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From: Tim Gaskell [mailto:timgaskell95@gmail.com]

Sent: 28 March 2017 17:40

To: licensing

Subject: Public Nuisance of Premise License at Fourfields Farm Dumbrells Court Road Ditchling BN6 8GT

Dear sir or madam, I am writing to express my horror anger and amazement at the craftiness of The Macmillans of Fourfields farm , who have applied for permission to run extensive licensing for alcohol, live music and films for long hours every day of the year. They have done this in another guise , using the name of Suzie Macmillans father , that is , in the name of 'Grassington Rangers'.

This application proves that they wish to present a very different face to you , than they do to the South Downs National Park, to whom they are planning large visits by schoolchildren and other educational parties. How is this compatible with late night music and drinking? Not only that, but this area is a place much loved by many, who have moved here specifically because it offers a calm quiet peace that only the countryside can really provide. It falls within the South Downs National Park, who's encouraging people to visit by saying this:

From rolling hills to bustling market towns, the South Downs National Park's landscapes cover 1,600km² of breathtaking views and hidden gems. A rich tapestry of wildlife, landscapes, tranquillity and visitor attractions, weave together a story of people and place in harmony.

Ditchling is one of the countrysides lively villages, we have fair every other year where the whole village gets involved in, a thriving arts festival, many successful societies, and many people head here precisely because they want to escape the noise of the bigger towns. It would be a tragedy and a travesty of justice for these core values to be ridden over roughshod. We've just celebrated Dame Vera Lynnes 100th birthday, who lives easily within a stones throw from these newly proposed licensed premises. If they go ahead even she might have to endure loud music late in the summer evenings in her garden. Just the thought of it is so objectionable! I do hope you will seek to preserve the true beauty of this rural and loved area, which includes quietness, tranquility as well as the landscape itself.

Yours Sincerely, Tim Gaskell 28.03.3017

Subject: Further outcry to licence applicants by 'Grassington Rangers'

Dear sir or madam, I would like to add to my previous objection to this licence application. We in this road (South View) who live directly south of Fourfields farm, are all upset by the activities that have been going on on the farm. Some people have to shut their windows in the summertime because the noise is so bad, it is very disturbing to local people who live here, my neighbour , who has lived here all her life, has been in tears. She is a nature lover, and knows a lot about the local wildlife. In the immediate area around the farm there are habitats suitable for supporting many endangered species; water voles, greater crested newts, bats and barn owls .

My immediate neighbour is so upset with the whole proposal, planning for 30 large holiday cabins, shop, toilet blocks, function buildings, road with dangerous access etc; that he is now talking about moving. He is a valuable member of the community, and is a highly respected tutor of mindfulness courses, which he takes to the Houses of Parliament as well as abroad. I do not think we need any more drinking and loud music venues in this area, but a mindfulness to the well being of the community and environment, that we do need more of.

Yours faithfully, Tim Gaskell

12 Southview
Ditchling
East Sussex
BN6 8TQ

Hi,

I wish to object to the licensing application made by Grassington Rangers Ltd. on 3rd March on behalf of Fourfields Farm in Ditchling for the following reasons:

- The site is close to existing residences and the noise pollution is likely to cause disruption to local residents especially as the application is for 7 days a week.
- I am concerned that holding large events would cause an adverse effect on the environment and local wildlife.
- I feel that it will be extremely difficult to prevent large numbers of people from becoming loud and unruly and this could easily overspill into Ditchling village
- the proposed application to SDNP for a car park and access road would irrevocably change and destroy the beautiful local environment and would cause further congestion in Ditchling, especially when holding large events.

Regards,

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Ditchling

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28th March 2017

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Email: licensing@lewes.gov.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Premises Licensing Application

Name of applicant: Grassington Rangers Ltd

Location: Fourfields Farm, Dumbrells Court Road, Ditchling BN6 8GT

We wish to object to the above premises licensing application as there is currently a planning proposal in progress with the South Downs National Park for a major development at this location. (SDNP/17/01224/FUL – Contact Officer Luke Smith)

An application has been submitted by Mr & Mrs McMillan, who we understand are linked to Grassington Rangers Ltd, for a proposed campsite for 30 tent pitches for use between April - September each year; erection of 20 log cabins for camping 11 months of the year; erection of Farm Shop/Café; erection of 4 washroom and toilet blocks; creation of a Car Park and formation of a New Access and Track.

