comfort in their regular visits, to those battling cancer or personal loss who find the club a place of solace and support. This isn't a pub where people come and spend all night drinking and make excessive noise, this is a community venue that is integral to the village.

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We also have a young entrepreneur who has taken on the challenge of running the kitchen, her first opportunity to develop and grow a business, alongside countless other members and groups who use the club as a vital community space. The club also contributes directly to the Royal British Legion charity through its fundraising and support work.

This club is currently facing a genuine risk of closure due to increased costs and external pressures. We cannot simply “whack our prices up”, as many of our members are pensioners who could not afford it. The club must generate income through increasing membership, private parties, local events and music nights — without these, it would struggle to remain open.

Changes to the licencing or TENS applications would severely impact the club to generate the income it needs to remain open. It has already made several operating changes to accommodate the neighbour, at severe financial loss to the club and detriment to our members, the community of Corfe Mullen need your support on this matter.

I completely appreciate that due diligence must be carried out and that the club must operate within its required limits. I do not wish to comment on the details of the ongoing complaint, as that is for the club committee to discuss. However, I felt it was important that you understand just what the club means to the village, on a deeply personal level, and the impact that any alteration to its licence could have on the community as a whole.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I sincerely hope for a favourable outcome for the club.

Representation 13

I'm dismayed to learn of the complaint against corfe Mullen Royal British Legion.

This is a well established and much needed community hub which has been serving the local community for many, many years.

It is beautifully kept, well run and a privilege to use.

Please don't allow one disgruntled neighbour (who purchased knowing the RBL was well established) to destroy this well loved and respectfully used Legion.

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Representation 14

I am writing to express my strong support for the Corfe Mullen Royal British Legion and to emphasise the vital role it continues to play at the heart of our community.

Having lived in the village for around 35 years, I have seen first-hand how the Legion acts as a true hub for Corfe Mullen. It has been the venue for many memorable occasions in my own family life, including milestone birthday celebrations for my wife and I, as well as for my elderly father-in-law. These events, like so many others hosted there, highlight the welcoming and community-focused spirit of the club.

Many years ago, when I was a regular attendee, I had the privilege of getting to know **real** veterans who also chose the Legion as their place to connect with the community. These men "**true heroes**" shared their stories, humour, and camaraderie with warmth and humility. Although many of them have sadly passed on, I believe it is important that we do not forget the spirit and original purpose of this wonderful establishment: to honour and support those who have served, while fostering community and friendship for all.

The Royal British Legion continues to contribute enormously to village life — supporting the “Annual Carnival”, hosting the “Poppy Day” commemorations, and providing a regular meeting place for residents young and old. Many of the parents I knew from my children’s school days are still regular members today; it truly remains the centre of the village.

The range of activities organised at the club is impressive and inclusive — from “Skittle Nights” and “Live Music” evenings to “Summer Weekend Garden Parties” with face painting and entertainment for children. These events bring people together and strengthen the sense of belonging that makes Corfe Mullen such a special place to live.

I have always found the Club Management to be respectful and conscientious in their dealings with both members and neighbours. They ensure that official closing times are observed and have clear signage reminding visitors to be considerate when arriving or leaving the premises.

Quite honestly, I cannot contemplate why any neighbour would challenge the respectability of this establishment. I can only assume that such individuals are either long-standing residents who have waited more than 35 years to raise a complaint, or they are relatively new to the area and regret purchasing a property near a long-established and much-loved community club.

The Corfe Mullen British Legion is far more than just a social venue — it is a cornerstone of our community, steeped in history, pride, and service. I sincerely hope the Council will recognise its continued importance and offer its full support to the Club’s future.

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Representation 15

In response to the public notice regarding a licensing review for Corfe Mullen Royal British Legion, please consider my comments when you make your decision:

The Corfe Mullen Royal British Legion is a great and valued community hub, serving local people, clubs and societies in the village for literally dozens of years.

While it still upholds the Legion's primary mission of caring for ex-servicemen and their families, albeit sadly fewer elderly members nowadays, it is also an excellent and cost-effective place for local socialising, celebrations and wakes.

I believe that the land it stands on was originally given by a benefactor, under a covenant, to always be used for community use, which is exactly what it's being used for.

I must say that, as a [REDACTED] pensioner, I've made many friends there over the years - both young and old. I always feel welcome, safe and secure when visiting for an important local night out, within walking distance from my home.

Thank you for the opportunity to register my comments on the importance of this valuable local asset.

Representation 16

I oppose to this license review. I have used & visited the Corfe Mullen Royal British Legion on multiple occasions, whilst the licence allows them to open till 2am this has never been the case and the club usually closes at 11pm most nights unless they have a band on which is usually once a month. The club has put things in place to mitigate noise where practicable possible.

Representation 17

I have lived in Corfe Mullen for over forty years and have attended many functions at Corfe Mullen RBL club, be that birthday parties, carnival day, and live music events.

I and my family have always found the legion club to be a friendly and welcoming place to visit, especially if we have had to take our children in the past it has always been a safe environment for us all to socialise.

I believe the complainants, Mr & Mrs Cordner are concerned about the anti social behaviour and noise that could possibly be heard and seen from their property. Perhaps

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there may have been episodes in the past but i have never witnessed any such disturbances.

I believe they purchased their property during the covid period when the club was closed as were lots of pubs and clubs. If they were of the understanding there would be no noise when restrictions were lifted perhaps they should have chosen to live elsewhere. Personally, I would not buy a property by an airport in the hope that aeroplanes taking off and landing would not make any noise. Research by Mr & Mrs Cordner and their solicitors would have highlighted the fact they are near the club. There are properties with boundaries as close if not closer to the legion club.

