

Appendix C

REP A - CH valid on the Licensing Objectives of PCD and PPN

From: REDACTED

Sent: 24 August 2026 15:50

To: EHL Licensing <ehl.licensing@brighton-hove.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to Valley Social Centre licence application – Ref 2026/02943/LAPRCN

Dear Licensing Team,

We are local residents and wish to formally object to the Valley Social Centre licence application, reference 2026/02943/LAPRCN.

The premises are located in a residential area surrounded by homes, families and children. We do not believe that a bar or nightclub-style venue operating until 11:00pm is appropriate for this residential neighbourhood.

We are concerned about noise and disturbance from customers arriving and leaving the premises and gathering outside, particularly in the evening. We are also concerned about litter and possible anti-social behaviour.

There is already pressure on parking in the area. A venue attracting additional customers and vehicles could make parking more difficult for local residents and increase traffic and congestion.

We respectfully ask the Licensing Committee to consider the residential character of the area, the presence of children and families, parking pressures, and the potential for noise and public nuisance.

We strongly object to the application in its current form and request that the licence is refused. Alternatively, we ask that strong conditions and an earlier closing time are imposed to protect local residents.

Thank you for considering our objection.

Kind regards,

REDACTED

REP B - CH valid on the Licensing Objectives of PCD and PPN

From: REDACTED

Sent: 23 August 2026 10:34

To: EHL Licensing <EHL.licensing@brighton-hove.gov.uk>

Subject: Valley Social Centre Alcohol Licence objection

Dear Licensing Team,

I am writing as a local resident living **REDACTED** the Valley Social Centre at 31 Whitehawk Way to submit my formal objection to the recent premises licence application for late-night alcohol sales and regulated music until 11:00 PM every night.

Reference number: 2026/02943/LAPRCN

My objection is based on two core Licensing Objectives: The Prevention of Crime & Disorder and The Prevention of Public Nuisance.

The Prevention of Crime & Disorder:

Our immediate area in Whitehawk already suffers from significant crime rates. Official police figures (data.police.uk) for the Whitehawk & Marina ward show an overall crime rate of 126 per 1,000 population—rating high at 7 out of 10 nationally. Violence and sexual offences stand at 45.6 per 1,000, while Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) stands at 25.3 per 1,000.

Introducing daily late-night alcohol sales into a location with high existing crime metrics will inevitably worsen these issues. Alcohol lowers inhibitions, and adding a 7-day supply right in the middle of a residential estate will fuel street drinking, aggressive altercations, and public disorder right outside our front doors.

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

Because this venue is situated directly **REDACTED**, allowing alcohol and amplified music every single night until 11:00 PM is completely inappropriate.

Dispersal Noise: When patrons leave at 11:00 PM after drinking, they do not leave quietly. We will face regular shouting, foul language, slamming car doors, and lingering crowds on the pavement.

Property Nuisance: Late-night alcohol consumption frequently leads to littering (empty cans and smashed glass), public urination on private property, and anti-social behaviour in front gardens.

Impact on Residents:

Operating 365 days a year means families with children, shift workers, and elderly neighbours will suffer constant sleep disturbance and reduced quality of life, with no break on weeknights.

In our household alone we have a **REDACTED** who works shifts, 1 **REDACTED** and another who is **REDACTED**. Our quality of life living here will decrease, just at a point where we are all doing really well.

We welcome the Vally Social centre to open for residents, and have seen a positive impact that the boxing club has had in the local area. However, we were told by a trustee that it would be used to enhance the lives of the community and that plans were being made to open a walk in health service. Opening a 7 days a week bar contradicts the image that was portrayed, alcohol does not increase the wellbeing of anyone. Especially not in an area with a historic well documented crime challenges. Including 2 murders linked to the previous Vally Social centre, fuelled by alcohol.

Allowing a late-night drinking establishment to operate daily in this specific residential spot will undermine local safety and disturb the peace of nearby homes. I urge the Licensing Committee to refuse this application.