This planning application is likely to adversely affect many neighbouring properties in close proximity and as such we believe that a license for alcohol, live music and film between the hours of 9am and 11pm Monday to Sunday **should not be considered until after the outcome of the proposed application**. It clearly states in the Noise Impact Assessment report, collated by Parker Dann for the planning application that 'no music will be allowed to be played on site'.

This licensing application is to provide a 'mobile food and drink unit' to support private functions and other larger events in the future and 'for any events involving more than **500 people** an event plan will be submitted to the responsible authorities'. This unit may be located anywhere within the current planning proposal boundaries and beyond. The licensing application also states 'We are proposing to extend the use of our facilities to incorporate private functions and other large events in the future'.

This alarming development surely puts the planning proposal for Fourfields farm in a whole new light and would appear to have been submitted 'under the radar' as the two applications at first sight do not appear to be linked. Clearly they are linked and we would request that LDC and SDNP review both applications as one project.

We have a major concern with regard to security. The licensing application references crime and disorder and states 'staff members will record full details of any incidents in a log book'. Furthermore 'the premises supervisor or a competent member of staff shall manage the site to ensure no rowdy noisy or offensive behaviour.' i.e. one individual managing potentially 500 people plus? We would suggest this statement is very much 'after the horse has bolted'. Surely it would be better not to provide an environment where crime and disorder may take place in the first place, especially within a National Park?

As this licensing application for live music contradicts the proposed planning application we believe it should not be granted. It is also inappropriate, insensitive and would undermine the current rural and tranquil nature of this area of countryside.

We thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely

Mr & Mrs I.A.B. McCall

Subject: Alcohol license for Mac's farm

I am writing in response to the above request. I live at Southview Ditching. Last summer we had to endure loud music until late at night which was very disruptive to our lives. Now they want a license to sell alcohol from 10am to 11pm which will run along side live music 7 days a week and recorded music from 9pm to 11pm seven days a week. The nuisance this will cause is beyond description as it will impact on our summer evenings and the affect on families with young children is totally unacceptable. I therefore hope you will take in to consideration that this campsite will only be one field away and we do not wish to hear loud music as I class this as noise pollution.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Serena James 16 Southview BN6 8TQ.

Mac's Farm premises License Application

SDNP/17/01224/FUL

The Mac's Farm (Fourfields Farm, Dumbrells Court Road, Ditchling BN6 8GT)

Objections

From Simon and Amanda Davey, Residents at 10 Cottage Homes, Common Lane, Ditchling

29th March 2017

With an application for events involving five hundred visitors seven days a week, and throughout the year, these proposals would have such a major effect on the inhabitants of Ditchling, that far more advanced information should have been distributed. My wife and I only heard of the application a week before the deadline for objections, and had details two days before all had to be made. The proposals are in no way in keeping with the Village plan, Village character, the village's peaceful setting or with its position in a British National Park.

We have lived in the village for the past 29 years, and are very aware of the effects that the proposals would have on all of us who live in Ditchling.

Noise

Perhaps the most unacceptable aspect of these proposals are the increases in noise levels that the proposals will mean. Five hundred people coming to listen to music, and to party will inevitable cause a huge amount of noise. We live north of Mac's Farm, and on occasions during the summer we have been affected by noise from people partying in the village, and most notably at Mac's Farm until way after midnight. This noise has been such that it is not blocked out by our television. As the noise usually carries on after bedtime, we have been kept awake by it well into the night. These events would have involved far fewer than five hundred people. It is also worth noting that the residents of Dumbrells are retired, and this is a residential area specifically for older people and Dumbrells is a very near neighbour of Mac's Farm. If the proposals go ahead, the distress caused by the increase in noise here would be unacceptably great.

While the proposals involve a period ending at ten pm, the premises will be licensed, and the noise created by inebriated youngsters will no doubt be considerable, and very difficult to control. After an evening of the sort proposed at Mac's Farm, it is inconceivable that those attending would immediately cease to create noise. My mother-in-law (mother) lives on the south shore of Loch Ness and has direct experience of the problems caused by Rock Ness with drunkenness, drugs and unfortunate deaths near to where she lives.