I feel the club is a great asset to Corfe Mullen, especially for the older generation and war veterans who feel safe in this establishment rather than a public house. Many generations of family have used and will hopefully continue to use the club in the future.

Representation 18

I understand that the licensing board @ Dorset Council are reviewing the club premises Certificate in respect of the Royal British Legion 80 Blandford Road, Corfe Mullen.

As an interested party I would like to give you my view of what the club means to me and my husband.

At the age of [REDACTED], I suffered a [REDACTED] 4 months later my husband was diagnosed with [REDACTED] We had quite a tough 2024 and decided that we needed to get out more socially to help our mental health and rehabilitation.

We joined the RBL and have been regularly using the facilities over the past 12 months.

The club is well supported by locals and incredibly welcoming, the committee which is made up of volunteers do everything possible to ensure that they adhere to the licensing requirements.

I have NEVER seen any alcohol being served to underage children.

I have NEVER witnessed any antisocial behaviour inside or outside the club.

People at the club are polite and well behaved, notices are on all exits as a reminder to leave quietly and respect the neighbours.

I am aware that there were tenants (a dance school) and (a burger bar) that have now moved away due to objections by neighbours which have alleviated issues previously raised.

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The club is important to us and many others for all different reasons and we would ask that you consider the matter in hand, knowing what an important community hub this is, well run, well maintained and supported.

Representation 19

I am writing in support of the Corfe Mullen British Legion.

This establishment has been part of the Corfe Mullen community for decades, providing facilities, entertainment and socialising for the entire village. They are also the centre of the Remembrance Parade, which will take place in the next few weeks.

I appreciate that in recent times there have been some disagreements with local residents with the club. However, I feel their sentiment is disproportionate to the level of inconvenience they may feel. The club has not changed, it's the life blood for many people, especially the senior generation, many of whom don't consume alcohol, but still enjoy socialising and live music. It's not just a drinking establishment. They offer snooker, pool, darts and even a skittle alley, something which is sadly waning in the county, but is unique to our area. They also offer a very reasonable rate for hire of the hall, which hosts many social groups and social occasions.

In summary, it would be a tragedy to lose such an important establishment to the community, so I would urge you to support the continuation of the Corfe Mullen British Legion in the town/village.

Representation 20

What is this club?

It is a community centre with so very much more than a few old boys talking service stories.

I would urge you to visit and even join your local club.

It's safe, always clean and well run. Been a club and much more for decades.

I beseech you to reject this complaint being unfounded and unreasonable to this community.

Representation 21

I wish to protest at the action to withdraw the licence from the British Legion in Corfe Mullen. The legion has been here even when I lived here as a child over ■■■ years ago and has been a central part of village life . In all that time it has never caused any problems

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and contributed in many ways to village life and as an ex servicewoman in the WRAF I have seen the work they do for our veterans. On Remembrance Sunday they lead all the events and bring the village together, they also look after our military graves at this time. To my knowledge there have not been any serious problems with either parking or excessive noise. At one time a dance school used their rooms but they no longer do and the burger van that used to come no longer appears. Also, the premises are very rarely open beyond 11pm and I have never heard anybody complain about noise or unruly behaviour. The complainant knew the Legion was there when he bought his house and should have realised there would be more activity around it than if it was a normal house. Please do not take away a much valued part of our village because of the totally unreasonable actions of one man

Representation 22

I have been a proud member of Corfe Mullen Royal British Legion for over 35 years, and in that time, I have held positions as Chairman, Vice Chairman and Bar and Finance Chairman. When the licensing laws changed in 2005, our solicitor advised us to apply for a licence until 2.00 am as a safety net, the club has never opened past 1.00 am, and that is for New Years Eve.

Like many licensed establishments, since Covid, footfall has decreased. The Club is an integral part of community life in the village.

I don't believe there have been any incidents of Antisocial behaviour, and, if there was, they would not be tolerated. With regard to the noise, there is live music, once a month on a Saturday, this finishes by 11.00 pm.

The complainants are approximately 70 yards away from the club premises, with a car park, a large hedge and a driveway between them and the club.

Representation 23

We support the RBL at Corfe Mullen as a group of like-minded friends with a common stance. We are a local group that come together at Corfe Mullen RBL once a month to talk about events that we attend, arrange timings and contacts. We drive Military Vehicles and support the British Legion as a whole by attending many events on Remembrance Sunday across the counties of Dorset and Hampshire.

The management at the RBL have been most helpful letting us meet together with many members now joining RBL.

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Our concern is when you buy a property you would look around the area and see what is near to property. The RBL has been around longer than the occupants of the property nearby. The RBL supports the local community and has made steps in the last few months for the concerns of those residents living nearby by moving outside seating and smoking areas.

Representations 24

I am writing to you to make comment on worrying rumours / developments around the future of Corfe Mullen (RBL) Royal British Legion in Blandford Road.

As a member (██████) of this club for many years, and a regular user of its facilities together with social activities it has allowed me to make many friends and acquaintances to which I otherwise wouldn't have had the opportunity. I have always felt welcome by the staff and other members and consider the venue a very safe and comfortable environment to be in.

I am a retired Qualified Professional Manager with experience across many industries and disciplines including Operations Management, Compliance in Health & Safety Environmental, Quality Assurance and Data Security to International standards. (ISO)

Due to these disciplines and personal experience, I would consider myself to be able to make unbiased and objective comments.

I would therefore have to compliment the current RBL committee members who are all volunteers - with full time day jobs doing a very good service in the running of the club within times of very difficult circumstances - past and present - and at times must seem to be a thankless task.

As with all businesses currently involved in the hospitality industry there is a struggle to keep afloat during these very challenging times - with inflation on prices, wages NIC contributions etc - Needless to say the RBL Corfe Mullen is a not-for-profit organisation and does its best to make it affordable for its members.