Yours sincerely,

REDACTED

REP C - CH valid on the Licensing Objectives of PCD and PPN

From: **REDACTED**

Sent: 24 August 2026 18:11

To: EHL Licensing <ehl.licensing@brighton-hove.gov.uk>

Subject: Valley social center licence application ref

2226-02943-LAPRCN

REDACTED

To Whom it may concern ,

I wish to object to the licence application for the valley Social Club
on the following grounds

- * we already have a drug issue in the **REDACTED** that the police do nothing about we don't need more drugs being sold around the corner
- * last time there was a licensed club round there we had lots of fighting and anti social behaviour
- * some one was killed out side the club after an argument within it
- * We work and need to get up early for it and music and the distrupction that will be caused if the club is allowed to stay open every night until 11pm .

Yours sincerely

REDACTED

REP D - CH valid on the Licensing Objectives of PCD, PPN and PCH

From: REDACTED

Sent: 26 August 2026 16:42

To: EHL Licensing <ehl.licensing@brighton-hove.gov.uk>

Subject: RE. Formal Objection and Request for Further Information – Application 2026/02943/LAPRCN (Valley Social Centre)

Dear Licensing Team,

I am writing in my personal capacity as a local resident and homeowner to formally object to licensing application **2026/02943/LAPRCN** relating to the Valley Social Centre.

I live **REDACTED** the premises at **REDACTED** and have owned my home for over ten years. I am also employed **REDACTED** and regularly work unsocial hours. I am extremely concerned about the proposal to permit alcohol sales and live music until 11pm every day in a predominantly residential area.

My objection is based on the following licensing objectives:

Prevention of Public Nuisance

The proposed activities have the potential to cause significant noise and disturbance to residents living **REDACTED** to the venue. My family's home **REDACTED**

and we are therefore likely to experience any noise, disruption or late-night activity more acutely than many other residents.

REDACTED Noise associated with live music, customers arriving and leaving, conversations outside the venue, car doors, vehicle movements and general late-evening activity would have a significant impact on our ability to enjoy our home, sleep and study.

As **REDACTED** providing care to vulnerable patients, adequate rest between shifts is essential. Daily disturbance until 11pm has the potential to affect both my family's wellbeing and my ability to recover between shifts.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder

I am concerned that alcohol sales may increase the risk of anti-social behaviour, littering, noise nuisance and disturbances affecting residents in the surrounding streets, particularly during evening and late-night hours.

Protection of Children from Harm

There are many families and children living in the immediate area. My concerns include the impact of late-evening noise and disturbance on children's sleep, education and wellbeing. **REDACTED**

Community Concerns

I am also concerned that some residents may not have been fully aware of the application or may face barriers in engaging with the licensing process, meaning not all affected voices may be represented.

I respectfully request that these concerns be taken into account when determining the application.

I am submitting this representation within the consultation period to ensure my concerns are formally recorded. I reserve the right to submit further comments once I have reviewed the full application details.

In order to fully understand the proposal, I would be grateful if you could also provide or confirm the following:

1. The full licensing application and operating schedule.
2. The proposed hours for the sale of alcohol.
3. Whether alcohol consumption will be permitted indoors, outdoors or both.
4. The proposed hours and frequency of live music events.
5. Whether any live music will be amplified.
6. Whether live music will take place indoors, outdoors or both.
7. Whether recorded music is also included within the application.
8. The proposed maximum capacity of the venue.
9. Whether a noise assessment has been submitted.
10. Whether a noise management plan has been submitted.
11. Any proposed conditions relating to: noise control; customer dispersal at closing time; outdoor areas; litter management; and prevention of anti-social behaviour.
12. Whether Environmental Health has been consulted regarding potential impacts on neighbouring residential properties.

13. Details of any Licensing Panel hearing and how residents may register to speak.

14. Confirmation that this representation has been received and accepted.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you. May I ask kindly for confirmation of receipt.

