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7th July 2022

Dear Emma,

I am writing to you in connection with the application you have received for a licence under the licensing act 2003 for New Premises at West Barn Lodge, Fovant SP35LL.

Firstly, this application was not posted on your website. I understand a fellow Fovant dweller alerted you that it had not been listed. Are you not bound therefore to extend the usual allowed period for objections to go beyond Monday 11th July 2022. This would allow objections or comments to arrive within the usual allowed time for these matters.

I live at 3 West Hill Farm Cottages, Fovant SP35LJ and am therefore West Barn Lodges nearest neighbour. Just 0.3 of a mile away. I chose to live in this beautiful valley mainly for its quiet and peacefulness. It is a beautiful part of the county, nature abundant and light pollution extremely low. There is a regular and unbroken wind which sweeps the valley mostly from a westerly to easterly direction, which means I am directly downwind from the Barn. I do not want to have to close my windows and stay in my home each time there is an event at West Barn Lodge. I am also very saddened that the local wildlife will be affected by this new business too.

I visited West Barn Lodge in person this morning and noticed there were three very large glass doors, north, east and south facing. I could not see if there was a similar door to the west. I note that Mr Hutchins states the doors will be kept shut except for access and egress. In the summer months that statement can not be creditable and it will be invertible that the doors will be opened during any celebratory event. with the resulting noise impact on residents in Fovant in particular our farm cottages.

The proposal make no mention of a sound barrier or absorber. For such a quiet valley I believe this is essential. Can you please tell me what sound proofing efforts have been made to the barn where the music will be played? Is the barn well ventilated and air conditioned? This will be essential as the doors are to stay shut.

I do not wish to spoil anothers livelihood but I do not want my home and quality of life diminished either. Here are my suggestions to help all concerned live harmoniously together.

1. The East and North facing doors of the barn not be used at all during the event. And only be emergency fire exits. An alarm sensor be installed at both of these doors

to stop them being breached during an event.

2. The south facing door facing away from my property be the only one used during the event but kept closed otherwise as proposed by Mr Hitchins for the duration of the event.

3. The length of the licensing hours applied for is too long in duration. I question what sort of events other than weddings will be held there? A licence from 12 noon to 11.00 pm is my suggestion and must surly be more suitable for the described events to be held there. Why would an 8am licence be applied for?

4. An instant and thick in depth, 6ft mature hedge 10ft in height be immediately planted behind the existing wooden fence at the boundary of parking area. It would extend the hole length of the existing wooden fence and would help break and absorb the sound of the music and in my view improve the look of the premises. I look forward to hearing from you.

yours sincerely,

