

Avebury Parish Council

Application for premises licence for the National Trust Estate, Avebury, SN8 1RF (including the Estate Office, Avebury Manor, Avebury Manor Garden, Avebury Manor Parkland, Museum and Racquets Court Store, Dovecote, Circles Café, Great Barn, National Trust 'Farmyard', Education Centre, Shop and Coach House) for plays, films, live music, recorded music, performance of dance and the supply of alcohol and, on one day a year at summer solstice, late night refreshment at the Coach House.

The Parish Council considered this application at its meeting on 1 March 2016.

The Parish Council objects to the application. It should be refused, or amended to resolve the Parish Council's concerns, or withdrawn so that a process of consultation can take place and proper consideration can be given on the implications of the proposal.

The Parish Council foresees that public nuisance, issues of public safety and crime and disorder could result. In particular, issues of noise, traffic congestion, inconsiderate parking, poor crowd behaviour, litter, conflicts with spiritual observances, bad behaviour consequent on the effects of alcohol and damage to Scheduled Monuments could arise.

The Parish Council has the following concerns:

1. Multiple licensable objectives and premises

The application is not for one building like a cinema or pub. It relates to 12 buildings or parcels of land and six Licensable Objectives, and a late night refreshment licence for the Coach House. The applicant is therefore seeking a single licence for 73 possible combinations of uses and premises. The application form gives very little detail on their nature, and different implications of each of these combinations will arise. A licence should not be granted on the blanket basis the applicant requests.

2. Impact on the village

The 12 National Trust premises for which the licence is sought are in or around the centre of a village. Many residents have their permanent homes in Avebury and it is not reasonable for a blanket licence to be given to the applicant to sell alcohol and to hold licensable events of any size, type and frequency as the applicant might decide. The greater the number of venues for sales of alcohol and licensable events and the greater their frequency, the greater residents will be exposed to public nuisance, issues of public safety and crime and disorder. The same issues will also affect many local employees and a significant proportion of the 250,000 – 300,000 visitors that come to Avebury annually. Some gatherings of visitors in any case already result in informal drumming and other uncontrolled activities. A blanket licence should not be granted.

3. Alcohol

The proposed licence would allow alcohol to be sold and/or consumed at 12 different outlets/sites, both within buildings and out of doors. This is an excessive number of outlets/sites in a small village that already has a licensed pub and shop. The application also covers a large area of the village, much of which is open to the public and is hard or impossible to control. The Parish Council foresees that a blanket licence could expose

Avebury to public nuisance, issues of public safety and crime and disorder. In particular:

- a. A licence to sell alcohol at the Coach House conflicts with the purpose of a licence for Late Night Refreshment at summer solstice. While the Parish Council welcomes the National Trust's policy of selling snacks and non-alcoholic drinks during one night at solstice to reduce inebriation, it objects to an alcohol licence being given. National Trust (Enterprises) Ltd is also currently applying for planning permission on the Coach House, and states in its indicative menu in its Statement of Operation that only soft drinks will be sold. No licence to sell alcohol should therefore be granted. If at a later date the applicant wishes to sell alcohol at the Coach House, new planning and licensing applications should be made.
- b. The sale of alcohol at Avebury Manor Garden, Avebury Manor Parkland and the National Trust's 'Farmyard' is unnecessary if the nearby buildings of Avebury Manor and Circles Café are licensed. Licensing them also increases the number of outlets locally to excessive levels and reduces controls of alcohol sales in the village, especially as Avebury Manor Parkland and the National Trust's 'Farmyard' are large areas of land that are open to the public. Avebury Manor Garden, Avebury Manor Parkland and the National Trust's 'Farmyard' should not be designated as premises for the sale of alcohol and should not be included in a blanket licence. If individual events are planned, a specific application should be made for each event so that the risks and implications of each one can be consulted upon, assessed and suitable conditions imposed.
- c. The sale and/or consumption of alcohol at the Estate Office, Museum and Racquets Court Store, Dovecote, Great Barn and Education Centre would be contrary to the natural uses of these buildings and their basic purposes. They would also increase the number of outlets for alcohol sales to excessive levels. They should not be designated as premises for the sale of alcohol and should not be included in a blanket licence.

A blanket licence for alcohol sales should not be granted.

4. Plays, films, live music, recorded music and performance of dance

National Trust (Enterprises) Ltd can currently benefit without a licence from Entertainment Exemptions for four of the Licensable Objectives applied for (unamplified live music, plays, films and performance of dance) if audience sizes do not exceed 500. A licence is therefore unnecessary if events are going to attract audiences of less than 500 and a licence should not be granted for these uses.

The applicant can currently benefit without a licence from Entertainment Exemptions for two of the Licensable Objectives (amplified live music and recorded music) on premises licensed to sell alcohol if audience sizes do not exceed 500. A licence is therefore unnecessary if events are going to attract audiences of less than 500 in such venues, and a licence should not therefore be granted. The Parish Council is however concerned that public nuisance, issues of public safety and crime and disorder could result if amplified and/or recorded music will be played inside buildings licensed to sell alcohol and even more concerned if such music is played outside such buildings.