Such events would, by their nature increase the number of other similar events in the village and area thus totally changing the character of the village of Ditchling, and this part of Sussex. The idea that noise could be restricted to the hours of the actual events at Mac's Farm is totally impractical.

Access

During our 29 years in the village, the problems in the village created by traffic have become extreme. It is a daily event that the high street becomes totally immobilised by traffic. Drivers become angry and road rage is already considerable on many occasions. Deadlock can be total for at least half an hour on occasions. On more than one occasion, I have had my wing mirror clipped, and the state of the bollards in the village are evidence of the number of incidents that occur. To increase the traffic to the extent it would have to be increased to cater for people attending the proposed events at Mac's Farm would be totally impractical and unacceptable. The nearest railway station is in Hassocks, and too far away to be to be a practical means of attending these proposed events.

The Nature of Mac's Farm

A few years ago, over a period of four years, almost certainly because of activities at Mac's Farm and their desire to conform to the requirements of organic farming, the whole of Ditchling was infested by flies. The infestation was such that we had to collect them up inside the house using a vacuum cleaner, and free fly collecting equipment was given out in the village for the last two years. When Mac's Farm were required to address the fly problem, the effect was immediate and dramatic. It should be stated strongly that it was more than over a single year that we had that problem, and it took a long time for Mac's Farm to address it. And they only addressed it when an enforcement was put in place.

With the camping activities that are proposed, the smell and possible pollution caused by cooking activities is also likely to be such as to cause a lowering of environmental standards.

Policing the Proposed Events

With a great increase in the number of youngsters drinking and partying in the village, drug related problems will inevitably grow. A degree of pilfering and other illegal activities are also likely to increase, and there is just not the level of protective policing available to make the proposals acceptable. An increase in the use of the non-permissive path that runs past Cottage Homes is also very likely. Many of our neighbours have young children and they will be at increased risk. If the events cease at ten pm, the youngsters, not wanting to retire at that time, and having made use of the alcohol available, are likely to wander drunkenly and noisily throughout the area. Given the shortage of public transport (lack) available it will be inevitable that there will be substantial levels of drunk driving involved.

My wife and I would like to object to the proposed activities at Mac's farm in the strongest possible way, and would also like to voice our displeasure at the lack of information available to the village over these proposals. We do not believe that the village will enjoy any benefit, whether commercially, environmentally or socially from the proposed developments at Mac's Farm.

Subject: Mac Farm

To the Licensing Officer

I am deeply concerned and would like to raise objection to the application to serve alcohol and play music at Mac Farm. I walk footpaths in that area frequently and would consider this to be a public nuisance and to have considerable impact on noise levels and to the residents in that area. I work in studio space at Turner Dumbrell workshop and would not appreciate the potential of noise or any kind of music affecting my concentration in my work.

Patricia Gidney

8 The Genistas
Semley Road
Hassocks
BN6 8PF

Subject: Premises License re Mac's Farm and Grassington Rangers Ltd., Ditchling

Dear Sirs

I write to object about the above Mac's Farm, Ditchling applying for a Premises License in our area.

This farm has already started these loud party nights during last summer and the summer before, causing severe public nuisance to the surrounding areas. The extremely loud music continued until way beyond midnight, usually followed by fireworks most weekends and is unbearable.

I am a resident of Southview, and I fear this permission will have a great impact on my and my family's health and well being. Many residents of Southview are elderly and all agree this would be utter madness to allow.

The rural public bridle path would also be greatly affected, dog walkers, ramblers etc., having to endure this incredible loud noise day and night.

I trust this application will be rejected forthwith, just cannot bare to go through another summer like last year. It is bad enough with the plague of flies that we also have to endure every year.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Jane Lantsbury

3 Southview

Ditchling BN6 8TQ

Subject: proposal for alcohol licence, Macs Farm, Ditchling

to whom it may concern,

I regularly walk the footpaths between Ditchling Village and the Common, and have heard with increasing horror about the proposals Mrs Macmillan has applied for.

