

## ALTON PARISH COUNCIL

*representing the villages of Alton Barnes, Alton Priors and Honeystreet*

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Feb 22, 2011



Licensing Section  
Public Protection  
Wiltshire Council  
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Bath Road  
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### Licence Application, The Barge Inn, Honeystreet

Dear Mr Draper

The Alton Parish Council met on February 17 and voted unanimously in favour of the following resolution:

The Parish Council is prepared to support the latest proposal from the Barge Inn Community Project for the Honeyfest event on April 16 to end no later than 8pm, plus one hour for people to leave.

However, we still believe that 1,000 is the absolute maximum number of visitors the village can take on grounds of nuisance, public order and safety. On those grounds we must continue to oppose the licence application.

A number of residents in the parish, concerned at the potential for nuisance and disorder, have urged that the number at this event be limited to 500. The figure of 1,000 is offered in an attempt to compromise.

#### Nuisance and disorder

The Parish Council accepts that 1,250 or 1,500 need not be a significant problem at an event located in open countryside, or in a city centre accustomed to crowds. This event, however, **will bring some 1,500 people to a tiny village of just 29 dwellings.** The potential for Saturday-night disorderly behaviour, noise, littering and vandalism, let alone more serious offences, is obvious.

The organizers suggest they will avoid such problems by providing parking space in an adjoining field and routing visitors around the village itself. However there is no way they can control overspill; those who will inevitably arrive without tickets and be turned away; and any who choose to wander around before, during and after the event.

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In terms of noise from the music, it is essential that the proposed new finish time of 8pm plus one hour for departures is specified in the licence and strictly adhered to. A later finish would re-open the issue of music noise nuisance.

#### Public safety

We have serious concerns about the safety arrangements, specifically the plan to fence in the concert site; and the undertaking to keep the single track lane, which is the only road access to the pub, clear for emergency vehicles. As local residents with on-the-spot knowledge we wish now to give a clear and strong warning of the risks involved. The greater the numbers the greater the hazard.

On all these grounds, we request that the total number of tickets for this event be limited to at most 1,000. Failing that, with regret, we request the licence is denied.

Yours faithfully

Peter Emery  
Vice-Chairman

**Grant, Lisa**

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**From:** ann.visscher [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 20 February 2011 08:36  
**To:** Grant, Lisa  
**Subject:** Objection to the Granting of the License for the Music Event at the Barge Inn - (Honeyfest) -16 April 2011

Lisa

I am writing to Wiltshire Council to object to the granting of the license for the music event at the Barge Inn ( Honeyfest) on the 16 April 2011

The volume of traffic generated by this event which could exceed over 1000 vehicles and additional commercial vehicles is totally unsuitable for the narrow and winding country lanes that will be used to access and leave the site ( Barge Inn) . Many parts of these lanes have obstructed and limited vision due to road bends, the terrain and hedging/greenery . This would create public safety issues both for the vehicles attending the event and other road users ( residents, also walkers and ramblers both adults and children). Due to the site's position other direct public transport( rail or regular bus services ) is not available to avoid road travel and reduce the public safety and public nuisance .

Events like this often generate or have links to crime and disorder( drug and alcohol offences , theft and other crimes including property ) which will effect both local residents and those attending the event. Should limited public sector resources (police and medical) be spent on this?

The noise and traffic generated, litter will be a public nuisance to other visitors to Wiltshire and residents and wildlife

yours faithfully

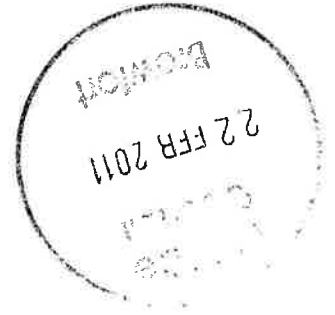
Ann Visscher  
[REDACTED], Lockeridge, SN8 4EL

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Honeystreet

Nr Pewsey

Wilts., SN9 5PX

20thFebruary2011-02-20

Mr. R Draper

Manager

Licensing Section

Wiltshire Council

Browfort

Bath Road

Devizes

Dear Mr. Draper

Objection to License Application for a music festival at The Barge Inn Honeystreet 16.04.2011

I am writing to object to this license application for the following reasons:-

1. **Public Nuisance.** I live on the very narrow access road to the Barge Inn and I am Likely to be disturbed for a week beforehand and a week after the event by service vehicles setting up and clearing the site. The damage to this lane caused by the heavy vehicles could also be considerable. The approach roads to the proposed car parks are very narrow and could easily become congested with the extra traffic .Also the said car parks are within 150 metres of a hump backed bridge. This would be very inconvenient to people living on those roads when they are trying to pursue their ordinary lives. I am also concerned about the noise levels. It is all very well to agree the levels beforehand, but who monitors at a weekend. It is also a nuisance that plans for this event appear to change with every hour that goes by.
2. **Health and Safety.** I am concerned that the organisers will leave enough space for fire engines and ambulances to turn in the small car park at the pub. I also question whether there are enough exits in the event of a major emergency.
3. **Crime and disorder.** I remain concerned about how the organisers will control the site from the point of view of casual visitors and people who come to listen to the music without

Tickets and could be very disappointed if they could not buy drinks. These people could cause trouble.

Finally there is the major concern that if this application is granted it will set a precedent for future years and the quietness of this hamlet will be destroyed forever.

I therefore request that this license application be refused.

Yours Sincerely

  
Charles Fletcher

[REDACTED]  
Honestreet,

Nr. Pewsey, SN9 5PX

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011-  
[REDACTED]

Lisa Grant

Wiltshire County Council, Licensing Dept.

Browfort, Bath Road,

Devizes SN10

Ref/ Honeysfest - 16/4/2011

Dear Ms Grant

I feel extremely irritated to once again have to register my protest about this event, now re scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> April. Please see attached letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> Nov.2010. Apart from the slightly lighter nights, and less severe weather, my other objections still stand.