To offset some of these costs, the club hires out its buildings for other members of the local community involving differing social groups and their activities- these are likely to be outside the normal club membership, and are usually outside normal club membership opening times - it is evident that these activities had been well supported due to their high attendance and bring in welcome income for the club.

However, after noise complaints some of these activities have been reduced or stopped in order to appease the situation. With the subsequent loss of income.

With the above points in mind, I would like to make an observation relating to the situation with a neighbour of the club making claims relating to the prevention of crime and

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disorder public safety - preventing public nuisance relating noise and anti-social behaviour. None of which I have ever witnessed or heard about from other members?

Needless to say, there could have been legitimate reasons to making these very serious claims - however I am sure as a point of record, there would be details on file to support these comments and any resulting investigations by the relevant authorities - and if so, should obviously be considered in any future licensing review.

As for comments about Noise - this may relate to perceived changes in the clubs' activities in the Lockdown periods during the Covid Pandemic: - Those being: -
March - June 2020
Nov - Dec 2020
Jan 21 - Mar 2021

Basically, the club was not operating at normal capacity (If not Closed) during these periods- and therefore the usual ambient background noise would have logically been less than Pre-Pandemic levels.

After the lock down periods, it would have taken some time for members and others to grow in confidence to start visiting the club again in "normal" numbers.

Therefore, I think it's fair say there would have been a noticeable contrast in the normal ambient noise level, from lockdown periods to the then current - however probably no different from Pre-Pandemic Lockdown noise levels to which I am not sure if there were any previously reported problems?

As I understand - the person(s) making the complaint moved into their property during the Covid Pandemic and therefore my comments above may probably be relevant to the timing of perceived noise changes.

I think it is also reasonable to consider prior to their property purchase - that proper background checks were made at the time between vendor and buyer, with Due Diligence from their legal representatives being carried out highlighting any underlying issues relating to the property, together with the proximity of the long-established Corfe Mullen RBL club - And if fair warning of possible problems around noise or other issues were made evident?

I make these points objectively and my comments are in good faith with the view to fairness.

I have genuine concern for something that is very important to me personally and my fellow members - and wanted to make sure my thoughts are known so, they may be taken into consideration during your evaluation process.

Outside of my personal reasons for my support of the RBL Corfe Mullen - we should not forget what the main principles the RBL organisation stands for: -

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"To support the Armed Forces community and ensure their unique contribution is not forgotten".

To this end it's very evident that this club is very active and supportive of veterans and to uphold this principle especially around raising funds for the Poppy Appeal, and its hosting and the organisation of Remembrance Day Parades for those who gave their lives from the local community.

Representation 25

Please take this email as support for our community purpose built British Legion in Corfe Mullen.

I am sure I am one of a great many who support the Legion. I have visited the legion over 43 years, and my parents have been members 47 years. Whether it's been for a family skittles night, community quiz, carnival, live music, Remembrance Day or just popping in for a drink and a game of pool or darts... and at affordable price which is a rare thing.

I am astounded at how a noise complaint, has been taken this far. It might have been quiet in COVID but the neighbours moved in but they must have known they were close to a community pub, a small business car park and that noise and visitors will be part and parcel in the nature of this hub. The car legion has needed all the business it can get after COVID.

Now the volunteers who run the committee are working tirelessly and trying to raise funds for the legalities of this complaint. This should not have been taken so far to cause all this stress.

Representation 26

I am a Northern Ireland and Falklands veteran who has been a member at the Legion since 1996 when I moved back to the area after serving in the British Army.

It has always been a friendly and passionately supported club during this time. They do a lot for the local community as well as raising funds for the RBL. A lot of the people that go to the club are 50+ and I have never witnessed any issues with noise or antisocial behaviour. I think this person is clutching at straws as he cannot sell his house and won't admit that the problem lies with him.

Representation 27

I write in full support of Corfe Mullen Royal British Legion where I have been a member for the past 20 years. Married to a veteran, we regularly visit the club 2/3 times a week at

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weekends and have always found it to be a friendly, sociable club where everyone is made to feel welcome and a vital community hub. A notable number of young families have started joining over the past few months and the club appears to have a growing membership.

The club is well run with a very proactive committee and I can honestly say in the 20 years that I have been going there I have never known the police to be called. Live music is held one Saturday per month and I have certainly never seen any evidence of antisocial behaviour or excessive noise.

KEEP CORFE MULLEN ROYAL BRITISH LEGION OPEN!

Representation 28

I wish to record my support of the Royal British legion in Corfe Mullen. I am a member at this club and it is an important part of my social and working life.

My [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with my help run the kitchen in the British legion after she was made redundant from [REDACTED] I can assure you this club in the years I have been going and working there has, other than new year's eve, Never served alcohol after 12pm, since this ridiculous neighbour that has been reduced to 11pm.

The Committee, Staff and members should not be put through this stress just because these people made a stupid purchase, if the licence is revoked then I'm sure the noise from the school or road or garage.....will be next.

Please support this important historic building and the what it stands from in our community and the hard-working people in it.

Representation 29

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Representation 30

I am writing to express my support for the Corfe Mullen Royal British Legion in light of recent complaints made by a neighbouring resident regarding noise, parking, and licensing.

The Legion has long been a valued part of our community, serving as a social and support hub for veterans and their families. It operates with respect for local regulations and community standards. Their licence clearly permits trading until 2am, and in practice, they rarely operate past midnight—New Year's Eve being the only known exception. These activities are well within their legal rights and are conducted responsibly.

It is concerning that a single neighbour is attempting to have their licence revoked based on complaints that appear disproportionate. For example, phoning in a noise complaint at 9:30pm—well before any curfew—and filming patrons from a Velux window raises questions about privacy and reasonable expectations of community living.