I walk these paths, in this area of outstanding natural beauty with the sounds of birdsong, wind in the trees and the possibility of seeing countless different species of wildlife, not the cacophony of amplified live and recorded music, films and potentially boozed up humans for 13 hrs per day, 365 days a year.

it would be bad enough having to negotiate a camping site, unruly people and vehicles in the National Park, without the added intrusion of loud music, which will be catastrophic for the surrounding area, with noise and light pollution and the disruption and destruction of valuable wildlife habitat.

goodness knows how the local population must feel but it appears to me that Mrs Macmillan has scant regard for their feelings, going in direct competition with the remaining local pubs and businesses.

I hope this application is given the rejection it deserves that will completely destroy this green, beautiful countryside.

yours sincerely

Julie Cheal.

Subject: Premises licence for Grassington Rangers

To whom it may concern:

Re: Premises Licensing Application

Name of applicant: Grassington Rangers Ltd

Location: Fourfields Farm, Dumbrells Court Road, Ditchling BN6 8GT

We wish to object to the above Premises Licensing Application for the following reasons.

There is currently a planning proposal in progress with the South Downs National Park (**SDNP/17/01224/FUL** – Contact Officer Luke Smith) for a major development at the same Fourfields Farm location. Each application is completely misaligned and contradicts with how the applicant intends to manage and operate their temporary and proposed business venture.

The proposed license premises:

The sheer scale of the proposed site (nearly 30 hectares of land) and the lengthy hours and days of operation (9am – 11pm, seven days a week) seems really excessive for a location within rural and tranquil countryside, that sits in an unspoilt spot in the South Downs National Park adjacent to where we live. We have serious concerns over access and traffic management for the safety of guests as well as local residents as there is little permanent infrastructure for parking, no speed restrictions in place, where private land meets public footpaths, particularly for the larger events.

From experience over the last two years, when the applicant has had commercial events i.e. weddings, yoga retreats and private parties, where alcohol has been served, the noise from amplified, live and acoustic music has travelled across the fields, late into the night which has had a huge impact on the local residents, which is over and above the normal farming activities you would expect and be used to.

The prevention of crime and disorder:

The opportunity to serve alcohol for 13 hours a day/night would naturally encourage alcohol related crimes, disorder and anti-social behaviour within metres of peaceful village properties and create disputes between landowners and guests, inevitably causing conflict.

Public safety:

Local dog walkers, ramblers and horse riders would also be seriously affected by the increase in noise and potentially anti-social behaviour as they walk along the historic, rural and currently peaceful public footpath and bridleway, which runs in two directions directly through the proposed site.

The prevention of public nuisance:

The local community would be directly affected by any form of music being played on the applicants estate and due to the close proximity of neighbouring properties, in an area that is currently quiet and tranquil in nature. The local residents have a right to enjoy the peace and quiet of their own home. It would suddenly be like living next to a busy pub, 7 days a week for a number of the local residents and due to the close proximity be severely affected by light pollution and noise as guests exit the premises by car and/or on foot, which would also have a direct impact on the local wildlife that is so abundant in this rural habitat.

Yours faithfully

Matthew and Tamsin Tyler-Smith
38 Common Lane
Ditchling
BN68TJ

Subject: Premises licence for Grassington Rangers

To whom it may concern

I am writing to reject the 'Premises Licence' application submitted by Grassington Rangers.

Fourfields farm owned by the Macmillan family is part of Grassington Rangers and sits in an unspoilt spot in the South Downs National Park and in fields adjacent to where I live. The SDNP describe themselves as having "green rolling pastures, wide open spaces, ancient woodlands, river valleys and dramatic coastline truly encompassing the National Park's ethos of being one of 'Britain's Breathing Spaces'."

This license would be totally inappropriate in an area like this and goes against the ethos of SDNP. The farmland is owned and worked by the Macmillan family and they already run a campsite through the summer months. The campsite is usually just about tolerable to local residents and hikers, although there has been an increase in litter along footpaths, noise has increased and the occasional party or event with drumming has meant noise levels have been unbearable.

