

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 April 2022 23:07  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Birch Community Centre

Please see our comments below.

We [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

We are struggling ourselves already as residents ... the music on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays AND the Friday pub evenings is loud and very intrusive. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], I find the music on a Sunday night particularly intolerable as it often goes on past 11pm. Fridays through Sundays we can understand and just about tolerate (although every weekend ... as it seems to be ... is tiring) BUT we cannot tolerate MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY (ALL DAY AND EVENING TILL LATE) activities that involve live music, recorded music or performance of dance. Our [REDACTED] throughout the week and are often in the [REDACTED] or later. We would have to take action if the effects of extending the existing licensable activities threatened [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

We're bothered about the following:

- Increased traffic and parking issues in the area - when we are already an area of concern ([REDACTED])
- Noise pollution - we can evidence this NOW, pretty much every weekend. At times, we've had to turn up the volume on the TV in the evenings and it's hard to get off to sleep on a Sunday evening when there's an event on at the community centre and that's no good when I'm up at 6.15AM for work.
- Disorder and antisocial behaviour linked to alcohol consumption.

Our concerns are really focused on NOISE and TRAFFIC more than anything else and the effect this has not just on residents living opposite/adjacent to the community centre but also on our business.

Happy to discuss this in person with anyone and to talk further.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 April 2022 10:48  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Support for License Variation for Birch Community Centre

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To the Licence and Planning Team,

I am writing in support of the proposed Premises Licence variation for Birch Community Centre.

I [REDACTED] which has alerted me to the significance of this centre to the surrounding neighbourhood. I have also attended a few events at the centre. The people who are involved in the community project are professional working people or retired professionals who have a deep interest in fostering community pride and in supporting cultural and social activities crucial to the physical and mental wellbeing of the neighbourhood. As far as I am aware, and am a little surprised I really have to put this writing, there have been no public order issues or crime relating to the operations of the community centre. I find any objections to suggest otherwise are frankly ridiculous unless concrete evidence is presented. This is not a commercial venue, but a rather sedate space that offers a limited number of events throughout the year (limited by the small pool of volunteers who keep this valuable enterprise going). [REDACTED] like other [REDACTED], I have worked hard to ensure that the events are run in an orderly fashion and in a manner respectful to the neighborhood. The intention behind the license application, as I understand it, serves as a means to avoid wasting volunteers' time applying for temporary event licenses every time [REDACTED] put on community events that occur at several points during the year. The team behind the community centre do not have any plans to do things differently (we do not have the volunteers to increase events) but are rather seeking to save time and labour in writing multiple applications a year. In addition, being able to serve drinks outside at community events would allow us to live better with Covid in the months ahead.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 April 2022 15:37  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Birch Community Centre Application to extend the licence

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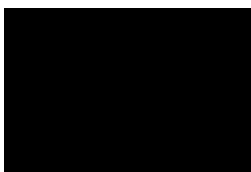
Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to support his application. Birch Community Centre is a very important local facility and is well used. The extension of the licence is not to turn this into a full time pub, simply to make it easier for various groups and private hires to be able to serve alcohol without having to get a one off licence every time., and also to be able to use the building more often and increase the revenue for the building.

People are always mindful of finishing serving by 11 and being out of the building punctually. At weekends that is midnight and during the week it is earlier.

I am concerned if people think this extension would mean parties every night which it certainly wouldn't! It just makes it easier for people who want to use the building to serve alcohol if they want and also to use the outside of the building within reason.

Please just make life easier for us!!



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 April 2022 18:58  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Extending the Licence at Birch Community Centre Rusholme

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Hi [REDACTED]  
I [REDACTED] I have heard from various people in our community that some residents have objected to an extension of the licence time when different events are put on at Birch Community Centre.

I am a regular attender of such events and know the people will conduct themselves in an orderley and respectful fashion at whatever time of the day. These social gatherings, where alcohol is served, are our only means of socialising outside our homes in Rusholme as there are no pubs in the area anymore. The events are an important means of providing support and community cohesion as well as enjoyment, close to home. Why should we have to go elsewhere for some entertainment and relaxation.

I hope you will grant the extension and support and further promote a valuable and much needed community facility.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 April 2022 12:25  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Application reference 272860/AM2

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I am writing in support of the application by Birch Community Association to vary their licence.

Birch Community Centre is a vital, local, charitable amenity which depends on funding obtained by selling alcohol at some events. The variation to the licence will facilitate this.

