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## Representation form

**This form must be returned within the statutory period, which is 28 days from the date the notice was displayed on the premises or the date specified by the Public Notice in the newspaper. Please contact the licensing section to confirm this date.**

Any individual, body or business can make a representation to the licensing authority in relation to an application, regardless of their geographic proximity to the premises. Any representation must be relevant, in that the Representation relates to one or more of the licensing objectives.

Premises about which representation is being made	Sticks & Stones, Nursery Farm Woodborough
Your name	Clare Rourke
Postal address	Woodborough Garden Centre Nursery Farm Woodborough SN9 6PF
Contact telephone number	[REDACTED]
Are you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An individual?</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A person who operates a business?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A person representing residents or businesses?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A member of the relevant licensing authority (ie, elected councillor of the licensing authority)?</li> </ul>	
If you are representing residents or businesses who have asked you to represent them?	

Your representation must relate to one of the four licensing objectives, which are detailed below. Please detail the evidence supporting your Representation and the reason for your representation. If necessary, separate sheets may be used.

Objectives	Evidence
1. The prevention of harm to children	
2. To prevent public nuisance	

Objectives	Evidence
3. To prevent crime and disorder	✓
4. Public safety	

Please list below any suggested actions that you feel the applicant could take to address your concerns.

Please see attached document

If a hearing needs to be held to determine the premises licence application, the councillors will generally only be able to consider matters that have previously been disclosed. However, additional information in support of your representation may be considered if all parties at the hearing agree. We advise that you detail all matters that you wish to be considered on this initial Representation, attaching additional sheets if necessary.

If you do make a representation you will be invited to attend the licensing sub-committee hearings and any subsequent appeal proceedings relevant to your representation.

**All representations in their entirety, including your name and address, will be disclosed to the premises licence applicant. A copy of representations will be annexed to the licensing officer's hard copy report, which is a public document circulated to the licensing sub-committee and to all those who have made relevant Representations.**

Signature ..... [REDACTED] .....

Date ..... 26/9/14 .....

Please return this form, along with any additional sheets, to the Licensing Officer at the Wiltshire Council office covering the area in which the licensed premises are situated.

**Chippenham:** Wiltshire Council, Monkton Park, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 1ER  
**Devizes:** Wiltshire Council, Kennet House, Sergeant Rogers Way, Hopton Industrial Park, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 2ET  
**Salisbury:** Wiltshire Council, Bourne Hill, Salisbury, SP1 3UZ  
**Trowbridge:** Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8JN



# WOODBOROUGH

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## GARDEN CENTRE

26<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**Reference to Application premises licence – Sticks and Stones Ltd, Unit 3 Nursery Farm,  
Woodborough Garden Centre, Pewsey. SN9 5PF**

I wish to raise an objection to the issuing of a premises licence to Sticks and Stones UK Ltd for the following reasons:

- Compromised security, increasing the risk of theft via unrestricted use of the car park after opening hours
- The increased risk of malicious damage, by people under the influence of alcohol.
- Insurance risk posed by members of the public utilising our property outside of the Garden Centre opening hours, for example, the car park, the play equipment and the liability for its unsupervised use/occupation

The main shared gate to the Nursery Farm site is secured at approximately at 6pm every day and when the gate is closed and secured the Garden Centre is at a lower risk of theft and malicious damage, due to restricted vehicle access, which is an ongoing issue. At the Garden Centre we display a large amount of product out in the open which amounts to about 35% of annual sales however, this is much greater at certain times of the year, for example the spring and summer months, Christmas trees in November and December which pose an even greater risk of theft. We also have valuable animals which are kept on the site. The issuing of an alcohol licence linked to opening later increases the risk of theft and possible malicious damage to product displayed out in the open and to the animals, whilst there are no garden centre staff on site.

An outdoor music event could encourage excessive drinking and high spirited behaviour and could cause accidental and or malicious damage. There is a concern that due to the layout of the Nursery Farm site there is no way of restricting movement of people and containing them to certain areas. When the garden centre is closed at 5pm Monday to Saturday and 4pm on a Sunday the garden centre is vulnerable and if the main gate is not secure people can wander freely around the site unsupervised.

The Garden Centre and the majority of the car park is private property for which we allow free access, but when the Garden Centre is closed we would wish to restrict access for all the reasons stated above. Unless the applicant formally agrees to supervise their customers and accept all liability after garden centre has closed, we would ask you restrict the licence to the current opening of the Garden Centre/Sticks and Stones which is what the applicants have advised us is all they want.

Nursery Farm, Woodborough, Wiltshire. SN9 5PF

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I would also like to draw your attention to the communication process, which I feel has not been adequate on this occasion. I only found out about the application, because my husband, who is a Parish Councillor for Woodborough, was sent the document as part of his role. The date of the document is the 5<sup>th</sup> September and date for objections is the 29<sup>th</sup> September the date today is the 26<sup>th</sup>. Had I not seen this application it may have been approved without my knowledge? I have spoken to the applicants, the landlord and Hannah Hould of Wiltshire Council to make them aware of my objection.

Yours faithfully

Claire Rourke

Nursery Farm, Woodborough, Wiltshire. SN9 5PF

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