To allow the MacMillans to have the ability to serve alcohol, and play live music would constitute a public nuisance. And added to this, up to 500 people might attend, making it impossible to control noise and alcohol induced 'party behaviour'. Many of the footpaths criss-crossing through their campsite areas where parties would take place, house extraordinary and ancient bridleways which are a haven to wild life. It would be totally inappropriate to host events where alcohol and live music mix in such close proximity to these areas. Indeed their campsite straddles an ancient bridleway currently unspoilt and habitat to bats.

In conclusion, noise levels carry easily in these areas. We are already aware of increased noise from the campsite of the last two summers. Parties and events where alcohol is served will be impossible to control noise to anything less than a public nuisance, disturbing our ability to sit outside on a summer evening or indeed sleep. A bit like living next to a pub. Importantly the noise levels and 'events' will also be public nuisance to hikers, dog walkers and nature lovers, and finally a nuisance to the precious wildlife that make this area their habitat.

Yours faithfully
Tessa Chisholm
13 South View
Ditchling
BN6 8TQ

Subject: ALCOHOL / MUSIC APP MACS FARM DITCHLING

Dear Council ,

Please read this email and accept this as an objection to the proposed , what on earth are they trying to achieve Ditchling version of Glastonbury the infrastructure cannot sustain the additional traffic nor the area sustain the additional pollution that will inevitably happen , the idea is jaw dropping , I visit my family living and deceased as often as I can and it shouldn't even be open for discussion, I note it was filed late , the idea for this was to gain minimal opposition I would suspect .

Thanking you in advance for doing the moral thing .

Paul Wadey
15 Oakfield Avenue Chepstow Monmouthshire Np165ne

Former resident of Ditchling who frequents often and stays at 15 Southview Ditchling BN6 8TQ visiting family and friends . I also have a financial interest in the property.

Subject: Objection to Mac s Farm, Ditchling, East Sussex

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> Dear Council ,

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> Please see this email as an objection to the proposed premises
> licenses for Mac's Farm, Ditchling, East Sussex in addition to there
> current planning.....to consume alcohol from 10am to 11pm Monday to
> Sunday, exhibit film and live music from 10am to 11pm Monday to
> Sunday, and have recorded music from 9am to 11pm Monday to Sunday

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> We, the neighbouring farm (Stoneywish nature reserve and campsite) have just found out through a village friend about this proposal, disappointingly not through our neighbours themselves.

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> Our family run nature reserve Stoneywish, is within sight of the South Downs and in the national park and the historic village of Ditchling, the 50 acres of Stoneywish offers a magical retreat from the rush of modern living. Here you will find a corner of Sussex countryside as it used to be, meadows, wetlands and woodland full of native flowers and home to a wealth of wildlife, in addition to our own farm animals. We also run a campsite where we kindly ask our guests not to play music or light fireworks, as people come here for the peace and quiet. Wildlife needs to be peaceful too!

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> Our family has been working the land for generations and feel that we do our best to help the country side and to be in keeping with the national park.

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> This would destroy the tranquility that the nature reserve is trying to achieve in the pleasant rural area that Ditchling provides.

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> Kind Regards

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> Michael Burgess
16, Long park corner
Ditchling
Bn6 8ux

Also I noticed an error in my first email. The correction is we DO NOT ALLOW MUSIC

Dear Ms. Lindsey,

Having already been subjected to loud music from the Mac's Farm on a number of occasions in the past, we object absolutely to the current licencing application to serve wine and other alcoholic drinks, together with music and a mobile food van during the unsociable hours listed in the application. In addition it is understood that the application is also a request to hold wedding parties and other multi person celebrations. The planning application outside of this for change of use to a camp site is apparently against the backdrop of being conducted in peace and tranquillity, so as not to disturb the setting and the countryside. This part of the countryside is currently rife with wildlife from birds of prey to reptiles, foxes and a multitude of other species, and therefore this application will have a huge impact upon our wildlife, as well as the human population.

We request that this application should be brought before the licencing committee etc.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Vera Lynn and Mrs. Virginia Lewis-Jones.
Hampers Croft,
28 Common Lane,
Ditchling,
Sussex BN6 8TJ.

Subject: Re Liquor Licence application Macs Farm Ditchling SDNP/17/01224/FUL

To whom it may concern.

I'm writing to STRONGLY OBJECT to the application for a liquor licence by Macs Farm Ditchling.