Avebury Manor Garden, Avebury Manor Parkland and the National Trust 'Farmyard' should not be given licences to sell alcohol, and no blanket licence to sell alcohol or hold licensable events should be granted for them. If the applicant wishes to hold a licensable event at these three venues, a specific application should be made for each event so that the risks and implications of each one can be consulted upon, assessed and suitable conditions imposed.

The applicant can currently benefit without a licence from Entertainment Exemptions for one Licensable Objectives (amplified live music) in a workplace that is not licensed to sell alcohol if audience sizes do not exceed 500. Avebury Manor Garden, Avebury Manor Parkland and the National Trust's 'Farmyard' are not, however, primarily workplaces for employment such as offices or factories that contain equipment for work such as desks, communications systems and assembly lines. Instead, the large majority of people occupying these areas are tourists who visit Avebury to take their leisure and arguably get away from work. They should not be considered workplaces and no licence for any amplified live music should be granted. If the applicant wishes to hold a licensable event at these three venues, a specific application should be made for each event so that the risks and implications of each one can be consulted upon, assessed and suitable conditions imposed.

If the applicant is planning to hold events for more than 500 people, the Parish Council has great concern that public nuisance, issues of public safety and crime and disorder could result. The Parish Council is, for example, aware of the huge task of managing and policing summer solstice when the National Trust, in particular, makes much valued but complex and expensive arrangements to cope with about 1,000 to 2,500 people coming to Avebury at midsummer. A blanket licence as requested should certainly not be granted for events of over 500 people. If the applicant intends to hold large events, an application for a specific licence for each event should be made so that the risks and implications of each one can be consulted upon, assessed and suitable conditions imposed.

If, contrary to the Parish Council's representations, a blanket licence is issued in respect of the above Licensable Objectives in this section it should contain a condition that the applicant will consult with the Parish Council on each event and take such action as the Parish Council may request to minimise adverse impacts.

5. Avebury Henge and Stone Circle as a Scheduled Monument

The plan accompanying the application is inaccurate and/or unclear. A red line shows that the north-west quadrant of Avebury Henge and Stone Circle is included in the area for authorised licensable activities and consumption of alcohol, but a note states that no licensable activities will take place in it. It appears however that the consumption of alcohol would be permitted on it. Direct access to it can also be gained through a field-gate at the rear of the Coach House.

The Henge and Stone Circle is a Scheduled Monument of international importance. It is subject to State controls and is open to the public at all times. It is not appropriate that it should be subject to any risk at all that public nuisance, crime and disorder and issues of public safety could arise. As a Scheduled Monument, it is also inappropriate that any

organisation or individual should hold a licence for Licensable Objectives on this parcel of land.

The Henge and Stone Circle should be totally excluded from any licence for the sale/consumption of alcohol or licensable event. Any plan accompanying an application or consent should be redrawn to exclude it and remove any ambiguity.

6. The need to prevent damage to the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage Site through public nuisance, crime and disorder and issues of public safety

The context of the application is that Avebury is an internationally important World Heritage Site. It aims to achieve world class standards for all its visitors, residents, employers and employees. It is essential that the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage Site is not damaged by negative impacts of licensable activities. The Parish Council requests the Licensing Committee to apply special tests when considering this application and to impose stringent safeguards in conditions in any licence. The following policies are relevant:

- a. The World Heritage Site Management Plan 2015, to which the National Trust is a signatory, is a material planning consideration. Policy 1d states that *'Development which would impact adversely on the WHS, its setting and its attributes of Outstanding Universal Value should not be permitted'*. A blanket licence would intensify the use of buildings and land, and open up the risk of untoward impacts.
- b. The Plan aims to avoid concentrating visitors in the centre of the World Heritage Site by dispersing them to other parts of it. The proposed licence runs counter to this objective.
- c. The vision of the Plan includes the statement *'We will work together to care for and safeguard this special area and provide a tranquil, rural and ecologically diverse setting for it and its archaeology'*. Licensable activities are not a priority in the vision and are not included in it.

7. Intensification of use and the future

The application is part of a wider initiative by the applicant to intensify the use of the National Trust's land and buildings to increase income. The Parish Council understands the need for income but foresees that, as pressure for funding increasingly mounts, National Trust (Enterprises) Ltd would have incentives to promote an increasing number of initiatives for commercial reasons. The Parish Council foresees that these will bring corresponding risks of increasing public nuisance, issues of public safety and crime and disorder.

8. Limited period of consent

Given the sensitive location of the sites and the complexity of possible interactions, the Parish Council requests that any licence, apart from licences for specific events, is only given for two year periods and that biennial reviews are held by all interested parties.

18 March 2016

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March 20th 2016

Dear Ms Hould

Licensing Act 2003 Premises Licensing Application National Trust Avebury

I am writing as a long standing resident of Avebury(28 years).