I understand that this may be the forerunner to similar future events to be held at the Barge during 2011/12. With prices at £20 - £30 a head it seems unlikely that this will appeal to many local families, but rather an attempt to establish a regular local festival similar to others held in the area. I do not object in principal, these events can, and do provide a great deal of pleasure. However, from my point of view this event will be directly in my space, only 200 yards from my bedroom window and front door. You will understand that I cannot ignore something which will impinge on my life. I do not want to NIMBY about this, particularly if there are benefits to the local community. However from everything I see and hear, I believe that the BICP and the BBC are unwilling to listen to anyone, and are certainly not willing to compromise. Inevitably, what may start as a comparatively small event will if successful increase in size on future occasions. This is not appropriate for this very small hamlet of 26 houses.

I trust that this application will be rejected.

Yours sincerely

Beryl Fletcher





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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Barge Road

Honeystreet

Nr.Pewsey, SN9 5PX

12<sup>th</sup> November 2010-11-12

Lisa Grant

Wiltshire County Council

Licensing Dept.

Browfort, Bath Road,

Devizes, SN10 2ET

Ref/ The Honeyfest – 18<sup>th</sup> December 2010-11-12

I am writing to express my concerns about the above event. As a resident of Honeystreet, living adjacent to the Barge Inn I feel strongly that it is inappropriate to organise an event of this magnitude in a small rural hamlet, particularly at this time of year.

On grounds of Public Safety I think it is extremely risky to bring potentially 1500 people together in a comparatively small area between a canal and a busy road. Allowing for the fact that police and other services are in place it will be dark and muddy and even if access is restricted by the closing of Barge Lane, people will still try to attend the event via the canal towpath, with the potential for serious accident. The volume of traffic on our un-classified road is likely to present further problems as the people attending the event will not be the only people using the road.

Prevention of public nuisance. I am not happy to know that I am likely to be disturbed until 2-0am, and no doubt beyond this time by people attending this event. In addition this many people inevitably leave behind litter and mess which will have to be dealt with. We already have problems with disposal of rubbish from the Barge, and British Waterways, and I believe this event will add to an already difficult problem.

Prevention of Crime and Disorder. It would be nice to think that 1500 people could attend a festival where alcohol will be freely available, and not have incidents of crime. This small area has already had its share of sad events through misuse of alcohol and drugs, and it is hard to believe that we are suddenly to become crime free.

Protection of Children. This is being advertised as a family event – maybe in the earlier part of the day it will be, but the Website suggests something quite different. The “Battle of the Bands” is more likely to appeal to young adults, and I have not seen anything to suggest that children are being

provided for. Bored young children have the potential to end up in trouble. If parents are having a good time they do not always keep a watchful eye and for all the reasons stated above, their children could be very vulnerable.

I do believe that the Licensing authority should think very carefully before granting a license for this event, which may also set a precedent for future happenings.

Yours sincerely,

Beryl Fletcher

**Grant, Lisa**

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**From:** David Collison [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 28 February 2011 00:07  
**To:** Grant, Lisa  
**Subject:** "Honeyfest"

Dear Lisa Grant

**Re: Licensing application for music event at Barge Inn Honeystreet 16 April 2011**

We have been away for some weeks, but hope that this will arrive in time to be taken into consideration.

Although there are several aspects of the above application that concern us, we would not object to this event going ahead provided the ticket numbers are limited to 1000, as suggested by our Parish Council.

If the Barge Inn Community Project will not accept this limit and insist on 1250 ticket-holders plus 100 "support staff", we have no alternative but to object strongly to the granting of a license.

Honeystreet is a very small community which does not lend itself to music events on such a scale. Most of the tickets are, we are told, to be made available over the Internet, which could easily lead to a free-for-all which would be hard to control, however well-intentioned the organisers may be.

We were dismayed to learn that already the BICP want to turn their "Honeyfest" into a twice-yearly event seemingly without consideration of any rights or opinions of Honeystreet residents. Please note that not a single member of the Barge Inn Community Project lives in Honeystreet.

We urge you to make the granting of any license conditional on (a) a reduction in the number of tickets made available and (b) full consultation with local residents before any plans are drawn up for any further music festival of this nature and on this scale.

Yours truly

David and Sandy Collison

Address:-  
[REDACTED] The Square  
Chimney Lane  
Honeystreet  
Nr Pewsey  
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TW9 5PT

Telephone [REDACTED]

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**Grant, Lisa**

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**From:** DOREEN GIBSON [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 21 February 2011 15:47  
**To:** Grant, Lisa  
**Subject:** Licence for HONEYFEST at Barge Inn

[REDACTED]  
Honeystreet

Near Pewsey

Wilts. SN9 5PS

Tel. [REDACTED]

Licensing Dept.

Wiltshire Council

Browfort

Bath Road

Devizes SN10 2AT

Dear Sirs,

I write to object to the granting of a licence for "Honeyfest," planned to be held at the Barge Inn, Honeystreet on April 16th 2011.

Public safety will be at risk from the huge numbers of vehicles bringing people to the event, and the commercial deliveries before, and collections after, the event are bound to cause a nuisance for the entire district and increase the risk to public safety in an area where all the roads are narrow minor country lanes, with no footpaths. Many will find unsuitable alternative car parking sites around the locality, causing a public nuisance.

The numbers involved ( 1250 tickets plus up to 100 staff) are far too many for a tiny hamlet to absorb and the congestion with such a concentration of people increases the likelihood of crime and disorder.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. D.S.Gibson

**Grant, Lisa**

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**From:** DOREEN GIBSON [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 28 February 2011 12:36  
**To:** Grant, Lisa  
**Subject:** Re: Barge - Honeyfest 16th April 2011

Thank you for the information but I think 1250 plus staff is still too many for the area, and my objection stands. (I am pleased that the time has been amended so as to cause less late night disturbance)  
Shelagh Gibson, [REDACTED], Honeystreet, SN9 5PS

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Grant, Lisa  
**To:** [REDACTED]; John Lewis; Jeremy Lee;  
[REDACTED]; DOREEN GIBSON; Maggie Faultless  
**Cc:** Draper, Robert  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2011 8:38 AM  
**Subject:** Barge - Honeyfest 16th April 2011

Thank you for your representation regarding the above application.

