

LICENSING ACT 2003

Representations

Details of the representee:

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Please note the Council is required under the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 to provide the applicant with copies of the relevant representations made.

Details of the application to make representation(s) on:

Application Reference Number...23636.....

Name of Premises Hungerford Park

Premises Address Hungerford Park Hungerford Berkshire

Postcode RG17 0UU

Under the Licensing Act 2003, for a representation to be relevant it must be one that is about the likely effect of the application on the promotion of the four licensing objectives.

Please give details of your representation(s) and include information as to why the application would be unlikely to promote any of the following objective(s):

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder:

We object to the proposed licensing activity on the following grounds:

1. Increased people on the Common may lead to an increase in vandalism (signs, water troughs and benches) as well as the usual anti-social behaviour that goes with licensed activity.
2. Parking on the Common can be an offence under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act. Increased vehicular traffic into the application site is likely to increase the number of cars parked on the common, which is, in fact private land.

Public Safety:

We object to the proposed licensing activity on the following grounds:

1. Cars, cattle and alcohol don't mix. There are around 150 head of cattle grazing and roaming free at any one time on Hungerford Common. Increased vehicular traffic to the site is highly likely to result in increased injury/death toll on the livestock and or drivers, especially at night.
2. The Common is a place where large numbers of people walk their dog and by themselves. Increased traffic creates a threat for both dogs and walkers/runners.
3. Properties that share fences with common land are required by law to ensure that their boundaries are stock-proof. A 5-bar gate has been installed (not a pedestrian gate as suggested by the application). If this gate is left open, stock can wander off the common and into areas (including the application site) where the fencing may not be stock-proof or sturdy enough to repel cattle. Ultimately this could lead to cattle on roads at night where they are not expected (having escaped from the applicant site) and other such safety issues.
4. The Inkpen Road access is a very dangerous road to pull out on to at any time of day, being on a sharp bend and where cars travel at speed, let alone at night with alcohol involved. The Kintbury Road is also dangerous to access, again due to road layout, visibility and speed of drivers day and night.

The Prevention of Public Nuisance:

We object to the proposed licensing activity on the following grounds:

1. The Common is a haven for wildlife. The opening of this venue for licensable activity into the night is likely to increase light in the vicinity and excess noise, which will have a negative impact on the wildlife, the AONB 'dark skies policy' and the local residents. The whole Common is noise sensitive, so we are unable to see how such noise could be 'directed away from such a sensitive area.
2. It could be perceived that the application has the ultimate aim of a venue with scope for direct walking out onto the common to enjoy the drinks / the common to almost be part of their ambiance. An increased of people on the common, with drinks/food etc. brings with it the strong likelihood of increased rubbish and bottles/broken glass. We have enough difficulty keeping the Common free of rubbish etc., and the cows away from food currently left around the dog poo bins without having extra footfall bring more mess and rubbish into the countryside.

The Protection of Children from Harm:

None

Signed:.....

Date:.....

13th February 2024

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