I OBJECT to this application, as lodged, for the same reasons as listed by the Parish Council - after a very full discussion at the recent council meeting.I recommend that the application be withdrawn and a full consultation be held with the National Trust, including the Village as a whole. There is a clearly a break down in communication; which is becoming increasingly common, locally.

As proposed the Application could rapidly lead to the whole area becoming some sort of 'Theme Park' with the disasters of the past .(The Elizabethan Experience Avebury Manor around 1988/89 organized by the previous owner of the Manor Mr. Ken King.)

The Trust have the responsibility as guardians of the World Heritage Site of protecting its sanctity and intrinsic qualities as per the management plan; and should not be tempted into mindless commercial enterprises for its own financial purposes and completely disregarding the concerns of the Villagers.

I understand that more specific objections may be required - some of these are

1. **Unspecified reasons** behind this application, leading to an open ended and uncontrolled permission.The control of the present permissions are limited to the proximity to existing building, with opening hours and presumably control of noise.
2. **Noise and nuisance** is likely where open space becomes involved with the consumption of alcohol and music with an adverse impact on the residents.
3. **The lack of control** over the expansion of drinking throughout the World Heritage Site and Village.
4. **The desecration of the Monument**, which the National Trust has a duty to protect.
5. **Uncontrolled** litter which already is a problem in the Village not receiving proper attention.
6. Cities and towns have an embargo on drinking in public places yet under this proposal there would be encouragement to come and drink in Avebury.
7. There are many young visitors to Avebury who should not have to witness potentially, poor behaviour as an outcome of lax licensing laws.

Please will your Committee consider all these points many of which must be of national importance particularly in a World Heritage Site.

Yours sincerely
Diana Holmes Resident Avebury

Hould, Hannah

From: Hould, Hannah
Sent: 24 March 2016 17:18
To: 'J.Payne@laceyssolicitors.co.uk'
Subject: FW: Representation: Application for Premises license at Avebury

Dear Jon,

Please find below a further representation received today, in relation to the new premises licence application for the National Trust Estate, Avebury.

A hearing has been scheduled to be held on 20th April 2016, further information will be sent in due course.

Kind regards

Hannah

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From: Tomsett, Gary
Sent: 24 March 2016 16:23
To: Holland, Linda
Cc: Carter, John; Freegard, John
Subject: Representation: Application for Premises license at Avebury

Dear Linda,

I refer to the above mentioned application for a premises license.

The detail contained in the application is insufficient and raises many questions with regard to how the applicant will seek to attain the licensing objective of "the prevention of public nuisance". These concerns are added to by the information received that indicate multiple issues associated with nearly 200 vehicles on the Ridgeway during the solstice last year; including noisy parties.

I therefore make representation against this application on the basis that the applicant has not demonstrated adequately that they will be able to achieve this objective.

I would welcome further details from the applicant on the nature, frequency and duration of proposed events and the measures they will be putting in place to prevent public nuisance at these events in order to allay these concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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Date 24th March 2016

Your ref

Our ref: National Trust Estate, High St, Avebury

Reply contact name is: **Martin O'Neill**

Dear Miss Hould,

Re: Application for a Premises Licence – National Trust Estate, High St, Avebury

We are in receipt of an application for a Premises Licence to be granted under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003.

Wiltshire Police, as a responsible authority, have considered the application and the details contained within the operating schedule.

In addition, Police have made contact with the applicant Solicitors and spoken to Mr. Payne to discuss the addition of a suite of Conditions that are acceptable Wiltshire Police.

Police concerns are linked to the potential for up to 4,999 persons, to be on the Licensed Premise, at any one time, having consumed alcohol and there being no demonstrable management plans within the application, as submitted, to control incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour.

There are also concerns around the control of such a large open site, there are no practical suggestions in the application in relation to the control of a large crowd, or the utilisation of Stewards or Security.

However, although consultations are ongoing, Wiltshire Police therefore must object to the grant of the premises licence on the grounds that the application, as proposed, could undermine the licensing objectives - the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and the protection of children from harm.

Yours sincerely

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Cc. Mr. J Payne, Lacey's Solicitors

Lady Mary Beale

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22 March 2016

24 MAR 2016

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National Trust Licence Application

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm totally against an unlimited availability of alcohol on this large World Heritage Site at Avebury. At present my grandchildren are able to walk safely round the Site, avoiding the Red Lion and the village shop at times of 'Festivals', but would they be safe if this dangerous precedent of open-ended refreshments and unlimited alcohol be accepted?

The above application includes permission for unlimited musical events. At present, for instance, drumming at Solstice times is restricted and contained within one of the quadrants, with a cut-off point of 2330 hours. Should a licence be requested for a special event, residents would have the choice of moving out. But this is a residential area and if, on the other hand, the Council grant these unrestricted licences there would be considerable disturbance to the very young and old. We then would seek a substantial reduction in our Council Tax for the nuisance value.

It is time the Council put a stop to the NT's transparent and ill-conceived grab for money, under their pretence of being the 'guardians of our heritage' - these applications shew them in their true light locally as a tawdry and tacky organization who are doing their best to undermine this exceptional World Heritage Site and destroy our village and its community.

