

Cowley, Jane

From: Brown, Victoria J
Sent: 23 November 2011 16:03
To: Cowley, Jane
Subject: Premises Licence Application for Five Lanes Farm, Potterne

Dear Jane,

Re: Premises Licence Application for Five Lanes Farm, Potterne

I write on behalf of the Environmental Health department to object to the granting of this premises licence application. We recommend this application be refused because we are of the opinion that it is likely to lead to public nuisance for people living nearby. The application is therefore not in accordance with the "prevention of public nuisance" licensing objective.

Five Lanes Farm is in a quiet rural location where background noise levels, especially at night are likely to be very low. The area marked on the plan of the premises submitted with the application is very large. An area this size suggests that large scale events with large numbers of people may take place. The larger scale the event the more substantial the sound system or systems will be required to provide regulated entertainment and the wider the impact of the event is likely to be. There are residential properties in close proximity of the premises boundary which are likely to be affected by noise during regulated entertainment. Careful management will be required to make sure that any noise does not result in a nuisance being caused. As it is currently written, the operating schedule does not contain any detail as to how the applicant will prevent noise from their premises from causing a nuisance to nearby residents.

The access road to the site is a single track with residential properties at the entrance on to the main road. We feel that there is the potential that vehicles and pedestrians arriving and leaving from potentially large scale events may also cause local residents to make complaint regarding noise disturbance. The large area of land also gives rise to concerns that part of it may be made available for people to camp over night. These people may create noise that could cause a disturbance past the licence hours and further into the early morning.

We have also taken into account the days and times which have been applied for in the licence application. The applicant has applied for hours of operation which extend to the late evening and early hours of the morning when music noise is most likely to cause a nuisance for people living nearby. The applicant has applied for a licence to allow licensable activities to take place seven days a week with no limit on the number of events that could take place at the premises. This leads to serious concerns that the premises could be used on a very frequent or continuous basis as opposed to infrequently.

It is also relevant to highlight that unfortunately this department regularly deals with nuisance and complaints of nuisance arising from activities taking place outside or in other lightweight or temporary structures such as tents or marquees. Unfortunately activities of the kind applied for here are likely to have a widespread noise impact which is difficult to control.

We intend to discuss these issues further with the applicant and establish if satisfactory amendments to the application can be agreed so that we can be confident the granting of a licence for these premises is unlikely to cause a public nuisance.

Due to officer availability it would be preferable to arrange the hearing for 12th December. If that date is not possible another date during that week would be preferable to another week within the required period.

Regards

Vicky Brown

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