I have to inform you that the applicant has made an amendment to the application as follows:-

Occupancy – 1250  
Event Times – 12:30 – 20:30 on 16<sup>th</sup> April

If you still wish to object to the application regardless of these changes please could you inform me and also clarify your address. However if you would like to withdraw your representation please could you let me know.

Regards

Lisa

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Lisa Grant  
Licensing Department  
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Mr Ian Saunders

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] The Laurels  
Honey Street  
Nr Pewsey  
SN9 5PX

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2011-02-19

Dear Lisa

I would like to object to the grant of a License for the music event publicised as "Honeyfest" which is scheduled to take place at the Barge Inn on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

The organisers are proposing an event for some 1400 people and it is my belief that the infrastructure of the area is inadequate to deal with such numbers, The increase in traffic alone will cause real issues of public safety and public nuisance within the village of Honey Street and also to the residents of the surrounding villages which will suffer from the significant increase in traffic activity on the day of the event as well as handling the commercial traffic necessary to set up and break down an event of this magnitude.

The majority of the routes that event traffic will have to pass through are narrow country lanes with no or limited footpaths and this will represent a significant increase in danger to any pedestrian but particularly to the children of these villages which are not used to having to deal with heavy traffic flows through their usually tranquil rural environs.

It is apparent that the size of the proposed event and the sheer numbers of people involved will require a powerful P.A system which in turn will ensure that the noise pollution generated by this event will be carried to a significant geographical area.

Yours Sincerely

Ian Saunders





**Grant, Lisa**

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**From:** Joanna Bedford [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 February 2011 11:29  
**To:** Grant, Lisa  
**Subject:** honeyfest

Dear Lisa Grant

I am afraid I must register my objection to the Honeyfest event planned for April 16th at the Barge Inn, Honeystreet.

My point is that the numbers envisaged are far too great for the venue. The traffic would cause enormous difficulties and create very real danger not only to all the villages in the area but also, of course, to the participants in the event. The road from the A4 to Woodborough is only a minor road and is easily jammed up; it goes through several villages where there are children unaccustomed to a huge volume of traffic.

Small events, family affairs, village events and performances, all add to the lives of people in the local communities. Big events of the sort proposed are much more suited to towns with suitable open spaces, which can be policed and monitored easily. The event planned is unsuitable for its venue, and will inevitably cause problems with public safety and nuisance.

Yours sincerely

Joanna Bedford  
[REDACTED], Alton Barnes

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**Grant, Lisa**

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**From:** Joanna Bedford [redacted]  
**Sent:** 23 February 2011 18:50  
**To:** Grant, Lisa  
**Subject:** Re: honeyfest

Many thanks. Postcode is SN8 4JZ

**From:** [Grant, Lisa](#)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2011 11:29 AM  
**To:** [Joanna Bedford](#)  
**Subject:** RE: honeyfest

Thank you for your e-mail, I acknowledge receipt, could you please confirm your postcode

Regards

Lisa

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**Grant, Lisa**

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**From:** john caterer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 20 February 2011 15:21  
**To:** Grant, Lisa  
**Subject:** Objection

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to object to the proposed holding of the Honeyfest event on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2011. As a resident of Lockeridge we must object on the following grounds:-

1. The huge increase in the volume of traffic passing through the village will cause an issue with public safety and will cause a huge public nuisance. The amount of commercial vehicles and the increase in the number of cars over that weekend will cause chaos for all who live in the area and for all who use these minor roads on a regular basis. We will not be able to go about our normal business at least on this day of 16<sup>th</sup> April but probably for several days either side of this date.
2. The huge increase in traffic will no doubt create additional danger to all users of the minor road which passes through Lockeridge en route to Honeystreet, including the many horse riders and dog walkers (and hikers) as well as children who catch buses to and from St. John's in Marlborough (as well as to East Kennet Junior) and have to walk to their bus collection points on the main High Street in the village. Although the Festival is scheduled for a Saturday, a large number of commercial vehicles will need to be taking equipment to and from the site a few days before the day of the event.

We sincerely hope that this event will not be allowed to go ahead and we would implore the Council to carefully consider the facts around the nuisance and serious danger that will be created by letting this Festival go ahead. It is not just Honeystreet itself that will be adversely affected, it is every village en route and every village for many miles around. Please let's keep the Festivals where they belong and not in this beautiful, unspoilt area of outstanding natural beauty!!

Regards,  
Laurie and John Caterer  
[REDACTED] Lockeridge  
SN8 4EL

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**Grant, Lisa**

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**From:** john caterer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 February 2011 08:50  
**To:** Grant, Lisa  
**Subject:** RE: Barge - Honeyfest 16th April 2011

Dear Lisa

We would still object to the application, regardless of small changes. The numbers (occupancy) would still create a significant nuisance to the area and the question of safety would remain. To clarify, our address is [REDACTED] Lockeridge, SN8 4EL.

Regards,  
Laurie Caterer

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John Dunford

Honey Street  
Pewsey  
Wilts

25<sup>th</sup> February 2011

Dear Ms Cowley

Re: Proposed Festival at The Barge Inn, Honey Street

As you can see from my address above, I live in Honey Street, immediately opposite the Barge Inn and I also own the Sawmills & Timber Yard, together with the stables and paddocks adjacent to the Inn. I understand that the licensees of the Barge Inn have applied for a license to stage a 1500 pop festival there. Please consider this letter as my objection to the proposed festival on the following grounds.

I own and maintain the **single carriageway** lane leading from the Alton to Woodborough road, through the timber yard, to the Inn and which is known as Barge Lane. This Lane is **not** a public highway but a privately owned lane belonging to me and maintained by me, subject to rights of way in favour of the Inn and the other dwellings fronting it. It is the **only** vehicular access to the Inn.

The lane passes directly through my timber yard and I feel that the large volume of traffic required to set up the Festival – delivery of marquees, staging, generators, lighting and other such equipment, toilets, food & drink providers, fencing, refuse bins, etc., all of which would be delivered by large vehicles - would be extremely detrimental to my business as well as a danger to my staff and customers.