My mother Margaret Wadey is a resident of South View Ditchling. She and my late father worked very hard to buy their house, the house which they brought their three children up in with the intention of enjoying a peaceful retirement.

Now apparently Macs farm have applied for a liquor licence which will allow their campers to consume alcohol on the premises, and they intend to exhibit films and play live music from 10 am to 11 pm Monday to Sunday, as well as recorded music from 9 am to 11pm Monday to Sunday.

I am extremely concerned about the adverse affects this will have on my mothers health, and ruin the peaceful retirement she has worked all her life for. Why should she or any of the other residents have to listen to music blaring all day and night?.

My parents chose to buy their home because of the beautiful countryside. A lot of ramblers enjoy pleasurable walks with their dogs it is home to a wide variety of birds and other animals whose natural habitat will also be disturbed. I urge you to reject this application to keep the area peaceful and calm, to allow my mother and the other residents to enjoy walking along the bridle paths and more importantly for my mother to enjoy the retirement she deserves.

Another concern is the sewage which is already causing problems in the area, not to mention the pollution which will endanger the wildlife I feel allowing this application to be approved will be a public nuisance.

Sincerely

Vanessa Bahaoui
Casablanca Morocco

I am very concerned about a licensing application made by Grassington rangers ltd for a premises licence application to serve alcohol and play music (amplified and acoustic) for 7 days of the week. I live in a row of houses adjacent to the property and I believe that using the small area of fields for this type of entertainment is going to be a huge public nuisance to a lot of people who have chosen to live in the countryside to get peace and quiet. We already have venues nearby that hold weddings and events throughout the summer months and this is tolerable, but to have a venue that could have live and recorded music playing throughout the week as well as weekends and throughout the year next to a residential area is intolerable.

Mrs ruth gaskell
12 south view
bn68tq

Subject: Re: Premises Licensing Application/Grassington Rangers Ltd/Four Fields Farm, Ditchling

Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to register our strong objection to the above premises licensing application. We own an established Nature Reserve which adjoins several fields on the chicken farm side of Four Fields Farm. We are currently opposing a planning application which the owners of the farm have put before the South Downs National Park Authority. (We understand that Grassington Rangerrrs Ltd. is a family company directly associated with the Macmillans at Four Fields Farm.

Ditchling is a very sensitive area which was selected for inclusion in the National Park on the strength of its cultural/historical and environmental value. We run a low-impact, eco-friendly campsite as part of our own business. Out of respect to our neighbours and the village at large and to the wildlife which we encourage throughout the Reserve, we do not permit noisy activities such as fireworks and amplified music by customers on our own land. Amplified or 'live' music would be an unwarrantable intrusion into the rural tranquillity of the area. The above proposal for daily sale of alcohol and the mobile grog shop in particular will encourage boisterous behaviour, creating potential disturbance to neighbours until late at night potentially every day of the year. Our campers come to Ditchling to experience the peace and quiet of the countryside. The possibility of 'large scale' events 'involving more than 500 people' which the Grassington Rangers application predicts would have a very serious negative impact on our own business and create a totally unfair problem for local residents.

We do not feel that there is any justification for this or the live music/film/recorded music licence in question, especially considering that the concurrent planning proposal for this site claims the applicants have environmental protection and the local community at heart.

We would like to add our support to the letter written by Mr. and Mrs. I. McCall, attacheed below.

We urge you to refuse permission for this licence.

With many thanks for your attention.

Yours faithfully,

Rosemary and Michael Alford
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Wednesday, 29 March 2017

Dear Sir / Madam

REF: Application for a Premises licence.

Four Fields Farm, Dumbrells Court Road, Ditchling

While I have no objection to carefully planned diversification such as a campsite and / or log cabins, I am very concerned by the application for a seven day licence for the sale and consumption of alcohol, and the reference to events of up to 500 people (albeit with separate applications). Regular events involving up to 500 people would be wholly out of the keeping of this rural area and would bring further problems with noise and traffic as outlined below.

Thus, I object to the Premises licence application as this will result in a significant and unacceptable amount of noise, particularly from music which will affect the residents of the NE quadrant of Ditchling as well as other areas of the village. We know this from experience when Mac's farm has had week-ends of music playing in the past.