Please refuse this application.

Yours Sincerely,

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Hould, Hannah

From: Kate Fielden [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 March 2016 10:33
To: Hould, Hannah
Cc: 'Susan Rogers'; [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Licensing Act 2003 - Premises Licence Application, National Trust Estate, Avebury

Categories: Red Category

Dear Ms Hould,

Licensing Act 2003 - Premises Licence Application, National Trust Estate, Avebury

The Committee of the Avebury Society has considered this application carefully and has the following objections to it. Our concerns relate to all four of the issues that may be addressed in responding to a license application of this kind.

We do not object to the current licenses for the Circle Café/Restaurant and Avebury Manor as it is expected that consumption of food and regulation of behavior will take place at these locations.

The blanket application for a license to sell alcohol and permit music (possibly amplified) and dancing activities over a wide area, including a part of the henge monument, both indoors and outdoors and every day of the year, raises serious concerns about the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety in places and on footpaths accessed by the public, prevention of public nuisance and protection of children from harm. Adverse outcomes would affect not only those attending any such events but also the villagers who live at Avebury, in a number of cases adjacent to the locations for which the license is sought.

The issuing of a blanket license would allow for unadvertised events and for alcohol to be taken away from the point of sale without notice to villagers who would be affected. Music events might include loud music close to people's houses.

Avebury can, at times of pagan festivals, accommodate thousands of people and we foresee difficulties in the control of behavior, should alcohol be easily accessible, and in the control of special events which might include dancing when the unticketed visiting public may participate in large numbers or feel encouraged to instigate spontaneous events or music of their own. There are problems with the control of music, drumming, drug taking, camping, litter and so on, all associated with such events at Avebury but, in recent years, fortunately less problematic than in the past. The introduction of alcohol sales for consumption over a wide area would inevitably lead to a breakdown in current behaviour and a return to more widespread and frequent problems for the public and villagers in particular: these include litter and people vomiting and relieving themselves on public footpaths and in villagers' gardens.

We note that a license to sell alcohol until 5a.m. is applied for at summer solstice. It is perhaps pertinent to mention the intention of English Heritage not to permit the consumption of alcohol at the Stonehenge summer solstice celebrations this year: an action that, it is rumoured, will encourage participants to go to Avebury instead. Managing very large numbers of participants at Stonehenge is potentially easier, since access to the henge can be controlled – which is not the case at Avebury. The mess left at Stonehenge after the event is quite shocking. It seems to us that encouraging public entertainment at a prehistoric World Heritage Site is not compatible with the aims of the World Heritage Convention and seriously inhibits the potential for quiet use and enjoyment of the Site.

We are surprised that the applicants, as both neighbours and participants in the Management Plan process, have not discussed their proposals with the parish council or with the Avebury Management Plan Steering Committee. We hope that the application will be withdrawn and such consultation will take place before proceeding further. If not, we urge you, please, to refuse the license application.

I am copying this email to our chairman, Michael Daley, and to Susan Rogers, our Hon. Secretary. As I have been unable to contact Susan Rogers today, I am sending you this email to ensure that, if she hasn't been in touch with you, our comments reach you by the final date for responses.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Fielden
Vice Chairman, the Avebury Society

Hould, Hannah

From: Brian & Helen Vickers [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 March 2016 23:17
To: Hould, Hannah
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Licensing Notice WK/201604726

Categories: Red Category

Dear Ms Hould,

Well – we hope this is the correct ref number for The National Trust Estate, Avebury’s application for a new licence (to replace an existing). We have had great difficulty in tracking this application down on the council website, and eventually found it - only to find that comments had apparently been closed on 24th despite the advertised date of 26th. Happily Andrew Williamson (Chairman of the Avebury Parish Council) has given us your name and said our representation should be in time.

What worries my wife and I in general is the apparent use of Avebury by assorted interests as a sort of cash cow. We need to remind licensing authorities (and planners) that it is both a World Heritage Site and a residential village where we inhabitants feel on the one hand some need to share its history with the public, but on the other we should not be subject to the unconsidered demands of organisations who appear to see the village and its surroundings purely as a way to make money for themselves. Yes – the National Trust help preserve the history, but already have various incomes from their properties here in terms of admission charges, car park fees, shop income etc. Why therefore do they need an apparently uncontrolled licence for performances of various types and the supply of alcohol? It is not as if there is not already a Pub supplying alcohol in the village, as well as a village shop which is open until 5 pm on weekdays. Together with a licence which can potentially allow for noisy events like pop concerts etc, we can foresee (and have had in the past particularly at solstices until well policed) problems of public nuisance, crime, disorder and safety. An unlimited number of such events is hardly likely to involve a large police presence, which is under present proposals likely to be cut anyway for the forthcoming summer solstice. Yes, the villagers are prepared (and presently do) put up with a controlled number of events such as the Summer Solstice (involving rather loud drumming through the night) and an “Avebury Rocks” pop concert. We may well be happy with future National Trust events, but these should be limited in number and with proper advance warnings to all parties (including the police) if they involve loud noises, disturbance and likely alcohol-fuelled disorder if the Trust can serve liquor until late. In short we do not feel that an unlimited licence should be approved.