The very nature of the HGV's delivering this equipment as it passes through Alton or Woodborough and then Honey Street, over the narrow canal bridge and then turns down the lane leading to the Inn, would not be in the interests of **Public Safety**, both for other road users and for my customers as well as the other residents of Barge Lane. Previous events held by the Inn, less well attended, have caused huge problems for my staff, customers and local residents.

I am also very concerned that due to the limited access to the Inn site, should the emergency services be required, it would be extremely difficult for the fire engines, ambulances, police vehicles, etc. to get to the Inn.

In addition, I consider that the Festival would also be a **Public Nuisance** in that such a small village simply does not have the facilities to cope with such a large influx of people. The amount of rubbish created by 1500 people will be colossal, let alone the problems of sewerage/washing facilities which, if there is wet weather, will render the whole area

intolerable. The proposed festival site is next to the canal – a public waterway – and I fear that it will become an open sewer.

Finally there is the issue of **Crime and Disorder** – how can such a large festival be policed by a rural police force? The nearest station is Pewsey which is unmanned and only open for 2 hours on a Tuesday! The licensee of the Inn has not approached me at all to discuss this and I fear for the safety of my property both at my home and at the timber yard.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

John Dunford

**Grant, Lisa**

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**From:** John Lewis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 21 February 2011 10:54  
**To:** Grant, Lisa  
**Subject:** Barge Inn music festival

My name is John Lewis and I live at [REDACTED] The Laurels Honeystreet Pewsey SN9 5PX

**I am writing to strongly object to the holding of this rock music event at the Barge Inn on the 16<sup>th</sup> April**

Firstly I would like to say that it is quite ridiculous to be even considering an event of this scale in a small pub in a tiny hamlet down very minor roads in this part of the country

There has been a lot of misinformation put out regarding the group of people who are running this pub suggesting they are a part of the community and running the pub for the benefit of the people.

It is a private limited company

It is not in any way a charity

Only one of the members of the company live in the villages connected to the pub

Almost to an individual the residents are against this event at this is not supposition but taken from surveys with the people

It is not people from Honey Street or The Altons who will be attending this event

Money that was allocated for the restoration of the pub by the Big Lottery is being used to stage this event

The freehold of this building is owned by a multi millionaire and there never was or is any possibility of the pub closing down

If the last tenants had failed the landlord would have just taken the building back and appointed a manager to run it.

**My specific objections to the event:**

None of the roads or other infrastructure leading to the pub are of sufficient size to carry the level of traffic which will be generated and it will cause a huge amount of disturbance to the people of not just Honeystreet but The Altons, Woodborough, Hilcot, Lockeridge, Wilcot, Horton and Allington as well.

The noise from all the cars and huge amount of commercial vehicles required to service the event will be unbearable and why should we have to endure this for the profit of a few individuals running a pub when the local residents don't want it.

This level of traffic going down such narrow little country lanes through small villages is bound to create danger to any children and young people playing including the playgrounds such as the one on the outskirts of Lockeridge and the village green in Wilcot, is everyone supposed to keep their children indoors for the whole of Saturday again just for the profit of the tenants of the pub.

The level of nuisance that will be created by at least 1400 people in such a small area cannot be overstated with the playing of music (Magic Numbers claim to be a rock band) at a volume necessary to be heard over the noise created by 1400 hundred people just talking never mind the screaming and shouting that is likely to be taking place.

Local people will be more or less imprisoned in their homes whilst all this occurs, how will we be able to get out of the villages whilst this volume of traffic is moving. Our lanes get blocked when a horse and tractor meet with a couple of cars. Please study the road network we are talking about, not one of these lanes even has a white line down the middle

The organisers have said the event will finish at 8 pm but this will mean cars arriving from about 10am and leaving probably up to midnight never mind the commercial vehicles which will be clearing the site for days.

Has anyone questioned the ability of the canal bridge to carry this volume of traffic as I cannot imagine that it is designed or able to support it. This certainly should be formally confirmed by the highway authorities.

The lane that leads down to the pub itself is a private right of way to the houses and is not owned by the tenants or landlord of the pub. This structure is already breaking up with the levels of heavy goods vehicles going up and down.

We all know that this many cars will not patiently wait to park in the field allocated but will park in every lane and entrance around which will cause chaos and no amount of marshals will be able to prevent this.

The people running the pub have already said that this is a trial event and they expect to be running 1 or 2 similar music events a year for large numbers of people, far in excess of that which they have a license for. This event will just be used to create a president. (I have emails in my possession from the pub committee to support this statement)

The Barge Inn has a very unfortunate history and has had to be investigated on several occasions over drug dealing, violence and even deaths occurring on or very near which can be shown to be associated with the pub.

**Please remember that this event is in no way for the benefit of any of the local community and is just for the profit of the pub as a private ltd company. The pub being supported by the Big Lottery is anti competitive and is to the disadvantage of the other pubs in the area which have to trade by their own skill. I would think the other pubs would have a case to bring to the EU for the Barge Inn getting government support to their detriment.**

I appeal to you to consider this matter most carefully and the effect this will have on all the residents of the local villages. Do you think it is reasonable to run such an event in such a location which is not to the benefit of the local community. Would you want this happening on your doorstep if it wasn't for the benefit of some good local or national charity which we could all get behind, and this is certainly not a charity event.

Could you please email confirmation of receipt of this letter and that it will be considered.

Yours sincerely

John Lewis

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## Grant, Lisa

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**From:** John Lewis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 February 2011 08:53  
**To:** Grant, Lisa  
**Cc:** Draper, Robert; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; 'Jeremy Lee'; [REDACTED]; 'DOREEN GIBSON'; 'Maggie Faultless'  
**Subject:** RE: Barge - Honeyfest 16th April 2011

I am in receipt of your email but do not understand your comments. My address is very clear and if you cant recognise it please advise me

With regard to numbers I have said 1400 people which is what the Barge Inn have said in their amended application ie 1250 guests and 150 staff

The music may be playing until 8.30 but as you know it will take hours to clear this many people from the site and they will make a lot of noise whilst doing so and the start time has been brought forward to 12.30 so people will start arriving at about 10am to get in place as I am sure you are aware

I knew of their amended application when I wrote my objection **so it stands**.