I [REDACTED] and know that the Centre takes care to ensure that people attending these events do not make any undue noise.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 April 2022 22:02  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: Birch Community Centre Application Type: Premises Licence variation Reference: 272860/AM2

Thank you, Aisha,

Therefore, I would like to submit my representation.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 25 April 2022 03:42 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Birch Community Centre Application Type: Premises Licence variation Reference: 272860/AM2

Hi [REDACTED]

You can submit a representation irrespective of your association with the premises.

Thanks

Ashia

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 April 2022 14:33  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: Birch Community Centre Application Type: Premises Licence variation Reference: 272860/AM2

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Aisha,

Can I submit [REDACTED] that is submitting the variation?

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2022 10:20:04 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Birch Community Centre Application Type: Premises Licence variation Reference: 272860/AM2

Hi [REDACTED]

Can you please confirm if you wish to submit a representation as this is not clear from your email below.

Kind regards

Ashia

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 24 April 2022 18:07

**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Fw: Birch Community Centre Application Type: Premises Licence variation Reference: 272860/AM2

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To whom it may concern,

I wish to withdraw my email.

Whilst I support the Premises Licence variation for Birch Community Centre, my position [REDACTED] of said premises might prejudice my involvement. I stand by my comments and can verify each one.

However, if my support is not out of order, I would like it to go forward.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 23 April 2022 03:14 PM

**To:** premises.licensing@manchester.gov.uk <premises.licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Birch Community Centre Application Type: Premises Licence variation Reference: 272860/AM2

To whom it may concern.

I am writing in support of the proposed Premises Licence variation for Birch Community Centre.

As a resident of Rusholme and regular user of Birch Community Centre, I am confident that proposed Premises Licence variation will not be detrimental.

When I have attended events at Birch Community Centre, I have always found a sufficient number of people engaged in ensuring the safety of the premises and users. Volunteers from the area are involved the running of events, as you would expect for a community centre, and have personal interest in keeping good order.

I note that CCTV cameras have been installed around the premises and there are notices drawing attention to this.

I also note that the gates to the grounds of the community centre are locked when the centre is not in use. This did not used to be the case.

I hope that the licence variation is successful to allow the Community Centre take advantage of more educational, cultural and community activities, which can only benefit the improvement and promotion of the physical and mental well-being of the community.



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Support for premises licence variation for Birch Community Centre

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the Premises Licence variation for Birch Community Centre. I am a resident of Fallowfield and have been a user of the community centre for over 15 years. [REDACTED] that was held there for many years. As a family, we have attended film, food, music and theatre events and most recently, the Birch Tavern [REDACTED]

I am confident that the licence variation for Birch Community Centre will not be damaging and will actually enrich the activities and subsequently improve the financial position of the centre. As more events have been introduced, the community centre has benefited from increased security measures that add to the safety of the surrounding neighbourhood.

Most of the events held in the centre are run by volunteers who live locally to the centre and who therefore have a personal interest in keeping the events, the building and its surrounds safe and well kept. At the monthly Birch Tavern event, volunteers and organisers are vigilant about asking customers to leave quietly as not to cause excessive noise pollution.

By granting the premises licence variation, I expect that additional diverse and inclusive events will be hosted in the community centre. Such events are already improving physical and mental well-being of our community and facilitate people of all ages, cultures and backgrounds to come together to enjoy Fallowfield and Rusholme and meet other like-minded people. I feel that it would be missed opportunity for the community if this variation was not approved.

Many thanks for taking time to consider my statement.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 April 2022 17:45  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Reference: 272860/AM2 Birch Community Centre

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I am writing in support of this application. I am a local resident, [REDACTED]

The BCC is an important community facility, providing activities for all ages. It currently has a limited licence and I am not aware of any negative impact in terms of crime and disorder, public safety or public nuisance.

Based on my knowledge of the type of activities run currently and planned with the new licence, I am confident the licence will be operated responsibly.

The impact on children will be positive: the additional revenue from activities under this extended licence will help the BCC remain sustainable at a time when this is challenging, thereby being able to continue to support a range of projects with children and families.

With best wishes,

[REDACTED]

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Reference: 272860/AM2 (support)

[REDACTED]

Tue 26/04/2022 09:47

To: Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

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To whom it may concern

I write in **support** of the proposed Premises Licence variation for the Birch Community Centre.