Yours faithfully – Brian & Helen Vickers.

Hould, Hannah

From: MICHAEL POLACK [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2016 12:36
To: Hould, Hannah
Subject: Avebury National Trust Licence Application

Categories: Red Category

Dear Ms Hould

Application for Premises Licence for the National Trust, Avebury SN8 1RF

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Applying for a Premises Licence for specific events, after due consultations with the Avebury Parish Council and any other interested parties, might be acceptable. An application, without any consultation, for a blanket licence to serve alcohol on an unspecified number of occasions for unspecified types of events over a wide number of locations in Avebury is not.

We therefore object to the Application for a Premises Licence in this form.

Yours sincerely

Michael & Janet Polack

25th March 2016

The Old Forge, High Street, Avebury, Marlborough SN8 1RF
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Hould, Hannah

From: John Wilding [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2016 13:59
To: Hould, Hannah
Subject: National Trust

Categories: Red Category

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John Wilding & Esther Smith

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Cc: Ben Francis
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26th March 2016

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Subject: National Trust Licencing
Attachments: untitled-[2].html

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We foresee the increased sale of alcohol and other licensable activities leading to noise, poor crowd behaviour resulting from excess alcohol consumption, damage to World Heritage Site scheduled monuments, conflicts with spiritual activities (relating to the Church, Chapel and Stone Circle), litter and increased parking and traffic problems.

Avebury already welcomes up to 300,000 visitors annually, and there has long been recognition that such numbers should be controlled and, where necessary, activities managed carefully.

The National Trust has long recognised the need to restrict the number of times camping is permitted in their car park and allows it only for a few specified spiritual occasions. It also recognises the need to consult carefully with others over the Solstice celebrations and to manage the event together with the police. (Despite this, law and order offences and activities causing public nuisance have taken place.) No local consultation over this Licence Application has taken place.

A proposal by English Heritage to ban alcohol at the Stonehenge Solstice Event this year suggests an understanding of the dangers of alcohol in open spaces, involving large numbers in areas that are not easy to control.

Applying for a Premises Licence for specific events, after due consultations with the Avebury Parish Council and any other interested parties, might be acceptable. An application, without any consultation, for a blanket licence to serve alcohol on an unspecified number of occasions for unspecified types of events over a wide number of locations in Avebury is not.

We therefore object to the Application for a Premises Licence in this form.

Yours sincerely

Philippe and Dominique Ullens
4 Harrington Court
Swindon Road
Avebury
SN8 1RH

Hould, Hannah

From: Adam Wethered [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2016 15:10
To: Hould, Hannah
Subject: Application for Premises Licence for the National Trust, Avebury SN8 1RF

Categories: Red Category

Dear Ms Hould

Application for Premises Licence for the National Trust, Avebury SN8 1RF

(Estate Office, Avebury Manor, Avebury Manor Garden, Parkland, Museum, Racquets Court Store, Dovecote, Circle Café, Great Barn, former Farmyard, Education Centre, Shop and Coach House) for plays, films, live music, recorded music, performance of dance and the supply of alcohol - and on one day a year at summer solstice, late night refreshment at The Coach House.

I understand that the National Trust, Avebury, has applied for a Premises Licence and would like to register my concern and objection to the proposal.

Astonishingly, no local consultation over this Licence Application has taken place.

The proposal is for a blanket licence for a range of locations to sell alcohol and carry out a number of Licensable Objectives at each location - on an unspecified number of occasions, for unspecified types of events and for unspecified numbers.

This is likely to create public nuisance, risks to public safety and quite possibly disorder and concomitant criminality.

Increased sale of alcohol and other licensable activities will almost certainly cause unacceptable noise and antisocial crowd behaviour, together with damage to Avebury's exceptional World Heritage Site scheduled monuments. It may also conflict with respectful spiritual activities in the Church, Chapel and Stone Circle, as well as lead to litter and increased parking and traffic problems.

Avebury already has some 300,000 visitors annually, and these need to be suitably catered for with proportionate facilities; and suitable management of their activities – and all in keeping with the quite local character of the village and the World Heritage Site.

The National Trust has long recognised the need to restrict the number of times camping is permitted in their car park and allows it only for a few specified spiritual occasions. It also recognises the need to consult carefully with others over the Solstice celebrations and to manage the event together with the police. Even so, law and order offences and activities causing public nuisance have occurred.

In stark contrast, the proposal by English Heritage to ban alcohol at the Stonehenge Solstice Event this year demonstrates their acute awareness of the dangers of the use of alcohol in open spaces, by large numbers in situations which are not easy to control.

Whereas, this application without any consultation for a blanket licence to serve alcohol on an unspecified number of occasions for unspecified types of events over a wide number of locations in Avebury is neither responsible or acceptable.

As I hope you will understand, in the event of damage or personal injury those adversely affected would no doubt seek redress and compensation from the licensing authority and other responsible parties.