I am a little worried that you are trying to talk the objectors into withdrawing their letters.

Regards  
John Lewis

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**From:** Grant, Lisa [<mailto:Lisa.Grant@wiltshire.gov.uk>]  
**Sent:** 23 February 2011 08:39  
**To:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; John Lewis; Jeremy Lee; [REDACTED]; DOREEN GIBSON; Maggie Faultless  
**Cc:** Draper, Robert  
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Lisa


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Alicia Barnes  
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**Grant, Lisa**

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**From:** Julie Crocombe [redacted]  
**Sent:** 28 February 2011 17:18  
**To:** Grant, Lisa  
**Subject:** RE: Barge, Honeystreet

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Devizes  
SN10 3LX

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**From:** [Lisa.Grant@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Lisa.Grant@wiltshire.gov.uk)  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Date:** Mon, 28 Feb 2011 08:56:54 +0000  
**Subject:** RE: Barge, Honeystreet

Thank you for your e-mail. I acknowledge receipt.

Please could you forward your address.

Regards

Lisa

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 The Old Smithy  
Alton Priors  
Marlborough  
Wiltshire SN8 4JX

Ms Lisa Grant,  
Wiltshire Council Licensing Department  
Browfort  
Bath Road  
Devizes  
SN10 2AT

Sent by email on 23 February 2011

Dear Ms Grant,

**Amended Application for Premises License for 'Honeyfest' at The Barge, Honeystreet, Alton on Saturday 16 April 2011**

I am writing to you as a local resident. I understand that an amended license application has been made for an event on 16 April with 1,200 ticket holders plus around 150 persons involved in the management of and performance in the event. I also understand that the finishing time for the event is now proposed to be 8p.m. with final dispersal of participants and ticket holders by 9p.m.

Despite the current above understood amendments to the application, I wish to object to the granting of a license on the following grounds.

*Public Safety*

- (i) Crowd control and safety could be a problem, especially if people need to exit the fenced area in an emergency. I note that the performance marquee will be closely fenced with few viable exit points in the event of fire in one part of the marquee spreading to another. In the event of such a fire, it might be difficult to exit the marquee via the sides and make one's way rapidly away from the location, since the way would be barred by fencing and the route out to exit points would be alongside the marquee.
- (ii) Apparently matting will be used for the entrance to and routes within the field used for car parking: but if the ground is wet or there is heavy rain, the car park could rapidly become a quagmire, with safety implications arising from people trying to manoeuvre vehicles within and out of it.
- (iii) It is difficult to tell how much space and freedom of movement there would be for emergency vehicles in the event of a fire or accident at the event. We are informed that the performers' and organisers' vehicles will use the pub car park but this is not large and it is easy to imagine that there would hardly be room for all of those vehicles as well as allowing space for emergency vehicles to manoeuvre and turn, should this be needed. Indeed, it appears that emergency vehicles would only be able to access the performance site from one end – unless they were to cross the car park field. Access to the restricted car park for performance and emergency vehicles is via a narrow single lane with only a few passing places. The lane is also used by residential properties whose occupants may wish to come and go or

receive visitors by car. If free passage along Barge Lane or its highway entrance were obstructed, there could be safety implications. I am concerned that there would not be enough stewards to 'police' all entrances, fences, access routes and any unauthorised parking as well as to assist people should there be an emergency.

- i) Should there be a serious accident within the fenced area, it is not easy to tell how people could evacuate the site swiftly and easily, especially if the route out to the car park field is muddy. On one side of the fenced area is the canal; it appears that there would be narrow exits to the car park and along Barge Lane where escaping people might hinder emergency vehicles and vice-versa.

#### *Prevention of Public Nuisance*

- i) Some of my concerns under this heading are also covered under the points I have raised, above: these relate to the possibility of nuisance arising from the actions of gatecrashers and traffic and pedestrian congestion.
- ii) The noise of the event, which involves performance of loud music close to residences and over a long period is in my view unacceptable. The venue is not suitable for music events of this sort; nor for large numbers of people: more appropriate would be a location that is distant from houses or in a building designed for the purpose.
- iii) Those who may arrive without the intention of using the car park may park in adjacent village lanes. This might happen in any event if the car park is too muddy. Such random parking could cause considerable inconvenience to villagers and might also inhibit the free passage of other road users, including emergency vehicles.

#### *Protection of children*

The event is said to be a family occasion and the earlier finishing time proposed would make it more likely that children might attend. There must be concerns about children being present where there are potential risks arising from crowding and restricted egress in the event of a possible emergency.

#### *In conclusion*

Despite the admirable efforts of the Barge Inn Community Project to get the pub 'back on the road', I hope that the Council will deny the license application for this event. The event proposed is inappropriate for the location – on a very restricted site and close to a residential area where loud music for some hours' duration would be a nuisance; parking in the case of wet weather might be a problem; the matter of gatecrashers is not easy to evaluate under the circumstances (internet advertising having already taken place); with the numbers anticipated legitimately there might be problems of free passage for local traffic and emergency vehicles; and there ought to be a particular concern about safety with fencing proposed so close to the marquee.

The granting of a license for so many participants and/or ticket holders would create an unwelcome precedent in this small hamlet, even though I expect that you would not be able to take this concern into consideration.

Yours sincerely,  
Kate Fielden



**Grant, Lisa**

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**From:** Kathleen Notz [redacted]  
**Sent:** 23 February 2011 16:09  
**To:** Grant, Lisa  
**Subject:** Barge Inn Music Festival

to whom it may concern

I wish to object to the above music event April 16, 2011

The hamlet of Honey Street is in no way capable of accommodating the amount of traffic which an event of this size would generate.

I am at a loss to know how the residents of Barge Lane (of which I am one) would be able to drive out of their homes given the number of ticket sales the Barge Inn are hoping to achieve i.e. 1400 - including staff - not to mention the potential danger to anyone walking (or commercial vehicles driving) along a narrow country road.