As a resident of Rusholme and a service user of the Birch Community Centre, the proposed Licence variation will be a great service to the community.

I have attended and volunteered at events at Birch Community Centre and have found it to engage a wide range of audience from families, students, elderly and residents. [REDACTED] supporting the events, we have a vested interest in Birch Community Centre and keeping it in good order. I note the centre already provide activities for children and has secured spaces for children to play safely.

I hope the Licence variation for Birch Community Centre is successful to allow the local community to benefit from more educational, cultural and community activities that supports residents' wellbeing.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 26 April 2022 12:29  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** In support of Birch Community Centre Application

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Hello,

I am writing in support of the application of the Licence Variation application by Birch Community Association.

As a local resident I have seen Birch Community Centre really blossom in the past year, and a great deal of that is to do with the events they are putting on. Greater flexibility with the licensing would hugely impact their ability to continue to put on these events, and provide a wonderful, safe environment for the community to gather. A much needed respite.

All the events I have attended have been very well managed. I personally know many of the volunteers that help keep these events well run and safe, all of whom are local and have an invested interest in ensuring the events create cohesion. It truly is community driven, and they are committed to ensuring harmony in the neighbourhood.

Birch Centre are committed to a varied schedule, and I trust they will be sensible about their event planning, and always be considerate to local residents.

I believe extending the licensing will only have a positive effect.



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 26 April 2022 16:02  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Application 272860/AM2

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Dear Sirs,

### **Premises Licence Application 272860/AM2 Birch Community Centre**

I wish to comment on and register objection to the extension to the premises licence for Birch Community Centre contained in the above application. The basis of my objection is that the proposed variation to the scope and extent of the licence will increase the risk of nuisance, caused by noise and people traveling into the area, and disorder and thus adversely affect residents who live close to the Centre.

1. The expansion of the licence to cover additional forms of entertainment and to seven days per week changes the essential nature of the licence as it applies to the Community Centre. The current licence is consistent with a reasonable expectation that, as a community based organisation, the Association may host occasional weekend entertainment events. The proposed variation creates the potential for the building to be used as a seven-day entertainment venue. Although this may not be envisaged by the applicants, it seems highly likely that there will be more frequent events and events on more days of the week. [REDACTED] and the noise from events recently has been intrusive. Many of these events involve people from beyond the local community, resulting in additional traffic and traffic noise from people leaving beyond the finishing time under the licence and this constitutes an additional nuisance. While some extension in the scope of the licence to include activities such as drama and films may be reasonable, this should be within the times permitted by the existing licence.
2. The extension of the licence to include entertainment outside the building and in the grounds will result in events having a much more intrusive impact for residents living in the vicinity of the Centre building. Together with the extension in the hours, this variation would appear effectively to licence all day outdoor events with amplified music. While this may not be intended currently by the applicants, it is inappropriate for a licence to be granted which could make such a situation possible. I object to both the blanket extension of the licence to include outdoors and the specific removal of the condition requiring the children's play area to be closed by 22:00, which offers some protection to residents living closest to the Centre.
3. The application includes a significant and unwarranted change in the conditions applying to the supply of alcohol. The current position, where this is possible during 11 hours on Saturday only and within the building, would change to one where alcohol can be sold every day, for a total of some 79 hours across a week, and for consumption both on and off the premises. Such a change will increase the risk that the consumption of alcohol, both over longer periods and in the grounds, will result in considerable added nuisance for local residents and increase the risk of disorder. I therefore object specifically to (i) the extension of the licence for alcohol to be supplied on seven

days, (ii) the extension of the hours of supply to midnight and (iii) the extension to include supply for consumption outside the building.

Residents in the area adjacent to Birch Community Centre are already subject to considerable nuisance and disorder as a result of parties in houses in multiple occupation, involving late night noise and disruption from people transiting to and from those events. These have resulted in repeated complaints to the Council and, in some cases, the Police but there has been little effective enforcement. It would be detrimental to local residents quiet enjoyment of their homes for a significant expansion to the Community Centre licence, with consequent potential for additional intrusive noise and nuisance, to be granted.

Yours faithfully



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 April 2022 14:38  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Birch Community Centre Application Type: Premises Licence variation Reference: 272860/AM2

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To who it may concern

As a local resident, [REDACTED] and regular user of Birch Community Centre I am writing in support of the application for a Premises License Variation.