Additionally, the issue of parking on a public road without yellow lines cannot fairly be attributed to the Legion. Public roads are accessible to all, and the Legion cannot be held accountable for where individuals choose to park legally.

The Royal British Legion is not just a venue—it is a lifeline for many who have served our country, our son is the military and also uses the club for his get away from all they go through, It deserves our support and understanding, not undue scrutiny based on isolated grievances.

I hope you will consider the broader context and the positive role the Legion plays in our community when reviewing these complaints.

Representation 31

As veteran full support the Club Premises Certificate renewal, the establishments are vital for the wellbeing of veterans which use them.

Representation 32

I am writing to yourselves in relation to the Corfe Mullen Royal British Legion Club, I work for the NHS and we have recently taken up holding our staff Christmas parties there.

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We are never charged for the hire of the hall, and all the staff are so helpful and accommodating to all our needs. They are always happy to put food on for us (at a cost on the night) be it from a food van or from their kitchen and it is always really good.

We have also had friends leave/retire from the trust and we use the Royal British Legion Club to meet and have a catch up and a really great night. We have never had any issues there, being non members, all the members are friendly and welcoming.

We are planning future team building events there for example a bowling night, and BBQs for the summer. We also enjoy going for the live music nights they put on, always a really good night.

It would be a great loss if the club is shut, for the members and for the NHS staff that have made it their meeting place with current and past colleges.

On a social not, the club is a great place for the single/widowed and elderly community to gather for company and food. This is not just a club for drinking and music it is so much more for so many for so many people young and old.

Representation 33

I would like to register my support for CM RBL in regards to the complaint from their neighbour.

Representation 34

I am writing on behalf of Rossmore Flying Club to express our sincere appreciation for the outstanding hospitality and support we have received from Corfe Mullen Royal British Legion since we began using their premises for our meetings and events.

From the outset, the management and staff at Corfe Mullen Royal British Legion have gone above and beyond to make our members feel welcome. They have consistently demonstrated professionalism, flexibility, and a genuine interest in accommodating our needs. The facilities are well maintained, accessible, and perfectly suited to our activities, which has greatly enhanced the experience for our members.

Moreover, the atmosphere at the club is always friendly and inclusive, fostering a strong sense of community. Their willingness to collaborate and support local groups like ours is a testament to their commitment to civic engagement and responsible club management.

We believe Corfe Mullen Royal British Legion sets a commendable example of how licensed premises can positively contribute to the local community. We hope this letter

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serves to highlight their efforts and encourage continued recognition of their excellent standards.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Representation 35

I am writing to appeal to you, to ensure that the Royal British Legion, Blandford Road, Corfe Mullen can continue operating their services to the veterans and general public of Corfe Mullen without any changes to their licensing.

This venue is a wonderful place for veterans and the wider local community and it will be devastating to see it close.

I use this club twice weekly and have been doing so for more than 30 years.

Representation 36

We have been members of this legion for more than 30 years. Starting off as club members, then club committee members, my husband became club chairman and then club President. I was Secretary for the Branch. We have been to music nights etc but never in the whole time we have been members have we known the club to stay open until 2-00am - never.

To think that one complaint can put the whole club in jeopardy. The committee who run the club are volunteers and work hard to keep it going.

The club is for the community with many clubs held there during the day. As well as for members who play crib, quizzes, snooker, pool and darts etc. Also the Branch run from there, collecting funds for the Veterans.

Surely you must take in to account what the village will lose if you take the licence away.

We cannot understand where they get their complaints from, just trying to cause problems, so they can sell their house at greater price. Perhaps the people who made the complaint ought not to have bought next to the club during COVID. Others live near there and have not complained.

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Representation 37

I am writing to express my support for the Corfe Mullen Royal British Legion, in regard to a review of their license and to address a concern that has recently come to light.

I am aware that a neighbouring party has submitted a complaint alleging that the club operates outside of its permitted hours. I would like to clarify, as a member of the club who regularly attends band nights, that this claim is unfounded and untrue. In my experience, the club has consistently adhered to its licensed operating hours and has demonstrated a responsible approach to managing its activities.

The club plays a valuable role in our community, offering a safe and welcoming environment for social engagement, entertainment, and local events. It contributes positively to the village as supports local business such as slimming world among other local clubs and has always been respectful of local regulations and considerate of residents. In its over 100 years in the village.

I believe it is important that decisions regarding licensing be based on accurate information and fair representation and not by one person who has given false claims. I respectfully urge you to consider the club's proven track record and the support it receives from many members of the community when reviewing its licence.

Representation 38

I understand, that, due to complaints by neighbours, the license for the Royal British Legion Social Club in Corfe Mullen is currently under review. I further understand that, should the license be revoked or costly conditions put upon the Club, the Club would likely be forced to close due to loss of valuable income.

I wish to write on behalf of the Club.

I attend a Flower Club which meets at the Royal British Legion once a month. Many of our members are elderly and infirm, many widows and the Flower Club is one of the few activities they look forward to in their lonely month. If the Legion Club closes, we, too, would most likely be forced to close as to find another venue in the area with off road parking would be almost, if not impossible.

It isn't just about our Flower Club though. The Royal British Legion is renowned for the excellent work it does amongst those veterans who have bravely fought for our country. Their Social Clubs are places where those veterans can come and enjoy a

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quiet pint or meet with others. Surely they have earned and deserve the right to do this in their local area?

The current situation seems to impact solely on the neighbours who chose to purchase property next to an active Social Club. I am sure the Licensing conditions would have been available to them before purchase.

I am asking you to consider the many, many more people whose lives would be negatively impacted should the current Licensing situation change.