The level of noise from bands such as Magic Numbers, Slagerij, etc. would be absolutely unacceptable and would create a public nuisance of the highest order. Since I live on the same lane as the Barge Inn I am also very concerned about the possibility of crime as we have had an abundance of these, including serious crimes, during the past 3 years, all originating at the Barge Inn, not to mention the use of illegal substances.

I am puzzled that websites such as **Ticketweb** (advertising Honeyfest as being on until 1.00 am) **gigjunkie** (doors open 19.15) **efestival** (also event on until 1.00am) to name but a few, are allowed to sell tickets already for the "Honeyfest" without having been issued with a license from yourselves, or is this normal practise? It would almost make a mockery of the whole system of permission from local council to provide this license.

I would appreciate your confirmation of receipt of this objection.

Yours faithfully

Kathleen Notz  
[redacted]  
Honey Street  
Pewsey  
SN9 5PX  
Wiltshire



Linda Perry

21 February 2011

[REDACTED]

Barge Lane

Honeystreet

Pewsey

SN9 5PX



Dear Sirs

I am writing to object to the application The Barge Inn has made for a music event on the 16<sup>th</sup> April

I am an old lady with health problems and have had to call out emergency services very recently to aid me, if the amount of traffic anticipated is allowed down our narrow lanes there is no way an ambulance to get to me in anything like a reasonable time. This would apply to anyone else in the area who is unwell, hundreds of cars down the lanes will make access impossible for any emergency services to Honeystreet or any near village.

I cant imagine how an ambulance, fire engine or police will get to the Barge Inn in event of problems as the roads are bound to be blocked during all the hours that people are arriving or leaving the site.

The noise that the traffic will generate will be dreadful and the volume of service vehicles down our little lane will be unbearable, it was only really built for foot traffic.


I believe that all the residents of Honeystreet will be trapped in their homes and my family who visit me to help and give me company will be unable to gain access. I know the Barge Inn people have said they will stop their customers using our lane but hundreds of cars will make the surrounding lanes impassable for hours.

The noise created by all the people and the bands during the event will make my life a misery and I don't see why we have to put up with all this so the pub can make money.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]



  
**Stanton St Bernard,  
Marlborough,  
Wilts..  
SN8 4LN**

**21 February 2011**

Licensing Department,  
Browfort,  
Devizes.

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re Honeyfest, Honeystreet.**  
**April 16<sup>th</sup> 2011**

With reference to above event on the camp field at the rear of the Barge Inn, Honeystreet on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

**History**

This camp field is in the parish of Stanton St Bernard, the parish boundary now running along the rear of the Barge Inn. This boundary was changed c1989/90 so as to put the Barge Inn in the parish of Alton Barnes from where all access and services to the Inn come. It would be appropriate, therefore, for Stanton St Bernard Parish Council to be informed of all activity taking part within their boundary.

The previous licensee of the Barge Inn, Mr Adrian Potts, had to apply for licence to hold outside events after numerous complaints about noise from neighbours. He was eventually granted a licence allowing him to hold three outdoor events per year, plus any special event, for example a wedding reception, for which a guest list had to be provided. A condition was placed on these events that all music, whether live or recorded, either inside or outside, had to cease by 11pm. Mr Potts accepted these conditions and his average attendance was approximately 250.

I now believe that their new application limits the event from 12noon to 8pm which is much more sensible particularly as it is supposed to be a family affair where there will be many children. However they have still said that they are intending to sell 1000, tickets.

**I object to a licence being granted for this event on the following grounds.**

**Prevention of crime and disorder and public nuisance.**

If they can limit the number of people, including children, to 1000 there will still be, probably, in excess of 700 vehicles. All the approach roads to this site are narrow C class roads. This volume of traffic, both arriving and then leaving, in this quiet rural area does not bear thinking about. It will also keep the police busy controlling this traffic especially at the dogleg crossroad in Alton Priors, across the hump back canal bridge in Honeystreet and keeping traffic from using the private road along the 'north bank'.

This will also depend on who the named acts will be. If they are still having the 'Magic Nos.' there will be a very large student interest and I cannot see them taking any notice of 'only 1000'. At a meeting held at Alton Barnes the man in charge of security said, "the whole site will be secured by a fence but that it will not be totally secure."

I feel that the potential for disorder could be substantial.

**Protection of public safety.**

The volume of traffic will inevitably cause considerable inconvenience to local people. This will not only be in Honeystreet and Alton Barnes but also in Alton Priors and Stanton St Bernard. Vehicles could park on verges, side roads and in Stanton St Bernard from where it is only a short walk along the canal towpath to the site.

**Protection of children**

I only hope proper arrangements will be made, as this is supposed to be a family event, for lost children.

I urge the Licensing Committee to refuse this application.



(M. Frankton)

**Grant, Lisa**

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**From:** Maggie Faultless [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 February 2011 03:01  
**To:** Grant, Lisa  
**Subject:** Honeyfest

To The Licensing Department, Kennet District Council

Dear Ms Grant,

I have recently been informed about a proposed event at The Barge pub in Honey Street on April 16th 2011

I don't know if you or many colleagues in your department know the Altons and Honey Street but a less suitable venue for attracting large numbers of people and cars would be hard to contemplate.

Unless a major police presence is available to prevent any parking whatsoever on our tiny narrow lanes and around the blind bridge over the canal there will be potential for serious if not fatal accidents. I also believe there will be a significant risk of crime in the area due to the reputation of the pub itself.

Although the proposed event is slightly different from the one proposed for December 2010 I do not believe that the organisers have addressed the major difficulty, that of the number of people and vehicles they are trying to attract.

I cannot think of the benefits of such a proposal to the local community, it is completely against the spirit of a community pub and apart from making a profit for the pub owner I think that it can only be predicted to cause major and possibly lasting damage to the local community.

I sincerely hope that this proposal is firmly rejected by the council.  
Can I ask you to acknowledge receipt of this message?