The centre provides a home for activities of benefit to the community such as charitable events, home schooling forum, scouts, reading group, yoga, tai chi, allotment show, family celebrations, monthly discotheque and Birch Tavern as well as occasional theatrical and musical performances, for example. By their very nature these activities contribute to social cohesion and the wider prevention of crime, disorder and nuisance while contributing to public safety and the protection of children in the community.

The variation would obviate the current need to apply for individual TENs for special events such as the Jubilee Celebrations or the monthly Birch Tavern, for example. The Trustees have no plans to increase the number of events where alcohol will be consumed. The main advantage [REDACTED] is that it saves us the fees and associated administrative time and costs in applying for a TEN. I stress this last because anything we can do to contribute to the smooth running of the centre is vital for our sustainability and the fulfilment of our aims and objectives.

Regular community activities involving alcohol such as the monthly both regular and occasional Birch Tavern and Open Mic Night, discotheque, and occasional quiz night and theatrical and musical performances have substantial input from volunteers and centre staff who assure good order prevails. CCTV monitors the exterior of the building 24/7. Any complaints from residents have been addressed immediately by the Trustees. I [REDACTED] and the only complaints we have had were received by virtue of this application (instances overwhelmingly involved unlicensable activities such as private parties). The trustees met with the residents last week and remedial actions put into place: re-examination of user hire contracts and stricter enforcement of noise abatement measures will be pursued.

Over recent years we have received less revenue support from the local authority. Consequently we have worked hard to increase hire at competitive commercial rates for private parties and training workshops and the like. The license variation will give us greater flexibility so that we can fulfil our aims and objectives to serve the community, maintain the building. Private hire provides us with the resources to employ a full time manager and let out the premises at subsidised rates (in some cases gratis) for socially useful activities.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 April 2022 19:33  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Support for the application to extend the premises license at Birch Community Centre

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Dear Sir/Madam  
I am a local resident who has lived o [REDACTED] Birch Community Centre  
is [REDACTED]

I have heard that there is a proposal to extend the Centre's license, making it easier for organisers to hold events as they won't have to spend time applying for a temporary license for every single community event planned. With an extended license, it seems to me that future special events would also be more flexible as local people would be able to use the outside area, taking advantage of good weather and making it more covid-safe (for example a celebration of the Jubilee).

There are so many positive, well-run and carefully organised events for all ages and tastes at the Centre and I've been to quite a few of these. I've always felt safe and welcome, and I love [REDACTED] at the popular monthly Birch Tavern community pub, especially when we welcome people who are isolated or new to the area.

I can truly say that volunteers and attendees all take a pride in the Centre and the area, and as such we all take great care to ensure the environment is safe and secure, and a happy and enjoyable place for all residents to meet up. Having less barriers to holding events at the centre can only serve to bring our community together in a positive way and increase all our involvement and participation, making it a pleasant place to live and belong.

**I wholeheartedly support an extension of the Premises License for Birch Community Centre.**

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

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**Fw: Birch Community Centre**

Premises Licensing &lt;Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk&gt;

Thu 28/04/2022 10:16

To: [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]**Sent:** 27 April 2022 21:07**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>**Subject:** Birch Community Centre

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We would like to register our objection to the recent license application Reference: 272860/AM2

[REDACTED] we have concerns regarding the noise and parking issues that arise from having functions there.

We would like to clarify that we are not in the habit of complaining about events and understand fully the need for the Centre to raise funds in order to maintain it's valuable position as a community centre in the area. If there is an event we accept that there will be a certain amount of disruption to the calm.

However, having thought long and hard and waited to hear what the Trustees had to say about their motivations for the application, we feel that it is not unreasonable to object to the need for a license for 7 days a week and that until 11pm from Sunday to Thursday and 12pm on Friday and Saturday.

Our experience has shown that if an event finishes at 11pm, there is activity and conversation that often continues well past that time. The Centre currently has a licence for Saturday nights only (until 11 pm) and we have accepted that one night a week there will be loud music, cars coming and going, some occasionally causing obstruction for the residents, people standing and talking. In fairness most people are respectful, but not all. Now the same tolerance is being asked of us for not only the whole week but also until 12pm for TWO nights a week which we feel is highly unfair and thoughtless.

As the Centre is located in the heart of a residential area we are conscious that it should remain as just that and not be given an open door to become an event venue which would change it's whole dynamic.

