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**Date:** 8/1/16

(1) I would like to register my concerns about the content of Judith Cochrane's bill (**Bill Number: Bill 69/11-16 - Licensing Bill**) in relation to liquor licensing changes that could significantly impact on the 3 local sports stadiums

(2) As a resident of Ravenhill Park, some 6 doors up from the entrance to the Kingspan Stadium, I would first like to state that I did not receive the information circulated to some addresses by Judith Cochrane MLA. Having said that I have read the information about the proposed bill, taken from the Assembly website.

(3) I would ask that any bill to permit Ulster Rugby to apply for a licence should be linked to a 10.00pm finish up time. In addition there needs to be better communication between Ulster Rugby and local residents. This was supposed to happen as part of Ulster Rugby's commitments within their planning (Event Management Plan) , but rather disappointingly has come to nothing.

(4) There should also be better stewarding of the crowds leaving the Kingspan Stadium and this should continue until the crowd have made their way up to the Ravenhill Road or Creagh Road. I believe Ulster Rugby should be supervising the crowd as seen at other

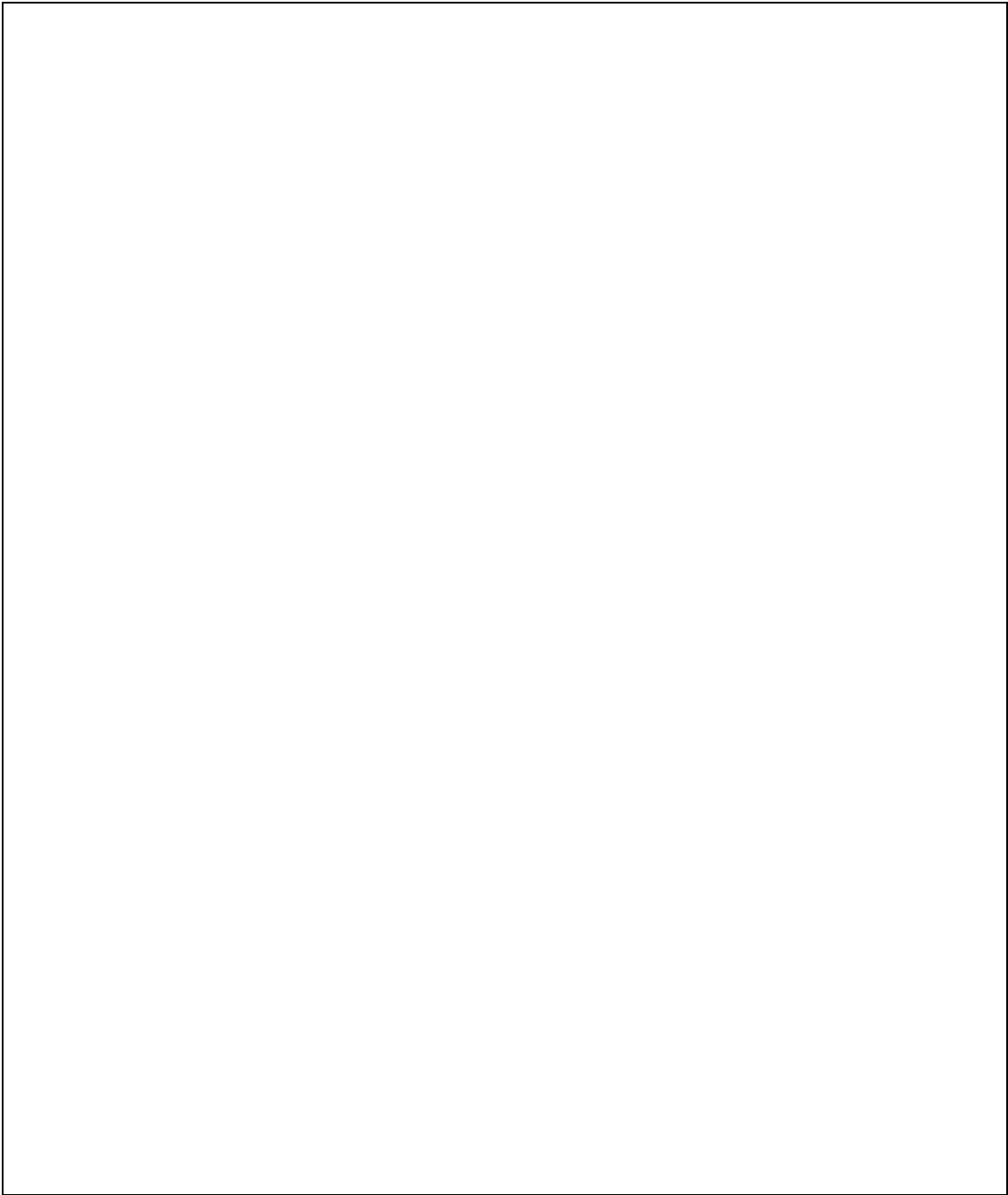
stadium across the UK and Ireland, not just ending at the gates of the stadium. Unsupervised, some member of the leaving supports have engaged in anti-social behaviour, such as urinating in gardens.

(5) Finally there should be better enforcement to prevent some people leaving the Kingspan Stadium, who are carrying alcohol in plastic pint glasses out of the stadium. People are regularly seen drinking openly on the street after the game. These glasses end up in residents gardens.

(6) This Bill provides an opportunity to instruct the stadium management to formally and regularly engage with local residents to address their ongoing concerns.

I would be pleased if you could include these issues within the bill.

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