Representation 39

I am writing as a resident of Corfe Mullen to express my support for the Corfe Mullen Royal British Legion Club, following the recent complaint regarding noise, parking, and licensing matters.

The Legion has been a respected and valued part of our community for many years. It provides a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment for veterans, their families, and local residents. Beyond being a social venue, it plays a vital role in supporting charitable causes, hosting remembrance events, and reducing social isolation — particularly among older members of our community.

In my experience, the club is very well run. The committee and staff act responsibly and take any concerns from neighbours seriously. Any noise or parking issues are rare and dealt with promptly and courteously.

I believe it is important that we continue to support community hubs like the Corfe Mullen Royal British Legion, which contribute positively to local life and uphold strong community values. I was widowed [REDACTED] and have found that the Corfe Mullen British Legion has been a welcoming and supportive space which I can go to and feel safe on my own.

I would therefore like to register my support for the club and for the continuation of its existing licence.

Representation 40

I am writing in support of Corfe Mullen British Legion who have recently been under scrutiny and threatened with closure after a neighbour complaint.

This establishment is at the heart of our community, holding weekly fitness classes, celebrations, wakes, quiz evenings as well as veteran support.

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I am shocked that two new residents, who have moved knowingly to this location, can cause such upset, distress and be so disrespectful.

The British Legion of Corfe Mullen must remain open and continue to be a hub of support to the community of Corfe Mullen.

I trust that the right course of action will be taken.



28th October 2025

To: Licensing Dorset Council County Hall Dorchester DT11 1XJ

Representation in support of the Royal British Legion Corfe Mullen by Wimborne and District Angling Club in respect of the forthcoming Licensing Hearing.

Wimborne and District Angling Club's Committee, of approximately fifteen attendees, has met monthly (except during Covid) at the Royal British Legion Corfe Mullen since 2016, and its AGM is also held at the premises where approximately fifty persons attend. The Angling Club is about to celebrate its 75th anniversary and has, from time to time, been forced to move its place for Committee meetings and its AGM for a variety of reasons. On the last occasion, when the Club moved to these premises, it was noticeable that finding premises for meetings was really difficult. These premises are invaluable in providing the opportunity to meet for community-based activity, such as ours, as well as providing facilities for local residents more generally. Wimborne and District Angling Club has natural ties to the Royal British Legion as we have members, both on the Club's Committee, and in the membership that have been in the armed forces.

The purpose of the licensing laws are to use controls in the public interest and not deal with complaints from a single household. This complaint in that sense is vexatious.

Furthermore, the RBL building is in plain sight in the public domain, such that the complainants must have been aware of its existence, prior to their purchase. It is also a large building. It is bound to attract local custom and facilitate leisure activity. It would be of no value to the community if its terms of use were so strict as to effectively sterilize its occupation.

For persons to move into a house in close proximity to the RBL building and then complain about it is the worst sort of nimbyism and must not be allowed to succeed. Indeed, the use, now the subject of complaint was in existence many years before the complainants chose this location as their 'backyard.'

The experience of the Club in dealing with the managers of the premises is that they are always positive and helpful.

It is important that the Royal British Legion remains viable for the community it serves. Any action that seeks to undermine its well-being in this context must be resisted.

Regards



Chairman Wimborne and District Angling Club

Correspondence to:



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Representation 42

I have been a member of Corfe Mullen Royal British Legion for over 70 years.

Over the years, I have served on both the Branch and Club Committees and was Branch Chairman for several years. I also get involved in helping with the Poppy Appeal and the Remembrance Day events.

So far as I am aware, the Legion has been in existence since 1949 and has been a very valued part of the community for both ex-service and ordinary members.

The Club Committee work extremely hard to ensure the Club runs smoothly and make sure everyone enjoys themselves. I feel it is a vital part of the community where people of all ages can meet up for a drink and a chat.

Various groups use the Club premises ie, skittles, darts, snooker, crib and it is also used for Slimming World, Pilates, U3A meetings, ukulele groups, football meetings and fishing groups, pigeon fanciers, etc. The Club also holds regular bingo and quiz evenings.

We also have several veterans who meet up regularly for a drink and a chat.

Following complaints made by the neighbour, I understand the Club Committee have made every effort to accommodate him by changing the opening hours, removing the tables from the front of the building and asking members not to drink or smoke outside the front doors. Windows are also closed when live music is in progress, which is usually held once a month.

In all my time as a member, I can never recall any problems with the neighbours.

I find it incredible that someone can purchase a house next to a social club and then complain about the noise. Maybe he shouldn't have moved there in the first place. Furthermore, maybe the neighbour should join the Legion and become part of the community rather than alienating himself from it.

Representation 43

I have been a member of Corfe Mullen Royal British Legion for over 40 years.

Over the years, I have worked behind the bar, served on both the Branch and Club Committees and was Club Chairman for several years, and until recently I served as Branch Secretary. I also get very involved in helping with the Poppy Appeal and the Remembrance Day events.

I feel the Club is a very safe place to be and everyone makes me feel very welcome. The Club Committee work extremely hard to ensure the Club runs smoothly and make sure

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Representation 44

I have been a member of this club for 20 years in which time I have become very close to the community that support the club.

Its a safe place for me to go and in walking distance from my house. I have attended many special occasions there over the years which are very close to my heart. I have never found the club to be noisy or disruptive in any way. The club comes across as very welcoming and puts on functions such as the bingo, quiz etc that I attend and enjoy. Closing this club would affect my life and so many others.

Representation 45

I just wanted to provide my support to this wonderful community club. I have been going for about 20 years now and have made friends for life through this club. I am profoundly deaf since birth and I feel at home going there, I always feel welcome, included and understood as being deaf its hard going out anywhere else outside of my comfort zone. I also feel comfortable going there on my own if my husband has something else on.