With regards to the need for the Centre to raise funds, we feel that Community Centres are always struggling to survive and that is sadly the nature of the beast but by, for example, dedicating a sub-committee of Trustees to fundraise through applying for grants for projects, maintenance and repairs, staffing etc then that is another way forward and in keeping with the harmony of the area.

Finally I feel that the consultation although fulfilling the legal criteria could have been handled differently as most of us did not know of the application until a neighbour knocked on our doors to inform us. A simple knock on the door, while the application was being developed, inviting us to a consultation could have avoided the need for us to object.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** **Application from Birch Community Centre licence variation.**

I'm writing in full support of the application for a premises license variation made by Birch Community Centre.

I'm a local resident that has used the centre regularly over a period of 20 or so years. I have always found that community involvement and safe participation have been central to the centres activities.

Music has been a key aspect for our involvement, particularly coming out of the last few years.

If we are to continue to strengthen and support each other, then the facilitating of occasional musical and cultural community events is vital.

Yours

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 28 April 2022 13:00  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Support of Premises Licence application for Birch Community Centre

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To whom it may concern

I am writing to support the application Ref. 272860/AM2 to extend the activities of the premises licence for Birch Community Centre.

[REDACTED]

Recently the centre has made an effort to reach all members of the local community by providing social, entertainment and well being activities. In doing this there is an attempt to promote social cohesion, a responsibility for others and the local community. There is hope that in bringing people together there will be reduction crime and disorder, awareness and appreciation of the community and a promotion of public safety.

I believe the association hope to work closely with the community including those who live nearby in order to deal with any problems of noise or disorder that may cause distress.

I hope the council can look kindly on this application.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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**RES 17**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 28 April 2022 18:46

**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Birch community centre

I am writing in support of the application to extend licensing at Birch community centre. The absence of alternatives in the area means that this is a much needed facility that brings local people together in a safe and responsible environment.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**RES 18**

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 28 April 2022 19:33

**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Reference: 272860/AM2

Hi,

I am writing in support of the Birch Community Centre's application to vary its premises licence.

I am a long standing user of the community centre going back [REDACTED] and I am also a local resident.

I am confident that the Trustees, along with the centre manager will ensure that the terms of licence will be upheld and neighbourly respect, public safety, public nuisance and child safety will be managed well and honoured at all times.

Thank you

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

RES 19

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 28 April 2022 20:16  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Fw: Premises Licence variation Birch Community Centre

To whom it may concern.

I am writing in support of the proposed Premises Licence variation for Birch Community Centre.

As a resident Rusholme and regular user of Birch Community Centre, I am confident that proposed Premises Licence variation will not be harmful to the local area.

When I have attended events at Birch Community Centre, the safety of the users are always taken into account and procedures are followed to ensure the safety of the users. Volunteers from the area are involved the running of events, as you would expect for a community centre, and have personal interest in keeping the events under control.

I note that the gates to the grounds of the community centre are locked when the centre is not in use. This did not used to be the case there are also CCTV cameras around the centre and there are notices drawing attention to this.

I hope that the licence variation is successful to allow the Community Centre take advantage of more educational, cultural and community activities, which can only benefit the improvement and promotion of the physical and mental well-being of the community. The variety of events that the centre puts on adds to the health and wellbeing of many in the community.

Best

[REDACTED]

RES 20

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 28 April 2022 22:17  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to show my support for the Birch Field Community centre. Since opening Birch Tavern has been run by volunteers pfor the benefit of the local community. There is engagement with the community and an effort to put on events which would most cater to those who attend. Little noise is produced and customers are asked to take care when leaving; not to make too much commotion, as the tavern is within a residential district. The application for an extended licence is not to allow opening every night of the week but rather to make it unnecessary to make a fresh application for each monthly event. Local residents are always held at the forefront of the minds of volunteers, and all practical steps to reduce the noise of events, are taken. Therefore I can see no plausible reason that this application cannot be accepted.

Best regards

[REDACTED]

RES 21

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 28 April 2022 23:28  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Premises Licence variation Reference: 272860/AM2 - Birch Community Association - 28 April 2022 - Letter of Support (amended)

The Birch Community Centre is the heart and soul of Birch-in-Rusholme. [REDACTED] in the neighbourhood, I have attended numerous weddings, christenings [REDACTED] birthday celebrations, fairs and fund-raisers. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Birch continues to be managed by local volunteers. We are strongly supported by our local Rusholme Ward Councillors. Sadly the City Council is no longer able to offer grants. Therefore the trustees are seeking to offer more events throughout the week not just at the weekend - and occasionally sell alcohol to raise funds for the Centre. Such activities will be organised with sensitivity mindful of residents. This will sustain a fine Victorian building and community resource.