I therefore object to the Application for a Premises Licence in this form.

Yours sincerely

Adam Wethered MA; LL.M; Barrister-at-law

Westbrook Farm
Avebury Trusloe

Marlborough
Wiltshire
SN8 1RA

Hould, Hannah

From: Lynzey Paradise [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2016 15:45
To: Hould, Hannah
Subject: Application for Premises Licence for the National Trust, Avebury SN8 1RF

Categories: Red Category

Dear Ms Hould

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We are aware that the National Trust, Avebury, has applied for a Premises Licence. We would like to object to the proposal.

The proposal is for a blanket licence for a range of locations to sell alcohol and carry out a number of Licensable Objectives at each location - on an unspecified number of occasions, for unspecified types of events and for unspecified numbers.

I would expect that some of the buildings already have the ability to hold events and possibly already hold specific licences and the National Trust certainly has the ability to apply for licences for specific events. I therefore see no need for a blanket licence to be granted.

If however the decision to grant such a broad licence was made, permitting the sale of alcohol and other licensable activities, I foresee complications leading to public nuisance, problems of public safety and crime and disorder. The increased sale of alcohol and other licensable activities leading to noise, poor crowd behaviour resulting from excess alcohol consumption, damage to World Heritage Site scheduled monuments, conflicts with spiritual activities (relating to the Church, Chapel and Stone Circle), litter and increased parking and traffic problems.

Avebury already welcomes up to 300,000 visitors annually, and there has long been recognition that such numbers should be controlled and, where necessary, activities managed carefully. The National Trust already recognises this issue and restricts the number of times camping is permitted in their car park and allows it only for a few specified spiritual occasions. It also recognises the need to consult carefully with others over the Solstice celebrations and to manage the event together with the police. (Despite this, law and order offences and activities causing public nuisance have taken place.) No local consultation over this Licence Application has taken place.

A proposal by English Heritage to ban alcohol at the Stonehenge Solstice Event this year suggests an understanding of the dangers of alcohol in open spaces, involving large numbers in areas that are not easy to control.

Applying for a Premises Licence for specific events, after due consultations with the Avebury Parish Council and any other interested parties, might be acceptable. An application, without any consultation, for a blanket licence to serve alcohol on an unspecified number of occasions for unspecified types of events

over a wide number of locations in Avebury is not. Should a proper consultation be requested I am sure that some form of compromise could be found.

The National Trust were extensively involved in creating the World Heritage Plan and have signed it, this is yet another thing on their recent agenda that goes against everything the Plan stands for. The cynical of us would also find it very interesting that the first year English Heritage are seeking to ban alcohol in Stonehenge, the National Trust are trying to expand the sale of it within Avebury.

I trust that should this licence be granted it would include very specific regulations regarding the sale of alcohol during not just solstice but all festivals throughout the year.

I sincerely hope that Wiltshire Council use this opportunity to remember that Avebury is first and foremost our village and not simply a business opportunity for the National Trust.

For all the above reasons we therefore object to the Application for a Premises Licence in this form.

Yours sincerely
Lynzey and Mark Paradise
Anvil Cottage, High Street, Avebury,

Sent from my iPad

Hould, Hannah

From: Margery Gretton [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2016 16:18
To: Hould, Hannah
Subject: Application for a Premises Licence, Avebury

Categories: Red Category

Dear Ms Hould,

We would like to lodge our objection to the application made by the National Trust, Avebury, for a Premises Licence, particularly as there has been no local consultation over this application.

The National Trust currently only allows camping in their car park on a few occasions and consults others to manage the Solstice celebrations. Even so, some law and order offences and activities causing public nuisance have taken place. Therefore, their application for a blanket licence for a range of locations to sell alcohol and carry out a number of licensable events on an unspecified number of occasions, for unspecified types of events and for unspecified numbers seems extraordinary and likely to lead to behaviour that will disrupt village life and activities at the Church, Chapel and Stone Circle.

We, therefore, object to the Application for a Premises Licence in this form.

Yours sincerely,

Margery Gretton and Mario Pasquali
Barn Cottage
Avebury

Hould, Hannah

From: Margaret Davenport [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2016 16:30
To: Hould, Hannah
Subject: Application for a Premises Licence, Avebury

Categories: Red Category

Dear Hannah Hould,

I am writing to object to the National Trust's application for a premises licence in Avebury.

As it stands, the application looks like it could lead to activities and behaviour that would disrupt the village and create more litter and traffic problems.

If the National Trust consulted the villagers over the application, I'm sure we could come to an agreement but I object to it having made the application without any consultation.

Yours sincerely,
Margaret Davenport
Dovecote Cottage
Avebury

Hould, Hannah

From: Susan Davenport [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2016 16:38
To: Hould, Hannah
Subject: Avebury National Trust Licence Application

Categories: Red Category

Dear Ms Hould,

Application for Premises Licence for the National Trust, Avebury SN8 1RF

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We understand that the National Trust, Avebury, has applied for a Premises Licence. We would like to object to the proposal.