Thank you,  
Yours,

M Faultless

Maggie Faultless  
[REDACTED] Alton Barnes  
Marlborough, Wilts, SN8 4LB

[REDACTED]  
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**Grant, Lisa**

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**From:** Maggie Faultless [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 February 2011 10:16  
**To:** Grant, Lisa  
**Subject:** Re: Barge - Honeyfest 16th April 2011

Dear Lisa

I certainly do wish to object to this application for the reasons I stated.  
Please let me know which aspects of my objections were not clear,  
Thank you,

Maggie Faultless  
[REDACTED], Alton Barnes  
Marlborough, Wilts, SN8 4LB

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MR AND MRS S-AMOR  
[REDACTED] RECTORY CLOSE  
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MARLBOROUGH.  
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**Grant, Lisa**

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**From:** K&JC [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 February 2011 11:54  
**To:** Grant, Lisa  
**Subject:** "Honeyfest"

Message from Ken. & Jean Caswell.

[REDACTED] The Granary  
Alton Priors  
Marlborough  
Wiltshire  
SN8 4JX  
[REDACTED]

We wish to object to the proposed event billed as "Honeyfest" to be held at the Barge Inn Honeystreet on the 16th of April 2011 on the following two grounds.

A: The potential noise pollution causing a public nuisance.

B: Much more important is the undoubted arrival of cars, vans and trucks far in excess of the capacity of the local roads and lanes to cope. Exact numbers are hard to predict, but, if there are to be as suggested 1000 visitors, there will be AT LEAST 200-300 vehicles.

The lanes in Honeystreet and the Altons simply cannot cope with that quantity of parked vehicles. If the field parking is waterlogged the situation will be even worse.

Large farm vehicles will find their way obstructed.

Through traffic will be badly impeded.

The emergency services will not be able to function efficiently.

There is the potential threat to intrusion onto private property.

We urge you to give these points serious consideration.

Yours truly..... Mr.K.and Mrs.J. Caswell.

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MR. & MRS. E.G. HICKS

23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY, 2011.

[REDACTED] Boreham Cottages

Boreham

MARLBOROUGH


WILTS

SNS 442.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]





  
Chimney Lane  
Honeystreet  
Wilts. SN9 5PS  
Feb. 24, 2011

Licensing Section  
Public Protection  
Wiltshire Council  
Browfort  
Bath Road  
Devizes  
SN10 2AT

Licence application, Honeyfest

We live in Honeystreet, just across the canal from the Barge Inn and we wish to object to the granting of this licence, as currently framed, on grounds of nuisance and potential disorder and safety issues.

The central worry is the number of people descending on our tiny village.

We accept that in a city centre or in open countryside a large number need be no problem. In this location it is utterly disproportionate and that fact alone, we believe, fully justifies a complaint of nuisance.

Concern about noise nuisance has been eased by the revised timing of noon to 8pm, although eight hours of continuous like-it-or-not music (should it turn out that way) is hardly ideal. We urge that the licence will include a stipulation that the 8pm limit on outdoor music is strictly observed, to avoid informal music-making - as has happened in the past - continuing into the early hours.

Our other concerns are covered by the letter of objection from the Alton Parish Council, which we fully support. We are not asking for this event to be barred altogether. We are appealing as strongly as we can for the numbers to be limited to no more than 1,000 and for the time limit on noise to be enforced.

Yours sincerely





I am writing to object to the holding of the event called 'Honeyfest' at the Barge Inn on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2011

My reasons for objecting are:-

- ① The huge increase in traffic which will result from the holding of this event will cause an issue with public safety and a huge amount of public nuisance. We are likely to have any number of vehicles up to 1,000 cars and massive amounts of commercial vehicles and the roads that serve our community are totally unsuitable as there is not a single A road or major B road that go through our villages.  
The roads around us get congested with just a single horse and a tractor so this level of traffic would cause chaos for us all and we would be unable to go about our normal business on this day.
- ② The traffic that will occur is far in excess of anything that could possibly happen normally and this must create danger to the children in the village. Our children will never have been presented with this type of situation and an accident is highly likely
- ③ The noise from an event of this size is bound to carry over the whole area not just from the bands playing but from the traffic and collection of people shouting and screaming.
- ④ The Barge Inn has a very unsavoury reputation and has had many incidents in the past involving drugs and personal injury, even deaths which have had to be investigated by the police.

Mr & Mrs. M. Ve



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**Grant, Lisa**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 01 March 2011 19:15  
**To:** Grant, Lisa  
**Subject:** Re: Honeyfest, Barge, Honeystreet.

Ray pope, [REDACTED], alton barnes, marlborough, wiltshire, sn8 4lb Can you please tell me if this has been called to committee and if so what the time and date of the hearing will be?

Thanks

>-----Original Message-----

>From: [Lisa.Grant@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Lisa.Grant@wiltshire.gov.uk)

>Date: 28/02/2011 9:37

>To: "[REDACTED]", "Jeremy Lee" [REDACTED]

>Subj: Honeyfest, Barge, Honeystreet.

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>Hi

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>Please could you submit your full address if you still wish to object as it should be noted that your name and address and the nature of your representations will be available for the applicant to see, representations cannot be made anonymously.

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>Regards

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>Lisa

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 February 2011 23:11  
**To:** Grant, Lisa  
**Subject:** RE: objection to honeyfest, honeystreet

Hi, this event will bring some 1,500 people to a tiny village of just 29 dwellings. The potential for Saturday-night disorderly behaviour, noise, littering is very real, with alot of buzz on the internet others are bound to turn up. Consultation with the local community has been shambolic. Also the worry that this sets a precedent for more festivals in the future of this size. Many people are worried in the local area, but because there has been no real communication about what is actually going to happen this will come as a big shock to local people.

Ray Pope

[REDACTED]

Alton Barnes

>-----Original Message-----

>From: [Lisa.Grant@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Lisa.Grant@wiltshire.gov.uk)

>Date: 23/02/2011 8:23

>To: "[REDACTED]" [REDACTED]

>Subj: RE: objection to honeyfest, honeystreet

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>Thank you for your e-mail, However I will need more information regarding your objection.