I am confident that the proposed variation will *not* detract from

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public Safety
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm

I fully support this application for a more flexible Premises Licence

[REDACTED]  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 28 April 2022 22:51  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Premises Licence variation Reference: 272860/AM2 - Birch Community Association - 28 April 2022 - Letter of Support

The Birch Community Centre is the heart and soul of Birch-in-Rusholme. [REDACTED] in the neighbourhood, I have attended numerous weddings, christenings [REDACTED] birthday



celebrations, fairs and fund-raisers. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Birch continues to be managed by local volunteers. We are strongly supported by our local Rusholme Ward Councillors. Sadly the City Council is no longer able to offer grants. Therefore the trustees are seeking to offer more events throughout the week not just at the weekend - and occasionally sell alcohol to raise funds for the Centre. Such activities will be organised with sensitivity mindful of residents. This will sustain a fine Victorian building and community resource.

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- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm

I fully support this application for a more flexible Premises Licence

[REDACTED]  
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RES 22

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 28 April 2022 23:07  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]

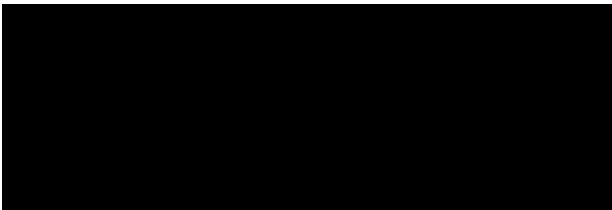
**Subject:** Premises Licence variation Reference: 272860/AM2 - Birch Community Association - 28 April 2022 - Letter of Support

During [REDACTED] in Birch-in-Rusholme I have attended numerous weddings, christenings ( [REDACTED] birthday celebrations, fairs and fund-raisers. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. The Birch continues to be managed by local residents, receives no statutory grants but is strongly supported by Rusholme Ward Councillors. I understand the committee are seeking to offer more varied events throughout the week - not just at weekends - and occasionally sell alcohol. This will sustain a fine Victorian building and community resource.

I am confident such activities permitted by the proposed variation will not detract from:

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public Safety
- The prevention of public nuisance
- The protection of children from harm

I fully support this application for a more flexible Premises Licence for the Birch Community Centre



**RES 23**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 28 April 2022 18:48  
**To:** Premises Licensing <Premises.Licensing@manchester.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Reference: 272860/AM2 Birch Community Centre

Dear team

We are writing to object the proposed variation. The reason is to keep noise and social gatherings timing to a reasonable time to allow nearby residence to rest at night. The parties quite often go beyond the cut off time anyway. Any longer hours would disturb sleep.

[REDACTED]



**Licensing & Out of Hours Compliance Team - Representation**

Name	Luke Solczak
Job Title	Licensing and Out of Hours Compliance Officer
Department	Licensing and Out of Hours Compliance Team
Address	Level 1, Town Hall Extension, Manchester, M60 2LA
Email Address	[REDACTED]
Telephone Number	[REDACTED]

**Premise Details**

Application Ref No	272860
Name of Premises	Birch Community Association
Address	Birch Community Centre, Brighton Grove, Manchester, M14 5JT

**Representation**

Outline your representation regarding the above application below. This representation should describe the likely effect of the grant of the licence/certificate on the licensing objectives and on the vicinity of the premises.

The Licensing and out of Hours Team have assessed the application and have concerns that the proposed licensable activities and hours requested will severely undermine the licensing objectives in relation to public nuisance & the protection of children from harm.

The Applicant has requested the supply of alcohol for on and off sales. The licensing and out of hours team have concerns that there will be an increased risk of children having access to alcohol via direct purchase or via proxy sales.

Birch Community Centre is located in a very concentrated residential area with the nearest residential property approximately 12 meters away. (Please see appendix 1)

The premise is currently authorised to conduct Live music; Recorded music & Performances of dance indoors only. Licensing and out of Hours feels that there would be a significant impact to the residents surrounding the premise from noise nuisance in the form of raised voices and music if these activities were to take place externally. The applicant has stated "On rare occasions we wish to stage live music outside which would finish before 21:00." Due to the proximity of residential properties The Licensing and Out of Hours team feel regulated entertainment until this time would not be suitable for this location.