In July I joined the Committee to help out and support them during events etc. This has also helped my develop my confidence further and increase my skill set for which I am so grateful for. It gives me a sense of purpose and feeling that I am part of a community and can do some good. The others on the committee have worked so hard, many hours

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a week unpaid just to keep the club going as following Covid it was very difficult. We try our absolute best and would be devastated to see it struggle any more or risk closure.

For many older people it's a place for them to go, one couple it's their only weekly outlet for the husband as his wife has Alzheimers, he brings her in and they sit for in the lounge for an hour or so every Friday, this is just one example, there are many others the club is an important lifeline for them and their mental wellbeing. I know others that have suffered severe anxiety, as I have done, that feel this club has been a place to keep them going.

Representation 46

I would like to express my support for the RBL Corfe Mullen keeping their licence.

I attend a Slimming World group there on a weekly basis, as do around 100 people.

The region is well used, not only by drinkers.

For the past three years our SW group have held our Christmas party there. As stated on other platforms, the music is stopped at the time required and everyone leaves quietly.

The complaint against the club should be filed appropriately. In the bin.

Representation 47

We understand that there are objections about the Royal British Legion premises at Corfe Mullen. We would like to point out that the club has been on this site for many many years, being a community hub for all the village and in use for many activities.

People have joined in celebration for many occasions, birthdays, funerals etc and it is a very welcoming and safe place for all ages to meet.

My husband, who is [REDACTED] next year and myself have lived in the village all of our lives as have both sets of our parents and grandparents. We have personally been members for at least 60 years. We have never known of anyone in the past wishing to try and stop the use of this valuable asset to the village.

As far as we know the club has been running all this time with people who are dedicated to give up their time for other people to enjoy the facilities. We applaud them for doing this.

Everyone is welcome, we still enjoy going regularly to meet friends and partake in some of the amenities on offer.

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What has changed, the premises has been there for so many years, in constant use.

Where would we go, at our age, within walking distance. it is part of the village and always has been.

Representation 48

I believe that the application to restrict the licensing hours of this long-standing community club, along with the proposed onerous regulations, is unreasonable in the circumstances. Such restrictions would significantly reduce the appeal to members and, as a result, impair the club's income, potentially leading to closure. Additionally, these restrictions would diminish the enjoyment of visiting league teams for traditional Darts, Pool, Cribbage, and Skittles matches. Shortened evenings to complete the matches within the proposed licensing hours could prove difficult and remove all joy from the games, only to be hurried off the premises at the end. The resultant loss of bar trade could render our self-funding club unviable and lead to its closure.

An early evening dance club for little girls has already been driven away due to ongoing aggression.

The club, as a business, depends solely on the support of its members, 42% of whom are aged over 65. I am currently the Branch Membership Secretary and have been a member at Corfe Mullen RBL Club for some 60 years, thirty of which I served as a barmaid and participated in both Club and Branch committees. In all this time, I am not aware of any complaints from our neighbours. The club premises are separated from the complainant's property by a neighbouring driveway and a large car park. The function room, where music occurs, is on the far side of the building, a considerable distance from the complainant's property.

Many new members with young families have joined the club since moving into new estates nearby. They are very much welcomed by the club and represent its future.

We are a self-funded community club and operate independently from the RBL. Our members are our friends and the club provides a safe place for individuals like myself to visit for camaraderie and social contact. We get to know one another at monthly Quiz Nights and Bingo sessions. We also host a Veterans group, Pilates, Ukelele group, Flower arranging, Pigeon Club, Fishing Club, Mahjong, and more, all bringing the community of Corfe Mullen together through social interaction. It is important to all members that we keep our club alive.

Over many years, the members have built up the very fabric of the club through their volunteer labour and support from local suppliers.

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Losing our treasured RBL Club due to the actions of one neighbour would be personally devastating and could mean the loss of a village facility that has existed for 110 years, given to the RBL for the benefit of the Veterans of Corfe Mullen in 1915.

Addition added 19/11/2025

Corfe Mullen RBL Club is self funding and almost entirely dependent upon income from the bar. Room hire during the daytime, whilst invaluable to the community, cannot make up for loss of bar income. To restrict evening licensing hours, especially at this time of year, could quickly render the Club unviable.

Representation 49

I am a [REDACTED] single person who recently lost my sight in my left eye [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the support I receive from the members & staff at the RBL is vital to my ongoing recovery and losing this safe environment would be detrimental to the community and myself.

I have been a member for over 20 years and with the support of the community have now got the club into a very safe and pleasant place to congregate whether young or old. Far too many places are struggling due to the explosion of costs without having to deal with unwarranted complaints from a close proximity neighbor.

Losing this club will condemn me to a solitary life in my home.

Representation 50

I have been a member of Corfe Mullen Royal British Legion for over 30 years. The Club plays a very important part in the community of Corfe Mullen. It is extremely important for our veterans, especially at this time of year.

The club plays host to many local groups and societies and the village comes together there for events such as Remembrance Sunday and the Corfe Mullen Carnival. Any changes to the licensing conditions would have a detrimental impact on the village.

Representation 51

As an eighty five year old ex regular soldier ,I would like to emphasize the support that the Corfe Mullen Royal British Legion gives , and has given ,to many retired service personnel and local members over many years , and hope that any future decisions regarding the operation and licensing of this community center, will allow it to continue with its excellent work of support for many years to come.

