

GLOVE FACTORY STUDIOS

Sept 2011

Dear Sirs

**Application for a new Premises Licence
The Glove Factory Café, Glove Factory Studios, Brook Lane, Holt,
Wiltshire BA14 6RL**

This letter provides additional background information to accompany the enclosed Application for a new Premises Licence.

The Glove Factory Studios is a managed workspace complex aimed at higher skills and knowledge based small and micro businesses. We have refurbished a redundant industrial heritage building in a rural village location and created 20 self-contained office/studios, a business event/meeting room and a bespoke café.

The café is located within a gated courtyard connected to a project space that provides seating for the café and business to business meetings and events, cultural exhibitions and local community activities. A separate studio building also provides space for similar activities.

Please visit www.glovefactorystudios.com to see more.

Our aim is to provide small businesses that usually have been based at home with the opportunity to work in a professional business community, with networking & business support events. Encouraging local business people to choose to meet at the Glove Factory is one of our key objectives.

We are a member of the MWEF, Mid-Wiltshire Economic Partnership and wish to raise the profile of mid-Wiltshire as an aspirational business location.

Ventures such as the Glove Factory, mean that higher skills businesses are 'clustered' together in supportive communities and by being in a location near to many of the users' homes, we have made a small contribution to the aim of regenerating the local economy and increasing employment together with reducing the current high level of commuting to work locations outside of Wiltshire.

Wiltshire Council and SWERDA have recently launched the Wiltshire Design Network and we have been asked to develop and host monthly events and networking meetings/meals to encourage the networking potential.

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The Glove Factory Café is predominantly a business facility with business events being hosted into the early evening. We do however encourage that the café building and its courtyard garden and surrounding paddock are used as a village facility and we do host local events and we have become increasing popular to weekend visitors

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to the nearby National Trust properties at Great Chalfield Manor and The Courts Gardens in Holt.

The National Trust have a new venture at the Glove Factory Studios, called the 'Trust' shop, it re-invents the NT shop as an exhibition and gallery to profile and sell interior design and artisan products from local and south west designer-makers.

The premises have a perimeter wall, monitored fire and alarm systems and 24/7 key-holder response. Cafe parking is provided on site and we allow village use at weekends.

The Studios, courses, meetings and business events are managed by an experienced General Manager, who is on-site 9 am – 6pm Mon – Fri.

The Glove Factory Café is managed and operated by business partners' Sarah Bickford and Mark Vicary-Williams. Between them they have over 60-years of experience in catering. Both hold Personal Licences and have BII qualifications. Sarah, who will be the principle Designated Premises Supervisor, has in the last decade been responsible for the setting-up and delivering of the catering operations at Cumberwell Golf & Country Club, the flagship National Trust café & restaurant at Stourhead and Shaw's Café at Palmer Gardens in Trowbridge. Mark was the licensee at the prestigious Grapes Public House in Bradford-on-Avon before working with Sarah at a restaurant/retail outlet in Somerset. He will act as secondary DPS.

The café's core opening hours will 10am – 5pm - 7-days a week.

The applicant, Nick Kirkham, founded, set-up and managed with his brother Simon, Great Western Studios * Clink Street Studios and Westbourne Studios in London since 1994 to the present *. These are 40,000 – 75,000sqft workspace complexes based on similar lines but don't have such a pretty and rewarding setting.

We feel that as a rural destination, the Glove Factory is well situated in the middle of Mid-Wiltshire's residential urban areas to host business incubation, networking and launch events. Part of our concept has been to centre the events on food and networking and to be able to add a glass of wine or a beer to such occasions will add greatly to the attraction and offer.

Similarly at weekends, we offer picnics plates and blankets to the National Trust visitors and let them walk and encourage people to sit in the surrounding field during the summer. We have included the paddock in the proposed licensed area so that village visitors can enjoy the courtyard and paddock setting.

Yours faithfully

Alix & Nick Kirkham