In addition, the premise is currently authorised to conduct these activities from Friday – Sunday with alcohol permitted for sale on a Saturday only.

The premise has applied to extend the supply of alcohol to 7 days a week. Sunday – Thursday until 23:00 & Friday – Saturday until 00:00. The

Licensing and Out of Hours Team have concerns that intoxicated customers leaving the premise midweek may present a noise nuisance due to raised voices and vehicle noise consisting of engines and slamming doors.

The Licensing and Out of Hours team have received numerous complaints regarding community centres and banqueting halls that are located in close proximity to residential properties. Through investigations it has identified that premises such as this can have a detrimental impact on local residents and with the requested hours and supply of alcohol may pose a significant nuisance.

#### Appendix 1





The Licensing and Out of hours Team concerns would be reduced if the following conditions and timings were agreed.

- 1) No noise shall emanate from the premises nor vibration be transmitted through the structure of the premises that gives rise to a nuisance.
- 2) Staff shall monitor customers in the external areas of the premises on a regular basis and ensure patrons do not cause a public nuisance.
- 3) There shall be a documented dispersal policy, as agreed with the relevant responsible authorities, implemented at the premises and a copy lodged with the Council's Licensing Unit.
- 4) From no later than 1 hour before the premises closes to the public, a member of staff shall be dedicated to monitor the dispersal of customers and ensure patrons do not contribute to anti-social behaviour in the vicinity. They will be easily identifiable by way of their uniform or high visibility jacket / vest; will have a detailed knowledge of all transport options in the area and provide directions for patrons who may be loitering in the vicinity of the premises.
- 5) Use of the external areas for regulated entertainment will not be permitted after 18:00 Sunday – Thursday and after 19:00 Friday – Saturday.
- 6) Use of the external areas will not be permitted after 21:00 Sunday – Thursday and after 22:00 Friday – Saturday.
- 7) Local residents shall be invited to quarterly residents meetings held by the premises licence holder to resolve any problems associated with the carrying on of licensable activities at the premises.
- 8) The premises shall install and maintain a comprehensive digital CCTV system. All public areas of the licensed premises, including all public entry and exit points, and the street environment will be covered, enabling facial identification of every person entering in any light condition. The CCTV cameras shall continually record while the premises are open to the public and recordings shall be kept available and unedited for a minimum of 31 days with the date and time stamping.
- 9) A staff member who is conversant with the operation of the CCTV system shall be present on the premises at all times when they are open to the public and must be able to produce/download/ burn CCTV images upon request by a police officer or an authorised officer of the licensing authority. Any footage must be in a format that can be played back on a standard personal computer or standard DVD player. Where the recording is on a removable medium (ie. compact disc, flash card etc), a secure storage system to store those recording mediums shall be provided.

- 10) In addition to any other training, the premises licence holder shall ensure that all staff are trained to prevent underage sales, are aware of and prevent proxy sales, recognising signs of drunkenness & refusing the sale, complying with licence conditions, maintain the refusals log, and that they monitor staff to ensure their training is put into practice.
- 11) All training will be documented, signed and dated and refreshed at least every 12 months, and will be made available to the police or authorised officer from Manchester City Council upon request.
- 12) The Premises Licence holder and all employees will ensure that no children under the age of 16 will be allowed on the premises after 22:00hrs unless accompanied by adult.
- 13) 28 days' notice shall be given to Greater Manchester Police and the local authority of any events held that are organised by an external promoter, including full details of the nature of the event and of the promoter.
- 14) Should the venue be hired out for use by a third party, a representative of the Birch Community Association, in a supervisory capacity, shall be in attendance at all times when licensable activities are taking place to oversee that the conditions of the licence are adhered to.
- 15) There must be a documented security assessment, which must incorporate counter terrorism measures for the premises. The assessment shall be routinely reviewed and must be reviewed following the elevation of the change of the national threat level. All reviews shall be documented.
- 16) All public facing staff must be clear about what to do if the public report suspicious activity or unusual behaviour to them. Any and all suspicious behaviour by customers or members of the public close to the venue must be noted and be reported promptly so that investigations can be made and action taken, if appropriate.

Recommendation: Approve with Conditions (Outlined Above)