In Ditchling we are blessed with barn owls which can be seen when in the vicinity and also heard at night. Regular nightly noise may well drive them away. This needs to be followed up.

The traffic will increase to unacceptable levels on what is a farm track, where young children are often walking along the foot path and cross this road.

Availability of food and drinks in Ditchling: There are already food and drink outlets in Ditchling including of course the two pubs, the Café and the Larder where you can stock up (and which are in walking distance).

In conclusion, while I accept that diversification of activities is a part of farm enterprises, I firmly object to application for the premises licence for the reasons given above.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Felton".

MICHAEL FELTON

30/03/2017

Dear Sirs,

The Mac's Farm, Fourfields Farm, Dumbrells Court Road, Ditchling, East Sussex, BN6 8GT

I am writing to register my objection to the application for a premises licence by, The Mac's Farm, Fourfields Farm, Dumbrells Court Road, Ditchling, East Sussex, BN6 8GT.

The basis for this opposition is that granting a licence for these premises will not promote the licensing objectives, particularly the prevention of crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour.

The camp site lies within the South Downs National Park and is an area of natural beauty, peace and tranquillity, and enabling the premises to sell alcohol would be totally detrimental to its aims and objectives.

The application proposes that alcohol will be sold for consumption on & off the premises between 10:00am and 11.00pm, seven days a week, the risk of crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour is heightened. The playing of live and amplified recorded music from 10.00am to 11.00pm. This will have a detrimental impact on Residents in this area, who will suffer sleepless nights, the residents already suffer noise nuisance from this venue for their events and hire of group pitch and marquees. There is noise pollution from Court Gardens Farm which fundamentally disturbs our right to sleep; we are in the middle of two event venues. Thus causing regular disturbance to local residents.

I would urge the Committee to consider the impact this will have on the local residents and the environment. I would urge the Licensing Authority to refuse the application.

Yours faithfully,

Sharon James

Sharon James
4 South View
Ditchling
E Sussex
BN6 8TQ

Dear Sir/Madam

Re Premises License at Mac's farm, Fourfields Farm, Dumbrell's Court Road BN6 8GT.

We wish to object strongly about the plan for a major development of a campsite with 30 tent-pitches, a car park for 60 cars, together with 29 log cabins, washrooms & toilet areas, tea rooms with a bar selling alcohol etc.

The proposal to include a 'Premises License' for seven days a week will compromise the quietness of the rural nature of the village of Ditchling.

The increase in traffic (already a problem) and the likely noise, which will be the result of such a venture, will be abominable.

The notion of having holiday-makers listening to amplified live music and possibly fuelled on alcohol is not a happy prospect.

It is all a recipe to create a regular 'public nuisance', which this village would have to bear from people who do not live in Ditchling.

To propose such a plan in the South Downs National Park is unbelievably insensitive.

Yours sincerely

Prof John and Mrs Deanna Lord.

'Upwell'
4, Orchard Lane,
North End
DITCHLING
BN6 8TH

To: licensing

Subject: The Mac's Farm (Fourfields Farm, Dumbrells Court Road, Ditchling BN6 8GT) application which was submitted to the Licensing Section of Lewes District Council by Grassington Rangers Ltd on 3rd March 2017.

Dear Sir or Madam

Please find above my objection to the application for licensed premises made on March 3rd 2017 by Mac's Farm. I am particularly concerned about the licensing objective that relates to public nuisance and have made comments throughout my letter relevant to your department, and that of the Planning Office.

I am a qualified teacher and trainer and I know from experience it is not viable for the applicants to suggest they can train and appoint a manager to control behaviour in such a remote and widespread location. Security is a major issue for all residents around this proposed development. They obviously intend to run events that could increase to 500 attendees, even with 3 months notice this does not help me or my family deal with the actual disruption caused by noise and traffic - are we meant to leave our homes and go somewhere else on such occasions? It will be like living next to an outdoor concert venue.

I respectfully submit my objections, attached.

Kind regards

Heather Evans

Luke Smith
Planning Officer
Lewes District Council

Heather Evans
17 South View
Ditchling
Hassocks
East Sussex
BN6 8TQ

30.3.17.