The proposal is for a blanket licence for a range of locations to sell alcohol and carry out a number of Licensable Objectives at each location - on an unspecified number of occasions, for unspecified types of events and for unspecified numbers.

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application, without any consultation, for a blanket licence to serve alcohol on an unspecified number of occasions for unspecified types of events over a wide number of locations in Avebury is not.

We therefore object to the Application for a Premises Licence in this form.

Yours sincerely
Susan Davenport and Jeremy Drew

26th March 2016

Barn Cottage, High Street, Avebury, Marlborough SN8 1RF



Sent from my iPad

Hould, Hannah

From: Jan Williamson [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2016 17:46
To: Hould, Hannah
Subject: Application for Premises Licence for the National Trust Estate, Avebury SN8 1RF

Categories: Red Category

Dear Ms Hould

Application for Premises Licence for the National Trust, Avebury SN8 1RF

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I therefore object to the Application for a Premises Licence in this form.

Yours sincerely

Jan Williamson
Ashdown, High Street, Avebury SN8 1RF

Hould, Hannah

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2016 23:08
To: Hould, Hannah
Subject: Application for Premises Licence for the National Trust, Avebury SN8 1RF
Categories: Red Category

Dear Ms Hould

Application for Premises Licence for the National Trust, Avebury SN8 1RF

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We therefore object to the Application for a Premises Licence in this form.

Yours sincerely

Angela & Nigel Norman

Meadow House
Green Street
Avebury SN8 1RE

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PASCALE M STACEY
GREYSTONES
AVEBURY, MARLBOROUGH
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14 March 2016

The Licensing Officer
Licensing Department
Wiltshire Council
Monkton Park
CHIPPENHAM
Wiltshire
SN15 1ER

Dear Madam, dear Sir

Reference: WK/201604726

I am writing to object against the application for a New Premises Licence Application on the following grounds.

Firstly: can it be explained why a public notice was displayed on the gates of the Coach House in the High Street only on 16 March, about 2 weeks after publication of the application on Wiltshire Council's website. This has given the general public very little time to react. Does this not contravene the legal requirement for consultation?

Secondly: my main concern is that this application will make it possible for the National Trust to sell alcohol in all of its buildings in the village. This includes the Coach House, for which there is a planning application to extend the opening hours of the current unused café that does not mention the sale of alcohol. Selling alcohol in the café will undoubtedly change the nature of their operation there. Consequently there is a significant risk of an increase in social disorder and litter. This is directly in contravention of the with WHS, of which the NT is one of the stakeholder signatories. It seems deeply cynical to support guidance restraining commercialisation whilst at the same time seeking to benefit financially from tourists. It is also an intrusion for the villagers. Has the NT seriously considered or quantified the implications of selling alcohol from the café? Solstice is already a trying experience for those who live within the Circle and increasing the sale of alcohol can only be a dangerous disturbance throughout the night. Who will guard the peace around the Circle? Who will pay for it? Who will clean the mess left overnight?

Thirdly: the objectives of the NT are troubling. The Manor was saved from becoming an attraction park in the 1980s but it seems that the NT is now doing exactly the same by seeking powers to introduce film nights, recorded music, plays, performance and dance both indoors and outdoors, and concerts. It seems completely inconsistent with the village's status as an integral part of a site recognised by UNESCO that the National Trust should seek to commercialise visits to it.

Fourthly: the Trust's licence application conflicts with the village in the sense that the area to which it applies is close to houses, The Manor is in the centre of the village and these events will certainly be disruptive, crowded and therefore noisy at any time of day and night. Is this in keeping with the objectives of the WHS? Has any consideration been given to villagers about noise, crowding, disruptive outdoor late night shows, and parking.

Fifthly: Avebury is first and foremost a prehistoric site and secondly a community living and working in the current century. These characteristics should take precedence over the National Trusts rapacious desire to extract as much money as possible from those visiting.

Yours faithfully,

Hould, Hannah

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 March 2016 14:25
To: Hould, Hannah
Subject: Avebury - National Trust License Application

Categories: Red Category

Dear Hannah,

I have been passed your email address regarding the National Trust plans to license pretty much the whole of 'their' Avebury for alcohol etc.

Regarding the Coach House - or as they are better known - High Street Toilets - the whole idea of its use for food has got right out of hand.

The back 'patio' area is not confined and it will spill into the paddock and by effect the henge and anything that allows the henge to be defiled like this has to be a serious no-no given the likely effect.

I am a tenant of the NT in Avebury. They're not great landlords, the village has become shabby and lacks the care it once had. Yesterday, Good Friday, the traffic through the village was queued along the A361 to access Avebury Manor overflow parking. It was stacked up past the Red Lion! How dangerous is that?

Clearly not dangerous enough if the NT wants to peddle booze at them from every back door and alley way too.

All in all the NT are behaving strangely in the context that I applaud much of what they do elsewhere, but Avebury seems to have become a hot bed of commercialism way beyond opening a Manor House and litter picking the henge and looking after the museums.