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Representation 52

I would like to point out that Royal British Legion has been there for over one hundred years way before any of the Houses

In the area were built

I am a member of the club and at seventy-four years' old I find it a very pleasant environment in which to socialise, the club

Is well supported by locals and incredibly welcoming for someone of my age as there is no where else local that I can walk to

I would also like to point out that I have never witnessed any antisocial behaviour or excessive noise inside or outside the club

And the club do have notices on all exits to remind members to respect neighbours

Representation 53

I've been a member of this club for over 40 years. In all that time, I've never known there to be any problems with neighbours until the Cordner's moved in.

I've lived in Corfe Mullen all my life, and I can honestly say this club is a big part of village life. I've seen it busy and thriving in the past, and I've also seen the village come together to help get it back open after Covid.

People gave their time for free to help decorate, fix things up, and make sure the club could stay open. That's what community means, something outsiders don't always get. Just because someone buys a house near here, it doesn't mean they can start complaining about what's been part of the village for years.

Those of us who grew up here know how important the Legion is. It's not just a place for a drink — it's support, friendship, and a safe place for many. Personally, the club and its members have helped me through some of the hardest times in my life. They've kept me going when I was close to losing everything. I honestly believe I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for this club and the people in it.

That's why this licence review shouldn't go ahead. The Cordners chose to move here, knowing the club was part of the village. I've spoken to other neighbours who support us and have been told that the Cordner's will not stop until they have closed us down and many are worried the club could be closed, that must not happen.

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Representation 54

I am writing in support of the Corfe Mullen Royal British Legion (RBL) regarding the recent noise dispute raised by a neighbouring property.

I have been a proud member of the Corfe Mullen Royal British Legion for over 30 years and have previously served on the committee whilst also representing the football team as Club Secretary, as well as being involved in the pool, snooker, and skittles teams.

The RBL has been an integral part of our community since 1923. The neighbouring property in question was only purchased around five years ago, at which time the new owner would have been fully aware that they were moving next to an active social club. It is my understanding that this issue has only recently surfaced, possibly coinciding with the neighbour's attempt to sell their property at a higher value.

Over the past three decades, I have attended countless gatherings at the RBL, including birthdays, weddings, christenings, tribute band evenings, and wakes. Most fondly, the Legion has always been the heart of our village celebrations, particularly on carnival days.

With the increasing pace of property development in Corfe Mullen, it is more important than ever to preserve and support long-standing community establishments like the Royal British Legion. This venue plays a vital role in bringing people together and encouraging the next generation to get involved in community life.

My father served as the Lieutenant of the Parkstone Sea Cadets, and as a family, we have always attended the Remembrance Sunday parades—one of which will take place this coming Sunday. The RBL is essential to this event and to ensuring that the sacrifices of our servicemen and women continue to be honoured in our village. I sincerely hope it can remain the central hub for many more Remembrance Sundays to come.

This issue is deeply concerning to me, and I hope that the dedicated committee members and volunteers of the RBL have not experienced undue stress or late nights in working to resolve it.

The Royal British Legion is not just part of our local community—it is a proud British institution that deserves our full support and protection.

Representation 55

I feel it necessary to voice my opinion and observations regarding the matter mentioned above, which relates to the club of our local national institution, The Royal British Legion.

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This venue has been serving our community for over 100 years now and is valued by members and their families, past and present, and I sincerely hope that it will remain to be a source of support for members in the future. We should not forget that this venue also supports other local groups, such as Pilates, Ukelele & Weightwatchers, to name but a few.

Just like the RBL and it's club, these groups are important to many people, especially to those who may be seeking support, information or even just a smile and a chat.

My husband was born in Corfe Mullen [REDACTED] and recalls wedding receptions etc being held at the RBL venue - which over the years continues to bring the community together. He remembers people sharing their stories of family veterans, including hearing about his uncle (*who was killed in action in 1940) and also proudly recalling that his own father was a Dunkirk RAF veteran.

Re: myself, [REDACTED] and have lived in Corfe Mullen for over 40 years now. As an employee of [REDACTED] I have used the facilities during team building exercises and as a member of the Corfe Mullen RBL I enjoy spending time with people who are very welcoming and considerate. I can honestly say that I have not heard of any complaint being made against our RBL/club before, nor have I witnessed any of the issues highlighted under the 4 Statutory Objectives of the Licensing Act 2003.

My observations: The premises have signage highlighting safety, age-related, member ID and consideration policies/issues, including those indicating necessary/acceptable behaviour - "smoking area" and "please leave the premises quietly"

I have seen the staff carry out the necessary checks, monitoring the events and closing doors to minimise sound leakage and I have never seen any altercations at the venue.

The club is supported by the events that it holds and it supports people in the community, such as our esteemed veterans, allowing people to have a night out with family, friends and acquaintances in a safe environment.

I sincerely hope that all of the support is taken into account and that the club continues to serve the community for another 100 years plus

Representation 56

Loosing or changing the licence of this venue would be a great loss for our community here in Corfe Mullen.

As a non for profit venue, they have been supporting the village/town in so many ways for years now. Including our annual Carnival and of course the parade on remembrance day.

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Not only is it a vital hub for our veterans and pensioners, it supports us all young and old from sports club meetings, charity groups, slimming world, community fitness classes, wakes, local council meetings, social evening events and so much more.

I am a local community fitness instructor and I have been holding classes in Corfe Mullen for nearly 15 yrs now, 5 of those years have been in the legions function room once a week.

These classes are so important to my participants as for some it's a weekly session that supports them physically and mentally and a place for them to meet new found friends and socialise.

Without the use of the RBL, I would struggle to continue with my weekly sessions as hall hire space is limited and extremely expensive in other venues. This would not only affect me and my family, but all the lovely ladies that attend.

I truly hope that the legion can continue its fantastic work here in Corfe mullen unaffected and Implore you to take a look at the incredible support and many posts that have been shared on the Corfe mullen community pages in support of the community venue.