Yours faithfully,

REDACTED

REP E - CH valid on the Licensing Objectives of PCD, PPN, PCH & PS

From: REDACTED

Sent: 31 August 2026 19:07

To: EHL Licensing <ehl.licensing@brighton-hove.gov.uk>

Subject: Formal Objection to Valley Social Centre Licence Application – Reference 2026/02943/LAPRC

Dear Licensing Team,

I am writing to formally object to the application for a premises licence for the **Valley Social Centre**, reference number **2026/02943/LAPRCN**, particularly in relation to the proposed sale of alcohol and provision of live music every day of the week until 11pm.

My name is **REDACTED**. I am writing both as a local resident and as **REDACTED**, which is situated **REDACTED** to the Valley Social Centre. My family home is **REDACTED**, and I am **REDACTED**.

I want to make clear from the outset that I am not opposed to the Valley Social Centre being a positive and thriving space within our community. I particularly recognise the positive contribution made by the boxing club, which provides opportunities for people, including young people and women, to improve their physical health and wellbeing, build confidence and self-esteem, and develop positive relationships within the community.

My objection is specifically to the proposed **alcohol and live music licence**, and to the potential impact that operating in this way every day until 11pm could have on the people living **REDACTED** the premises and on the wider community.

Prevention of public nuisance

My greatest concern is the potential impact of noise and disturbance on the surrounding residential area.

The Valley Social Centre is situated **REDACTED** people's homes, **REDACTED**. A licence allowing alcohol and live music every evening until 11pm has the potential to cause significant and ongoing disruption.

My concern is not simply the noise created by live music itself. There is also the inevitable noise associated with people arriving and leaving the premises, standing outside, smoking, talking, shouting, getting into cars or taxis, and dispersing at the end of the evening.

This would be particularly difficult for families with young children, people who work shifts, older residents and those who need to get up early for work.

REDACTED, I am particularly concerned about the impact that regular late-night noise and disturbance could have on our family life, and that of our neighbours lives, and for all of us to be able to enjoy our homes peacefully.

I am concerned that granting permission for alcohol and live music could fundamentally change the character of life for those living **REDACTED** to the Valley Social Centre.

Crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour

I am also concerned about the potential for an alcohol-led venue to increase anti-social behaviour and disorder in the immediate area.

Whitehawk is a wonderful community with enormous strengths, resilience and generosity. However, it is also a community where many people face significant challenges, including poverty, addiction, poor mental health and other complex difficulties.

Through my role as **REDACTED**, I see many of these challenges firsthand and understand the impact that alcohol and addiction can have not only on individuals but also on families and the wider community.

I want to be clear that I am not suggesting that everyone who drinks alcohol behaves anti-socially, nor am I suggesting that the people making this application intend to create problems.

However, alcohol can contribute to disorder, anti-social behaviour and violence, and these are legitimate considerations when deciding whether a licence should be granted.

There are already concerns among local residents about the possibility of increased noise, anti-social behaviour and disruption in the streets surrounding the premises. Given the proximity of the Valley Social Centre to residential homes, I believe these concerns should be taken seriously.

Impact on families and children

The proposed licence would operate in the middle of a residential community where many families and children live

REDACTED, I am particularly concerned about the impact that live music and the presence of a licensed alcohol venue operating until 11pm every evening could have on our family and on other residents living nearby.

Children need to be able to sleep peacefully, and families should be able to enjoy their homes without regular late-night disturbance.

I am also concerned about what may happen outside the venue, particularly later in the evening when people are leaving. Even where a venue itself is well managed, noise and disruption can move outside into the surrounding streets and affect the people who live there.

The potential impact on children and families living **REDACTED** to the Valley Social Centre should, in my view, be given very careful consideration.

Parking and disruption to the surrounding area

I am also concerned about the potential impact on parking and traffic.

The Valley Social Centre is surrounded by residential streets where parking is already limited. A venue offering alcohol and live music could attract visitors from outside the immediate neighbourhood, creating additional pressure on parking and potentially causing disruption for residents.

