

**From:** Tucker Matt: H&F  
**Sent:** 20 August 2025 11:02  
**Subject:** Fulham Football Club Variations

Dear Objectors –

Following the end of the consultation, and receipt of the comments made, I have been asked by the Applicant's solicitor to convey the following message:

***Thank you for sending through the representation from the residents. I note that there are no representations for any of the Responsible Authorities. It seems to me that the residents have misunderstood both the current licensing situation and the proposed changes. If possible I would like you to make a number of points in response to them.***

- 1. Most importantly we are not seeking to extend any of the hours which are already permitted for various licensable activities including the supply of alcohol.***
- 2. The Licensing Act already provides for a number of exemptions for the need to apply for a licence for certain licensable activities in certain circumstances. In particular, where a licence for the supply of alcohol is in force the licence holder may provide recorded music or live music without any additional permissions in certain circumstances, where the music does not extend beyond 23.00 and where the audience does not exceed 500 persons.***
- 3. In addition there is no need to licence recorded music/live music or films where it is incidental to some other activity which is not itself a licensable activity (Schedule 1 para 7 Licensing Act 2003).***
- 4. The applicant therefore has already been able to provide live and recorded music under these exemptions since the grant of the licence for the Riverside Stand and indeed has done so on a number of occasions with no complaint being made to us.***
- 5. The reason for the applications is that there are or may in the future be occasions when the exemptions cannot be utilised. Let me provide 2 examples.***
  - a) On match days there can be over 2000 people on the ground floor of the Riverside Stand prior to kick off. If live music or recorded music is provided in such circumstances for entertainment prior to kick off, it MAY be considered as a breach of the exemption. We would suggest that even in these circumstances the provision is incidental to the football match but for the avoidance of doubt it is better to ensure that the activity is specifically licensed.***
  - b) There may be occasions when live music may be provided as a primary activity to more than 500 persons. For example an event promoted externally. In these circumstances the exemption could not apply and the activity should be specifically licensed.***
- 6. We are aware of a few complaints about noise which have been made direct to the Club. We have already engaged with residents from nearby flats and are undertaking some independent noise monitoring to ensure that music noise is kept to an appropriate level.***

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Should this response mitigate your concerns to the extent that you wish to withdraw your representation, please let me know by way of return e-mail.

Kind regards

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