Representation 57

This club has been an amazing support to us since we moved to the area earlier this year. There is always a warm welcome at the legion which has helped us to make friends and feel part of the local community quickly. It's friendly welcoming has been amazing and has helped us greatly.

Representation 58

Please be aware that the local community and beyond use the legion for social and several clubs, Cannot believe that one complaint can have such an effect,

Why move next to a club with a function hall if you want silence, could it be that the person complaining works for solicitor Mmm food for thought. Please let common sense Prevail .

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Representation 59

Can't believe I am having to send an email regarding this .

The Royal British Legion have been on this site for 100 years, all the good that the name stands for alone this shouldn't be going any further. They give so much to the community, with a safe haven, a community hall where we meet every week for our classes. Without the Royal British Legion in Corfe Mullen the community and beyond would be at a loss.

Representation 60

I understand the license is under review and the local community are fearful that a loss of or significant change to the existing licence could be detrimental to the club and it's survival.

I have lived here for over 42 years having been brought up in the village and returning to raise my son here. Although not a frequent visitor to the club in the past, it offered me the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and in more recent years I have been a member and routinely supported quiz nights and live music events, a vital source of income to the club.

Having not witnessed any of the issues raised in the petition, nor seen/heard locally any negative publicity surrounding the club, it would be a tragedy if it's future is put in jeopardy and trust the review is in their favour.

Finally I would like to add the hard work and dedication of the committee members promoting the club and encouraging a sense of community should be commended and I hope they have the opportunity to continue in this.

Representation 61

Firstly, I would like to state that I do not experience any noise from the Legion. I also do not have any problems if cars are parked outside my house, they have every right to do so.

The noise of Traffic in the mornings and afternoons , noise from the playground of the school, the 24hr garage with car wash, is far in excess that the legion would create.

_____ I quote a conversation I had in December 2024 after the Dance studio had moved and I offered to mediate between him and the Legion.

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“I will not give up and I will do whatever it takes to get that place closed”

At the time I thought he was obsessed with getting it closed having said some of his avenues, one being the licence and obviously this has now happened. I still believe he will go to any length to achieve his aim.

It is my belief that if he receives any concessions by Dorset Council, however small, he will see this as a win and he will then use this to go on to claim in court the £60,000 he is saying he will need to reduce his sale value of his house. He knows the Legion could not only pay for this, but could not also afford a defence and therefore would have to close.

Let's remember is not because of any noise of the Legion why they are moving and I quote Mrs Cordner who said **“it is because their [REDACTED] daughters have now moved out and they wanted something smaller.”**

Also, I talked with Mr Cordner who said he had lost 2 sales only due the fact his solicitor had to disclose the conflict with his neighbour. After that, the house that they agreed to buy also failed because of the chain situation so they have decided to take off the house from the market until the conflict was sorted.

He will still move ASAP and he hopes the Legion will close. It's like a rich person that cannot get his own way and so tries to bully the other party.

I shall make further comments in bullet points:

- Mr & Mrs Cordner completed their purchase of the property via [REDACTED] Agency in Wimborne, in February 2020. They viewed the property and agreed to purchase in December 2019, but did not want to move in to after new year. Both of these dates were prior to the pandemic and therefore cannot be used as a reason. In addition to this, when I asked the question **“did you not check with the previous owner about noise”, his reply was “Yes he did ask and they said they have no problems”** [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The Legion cannot be blamed that the Cordner's did not sit outside the house to check themselves.
- At the beginning of 2024, I spoke to Mrs Cordner and we discussed the situation and she said and I quote **“we do not have a problem with the Legion or burger van, but it's the noise coming from the Dance studio”**. I am unsure when this changed, but I believe it was Mr Cordner, who could not get his way with the Dance Studio (via the Legion) and therefore turned his attention to attack the Legion directly.

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Mr & Mrs Cordner have not made any concessions and have actually increased their demands month on month. In contrast the Legion have changed as much as possible to try and make the Cordner's happy.

These include the following:

- a. Removed all tables outside the front of the property to stop people congregating.
 - b. Requested the Dance studio to close all their windows.
 - c. Put up notices on the inside of the front door to ask the Members to respect our neighbours and to leave the club quietly.
 - d. Put up notices on the fire doors at the entrance, to ensure they are not opened unnecessary and kept closed.
 - e. Put up notices on Windows to keep them closed when music is being played.
 - f. Removed the smoking area that was at the front, to the side of the property and putting up no smoking signs.
 - g. Placing no parking signs on the road, during busy times.
 - h. Changed the time of final orders from 12pm on a Friday to 11pm
 - i. Etc
- Mr Cordner continues to make false comments. One example on Carnival day (even they were not here) complained about glasses being smashed. It actually was some youths from Broadstone that had been drinking in the Cemetery opposite, that got into garden bring their own drinks and glasses. The club only sold beer in plastic glasses on that day and quickly threw out the culprits as soon as they were aware.

Let's also be aware that the Cordner's are not angels, I have witnessed the following

- a. Standing on a chair or ladder to film out the skylight window the Legion and in many cases directly causing some noise, when the persons being filmed shouted up at them.
- b. Filming of the cars parking legally on the road. Again, this created responses.
- c. Around June 2024 deliberately playing as loud as possible by placing speakers in the garden, to try and annoy the dance studio. This went on for a month, I filmed it at the time and the neighbour behind (Shelley 76 Blandford Rd) had to complain to them.

Appendix 8 - Support for the RBL



Finally, I would conclude-

- Loss of income from special events will mean the club may not survive.
- Loss of income for the private parties held, would mean the club may not survive.

And most important

- **If the opening times were to change (even if they do not use them), Mr & Mrs Cordner would use this as a win to take the legion to court to close them.**