On the one hand during Solstice they want the Ridgeway closed because of aggressive people - their words - yet they want to sell booze in the village!

I think things are well out of hand and have reached an absurd level of mismanagement, which is a real shame.

I must object to the idea of a license and I'm certainly no kill-joy but Avebury is fast becoming a parody of all that is wrong with rural tourism and life and the NT seem wholly short sighted in their objective here.

I'm a tolerant person, but when things push one to the point of reacting, given the rhetoric I have read elsewhere about this, it will only cause more issues with policing and traffic control and make for a life that's already way more noisy than my daughters central London flat!

Sincerely
Andrew Blackall
The Lodge, Avebury

Sent from myMail for iOS

24 MAR 2016

Sir Peter Beale

The Old Bakery,
Avebury,
WILTS.
SN8 1RF.

22 March 2016

Wiltshire Council
Bythesea Road
Trowbridge BA 14 8JN

Licence Application National Trust (NT) Avebury

Dear Sir / Madam,

In answer to the National Trust's application for a licence to perform various events in Avebury, I have a strong objection to the inclusion of a proposed open-ended supply of refreshments and, especially, alcohol from 1000 – 2300 hours each day.

This local NT does not seem to understand the finer responsibilities that go with respecting such an important World Heritage Site. To encourage openly a section of the population that considers alcohol an essential ingredient for entertainment beggars belief.

I am not averse to the supply of alcohol for a specific event such as a concert or play, but the potential disruption from the availability of a daily 13-hour source of alcohol is enormous. Avebury is not another 'Glastonbury'. The site is important and precious.

I implore Wiltshire Council to show its own special responsibility towards the Site and deny what is in effect an extension to NT's current licence.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

To, Hannah Hould,
Public Protection Officer,
Wiltshire Council,
SP 1 3UZ

Licence Application National Trust (NT) (Avebury)

Objection - to National Trust's application to perform various events in Avebury and to supply refreshments and alcohol from 1000 to 2300 hours daily.

Introduction

I have been a resident of The old Bakery in the High Street Avebury for 39 years and have seen many changes to this World Heritage Site. In objection to the above application I feel I have the authority and experience to comment.

There are 4 categories under which I am required to comment:-

1. The prevention of crime and disorder.

a. Increased alcohol availability over the whole site for 13 hours daily will lead to disturbance to both residents and visitors. Petty pilfering already occurs, especially in village shop.

b. Red Lion experience - assault and abuse of Bar Staff and other examples of alcohol- and drug-induced behaviour leading to arrests (evidence from Red Lion Manager).

- people on benches outside the pub and around the village bring their own alcohol – unsupervised and threatening

c. The proposed licence will allow the NT to sell alcohol anywhere in this large site to such people.

d. Cars have frequently been broken into at present – in unsupervised NT car park and elsewhere with random parking . We perceive an increase in this crime.

e. Crime and disorder is recognised by the Police at Solstice time due to heavy numbers but there is no provision for their presence at other times as will occur with these non-specific events.

2. Public Safety.

a. The boundaries of the NT in Avebury are unclear. For example, farmers' fields are included and even property the other side of the dangerous A4 road. This licence would include a wide area filled with sheep and cattle with inherent danger to the Public and nuisance to the farmers.

b. Increase of existing danger of roads in the Henge (especially the busy A4361 running through the middle) – heavy traffic and no pavements. Pedestrians walk on main road with no pedestrian crossings between quadrants.

c. Increased numbers are attracted by Events – recent experience of TV-sponsored re-opening of the Manor. No extra parking planned for special events – random parking poses safety problems. Also High Street has been blocked to Emergency vehicles and residents on busy days.

3. Prevention of Public Nuisance.

a. Disruption to Residents foreseen with increased noise (music and drums from 1000 to 2300hours at any time and anywhere on this site), litter (already a problem with inadequate refuse bins), inappropriate behaviour (history of urination and defaecation already experienced in the High Street).

b. Experience of the entrepreneur, Ken King, in the 1980's building a 'theme park' in Avebury Manor grounds created enormous public nuisance and split the community. The memory of this disaster lives on.

4. Protection of children from harm.

National experience in general shows that increased numbers over large unsupervised areas and fuelled by alcohol place children at risk of assault and abduction – the situation can be perceived in Avebury, especially at night which the proposed licence would cover.

Children at present play safely over a large area owned by the NT. I would think again about allowing my grandchildren to play outside with the increased risk that would exist.

The universal structure of these objections above to the proposed licence takes no account of the fact that Avebury is a World Heritage Site, and should be treasured and respected. The local National Trust has over the years shown that it is concerned with making money and ignoring this valuable treasure. Indeed, recent planning applications have been made to extend inappropriately a 'fast food' outlet. The unlimited powers

that this current proposed licence would possess is dangerous and disturbing in its uncertainty.

I would however have no objection to a licence being given for special events, such as concerts or plays in specified and designated areas. Why did the NT not confine itself to this?

26 March 2016

Sir Peter and Lady Beale
The Old Bakery.
Avebury,
SN 8 1RF