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>Also to inform you that there has been a change with the application, as the applicant has changed the numbers from 1500 to 1250 also the hours of the event has changed from 14:00 - 01:00 to 01:30 - 20:30.

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>If you would still like to make representation I will need more in-depth information regarding your concerns, also your address.

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>Regards

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>Lisa

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>-----Original Message-----

**Grant, Lisa**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 February 2011 18:26  
**To:** Grant, Lisa  
**Subject:** objection to honeyfest, honeystreet

I am writing to object to the application for Honeyfest, Honeystreet. Public safety and order is at risk, 1500 people is far too many for a village of 50 residents! Also people turning up without tickets will impact on this aswell.

Ray Pope

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Wiltshire Council  
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SN10 2AT

24 February 2011

Licence application, Honeyfest

I live in Honestreet, directly across the canal from the Barge Inn and I wish to object to the granting of this licence, on the grounds of nuisance from noise and on potential disorder and safety issues due to the number of tickets being sold - in my mind out of all proportion for this tiny village of ours.

My main two concerns are that of nuisance from noise from 12.00 noon till 8.00 pm in what is a most rural, quiet and beautiful area. I am also worried that some ticket holders will continue the Honeyfest in their own way by playing their music into the late hours. I have experienced addition private party music continuing almost all night, on several occasions after the Barge licensed music should have finished.

I fully support the objection you will have had from Alton Parish Council.

I cannot see the need for this vast music event for 1250 people, which is out of all proportion to the size of our small rural community. The Barge Inn Community Project is, I believe, mainly putting on Honeyfest for the BBC Television programme "Village SOS" and the National Lottery, and not for those who live locally.

Having said all this I would really like the Barge Inn Community Project to succeed, but feel, as smaller event of 500 would be far more appropriate for this country area.

Robert Carpenter Turner



**Grant, Lisa**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 21 February 2011 09:44  
**To:** Grant, Lisa  
**Subject:** Objection to Honeyfest - Barge Inn - 16 April 2011

Dear Ms Grant

We are writing to object to the holding of the event called 'Honeyfest' at the Barge Inn on the 16th April 2011.

Our objections are as follows:

- The huge increase in traffic which will result from the holding of this event has the potential to cause issues over public safety and public nuisance. We can expect to experience a marked increase in traffic, anything up to an extra 1,000 cars and large amounts of commercial vehicles on the roads that serve our community which are totally unsuitable for this weight of traffic. There are no 'A' roads or major 'B' roads that pass through our villages. The roads around us can experience congestion with horse and farm traffic so this extra influx of 'festival' traffic could cause chaos for us all and prevent us from going about our normal and legitimate business on the day.
- The extra traffic that this festival will create will be far in excess of anything we could normally expect which would then also create an increased level of danger to the children in the community. Our children have never, to date, been presented with such an increase in the volume of traffic anticipated which makes for a huge increase in the potential risk for accidents to occur.
- The noise from an event of this size is bound to encroach over a wide area. This noise will not just be limited to the music being played but will also include the noise of the attendant mass of humanity and the vehicular noise of vehicles attending and servicing this event. This could prove to be quite distressing to the older residents within the community.
- I understand that the Barge Inn also does not enjoy the best of reputations in the area as there have been many incidents in the past involving the use of drugs, personal injury and even death which have had to be investigated by the police.

Overall this appears to be an ill conceived venture which we consider not to be in the best interests of the residents in the local community.

Yours sincerely

Mr & Mrs R Dark

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**Grant, Lisa**

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**From:** Sophie Heywood [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 February 2011 11:45  
**To:** Grant, Lisa  
**Subject:** The Barge Inn Music Festival

I am writing to object to the granting of a licence for the festival at the Barge Inn on 16th April on the following grounds:

The amount of traffic coming through our village roads.

The security of our villages with the likelihood of drugs and burglary of garden equipment - which has happened to us during other events carried out at the barge in the past.

I sincerely hope the council will not grant a licence for this.

sophie heywood

[REDACTED]  
woodborough  
sn9 5r

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Money Street.  
1<sup>st</sup> Penney, SN9 3PS

1<sup>st</sup> March.



Dear Sirs,

Ref Benge Inn - Moneyfot.

On Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>.

I know that this letter should have been received by you by February 28<sup>th</sup> but I hope my request for the numbers of people attending, will be limited to 1,000, will ~~not~~ be noted. I did not receive this information until I returned from a three week holiday leave on Feb 24<sup>th</sup>.

Due to the fact that I have returned to being a full time carer for my husband, who had a stroke <sup>over</sup> two years ago, I could not see to all the post etc straight-away. I am concerned that on small roads will be unsuitable for such a high volume of traffic & in an emergency it would be difficult to leave our house easily.


Yours faithfully,

TESSA OLIPHANT

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Broad Street  
Beechingstoke  
Pewsey  
Wiltshire  
SN9 6HW

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2011

I am writing to strongly object to the “ HONEYFEST “ that is to take place on April 16<sup>th</sup> for the following reasons :-

1. My family lives on Broad Street as you can see from my address , I have 2 children and we already have an extreme problem with speeding cars who do not pay any attention to speed limits.

To think that up to 1000 cars could pass our door is quite unthinkable , I can only imagine that there is an accident waiting to happen. I was subjected to a near miss with one of my children recently. Infact cars look at me as if I have no right to go on the road to get to my car !!! I have lost a cat since I lived here and have 2 small dogs , one of which even on a lead was close to being hit as we left the house 2 days ago.

This is a small country road with a 30 MPH speed limit , unsuitable for vast amounts of traffic , and two way traffic has trouble enough. I know that we will have problems along Broad Street where we reside as in several places there is not enough room for 2 cars to pass.

2. The pub has already got a strong reputation for drugs and this makes the community feel unsafe , this will make it worse as we all know that there are drugs at festivals. For families with young children this is not acceptable. Several accidents and even deaths have occurred.

3. The noise levels from this event will be very high and irritating. We have moved to a country village for peace.

I would like you to confirm receipt of this e.mail.

Regards

Tracey Garreffa