There is also the potential for increased traffic and noise later in the evening as people arrive and leave the premises.

For those of us living **REDACTED** the Valley Social Centre, this would not simply be an occasional inconvenience but could become a regular part of daily life.

Building community without causing harm to community

One of the reasons I feel strongly about this application is because I genuinely believe in the importance of community spaces.

Whitehawk needs places where people can meet, build friendships, develop confidence and feel that they belong. The positive activities already taking place at the Valley Social Centre demonstrate how valuable such a community space can be.

However, I do not believe that an alcohol licence and live music licence operating every day of the week until 11pm is necessarily the same thing as building a stronger community.

A successful community space should bring people together while also respecting and supporting the people who live around it.

My concern is that, if this licence is granted as proposed, the increased noise, disruption, parking pressures and potential for anti-social behaviour could create tension between the Valley Social Centre and its immediate neighbours. That would be deeply regrettable and could have the opposite effect to the creation of a stronger and more connected community.

My objection

For these reasons, **I formally object to the granting of this premises licence.**

I believe that the proposed sale of alcohol and provision of live music seven days a week until 11pm could have an unacceptable impact on the surrounding residential community, particularly in relation to:

- the prevention of crime and disorder;
- the prevention of public nuisance;
- public safety; and
- the protection of children from harm.

I respectfully ask the Licensing Authority to **refuse the application.**

I would very much like to see the Valley Social Centre continue to be a positive and valuable community asset, and I strongly support the positive activities already taking place there, including the boxing club.

My objection is specifically to the proposed alcohol and live music licence and the likely impact of this on those living immediately around the premises.

As both a local resident and **REDACTED**, I feel a responsibility to raise these concerns on behalf of my family, myself and the wider community. I hope that the Licensing Authority will give full and careful consideration to the potential impact that this application could have on the residents who live **REDACTED** the Centre.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my objection.

Yours faithfully,

REDACTED

REP F - CH valid on the Licensing Objectives of PCD & PPN

21 Aug 2026, 19:50 by **REDACTED**

Re licence application- 2026/02943/LAPRCN

Dear Licensing Team,

I am writing to formally object to the premises licence application for the Valley Social Centre (31 Whitehawk Way, BN2 5HW) to serve alcohol and play live music. This is on the grounds of the prevention of public nuisance, including noise nuisance and anti-social behaviour.

My family and I live **REDACTED** the Valley Social Centre in **REDACTED**. We are not opposed to the building being used. In fact, the recent opening of Brighton Boxing Academy on the upper floor of the Valley Social Centre has been a real

blessing to the community. It has been encouraging to see the building brought back into use and many of our friends are taking part in boxing and fitness classes.

However, we believe that opening a bar and live music venue on the ground floor of the building is likely to lead to increased anti-social behaviour, noise nuisance and potentially drug-related activity. This is consistent with the issues experienced when the building was previously used as a bar. Residents who have lived in the area for many years are convinced that the same problems will return.

In addition, **REDACTED** has experienced disproportionate levels of anti-social behaviour in recent years. Police records will show the number of call-outs relating to domestic violence, drug dealing and noise nuisance in **REDACTED**

REDACTED has frequently had to sleep in a different room because of shouting and fighting in the street directly **REDACTED**. While the situation has improved somewhat over the past year, we are concerned that the introduction of alcohol sales and live music events will reintroduce many of the issues residents have previously endured and make the area a gathering point for disruptive groups.

There are many positive developments taking in Whitehawk. However, this proposal is not going to improve the lives of local residents. Families **REDACTED** with school-age children, as well as carers and other key workers who work shifts in the street, are likely to be adversely affected by the increased noise and disturbance that may spill onto the street late into the evening.

If the license is granted, I respectfully request that the committee imposes stricter conditions, including a closing time of 9:00 pm and appropriate soundproofing measures for the building. **REDACTED** is home to many children who travel across town to get to school and shift workers who need to get up early for school and work.

Yours faithfully,

REDACTED