Dear Sir or Madam

My family and I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the planning application made by

SDNP/17/01224/FUL (FourFields Farm).

I will also be writing to object to the licensing application made in tandem by Fourfields Farm (under a different name, Grassington Rangers) as follows,

www.lewes.gov.uk/council/20333.asp

Southover Road, Lewes during opening hours
Any persons wishing to make representation in respect of the above must do so in writing within 28 days of 24th February 2017.

Premises Licence Application – Licensing Act 2003

Name of applicant: Grassington Rangers Ltd
Full Postal Address of Premises: Fourfields Farm, Dumbrells Court Road, Ditchling, East Sussex BN6 8GT
Proposed Licensable Activities: The sale of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises Monday to Sunday from 10am to 11pm. The exhibition of film and Live music Monday to Sunday from 10am to 11pm. Recorded music Monday to Sunday from 9am to 11pm.
The details of this application may be viewed in the Licensing Register at Southover House, Southover Road, Lewes during opening hours.
Any persons wishing to make representation in respect of the above must do so in writing within 28 days of 3rd March 2017.

I know I am one amongst an extensive group of local people who are objecting to the above, but the following letter details my family's own personal objections to both building and licensing application.

I find It unacceptable that a letter has been put through our doors today, from Susie MacMillan, inviting us to consult on 3rd April next week, which would exceed the deadline given by the council of this Friday to receive complaints. This seem disingenuous at best.

We object on the following grounds;

Noise pollution.

I intended to complain last summer of the dreadful noise made by parties that went on well beyond midnight on the site of the proposed development. The volume of the music, both recorded and live (interspersed with live commentary by hosts/DJ's) was extreme, it was like having a live concert in my front garden. We could hear every word and note, and it was totally disruptive. None of my family could sleep, the dog kept barking and my daughter, who has disabilities and learning difficulties, was very upset. She experiences several problems with her health and needs her sleep and rest more than most. As her carer, so do

I. I hoped this was not going to be a regular occurrence, and was too tired and busy after just moving house to complain to the council. To learn that the applicants now plan to totally disrupt our lives with nightly/daily licensed parties on a permanent basis makes me wish I had never moved here, and I am very concerned about the impact on my daughter's health especially, although all of us will be affected.

The problem of noise is not just limited to that raised by parties. Noise created by the volume of people they propose to have staying just over the hedge, plus the noise from driving and parking of their cars, (65) the noise created by a road running through the campsite allowing delivery trucks, services trucks, campers etc on a continuous basis, combined with the application for music permitting amplified sound from 10 am – 11 pm will be a nightmare scenario for us all in our community. It is unthinkable that the council can allow such noise pollution to invade our privacy day and night on a 24/7 basis.

Regulating noise levels on a campsite of holidaymakers with full access all day and night to alcohol is an impossible and ridiculous proposition. I am very concerned about the maintenance of security on the site, which would be remote and unmanageable. We are secluded and vulnerable to unwanted visitors who might be attracted to the campsite and facilities.

All wildlife and bird species that frequent the fields and trees around here will be driven away. The impact of noise pollution on wildlife, let alone on the people in a rural community like this, is well documented. The impact on our local birds and common mammals would be devastating. See the following report;

Noise pollution: economic analysis

From: Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

Part of :Assessing environmental impact

First published:

9 April 2013

Last updated:19 December 2014, see all updates

An extract from this relevant report reads as follows;

" To discuss the best approach to assess the impacts of noise, it is recommended that you contact IGCB@defra.gov.uk. To inform these discussions please have the following information available:

- background on the decision being made
- an outline of the proposal and different options being assessed
- the indicative noise assessment undertaken
- timing of the analysis to feed into the decision
- quantitative estimates of the other impacts of the decision

The appropriate evidence will depend on a range of factors. The potential areas for consideration can be broadly separated into four groups:

- 1 Amenity - the conscious displeasure of those exposed to the noise. At present two amenity impacts can be quantified and valued; sleep disturbance and annoyance.
- 2 Health - noise is associated with a range of effects on health. The three health effects currently valued are heart attacks, strokes and dementia.
- 3 Productivity - through distraction, fatigue and interrupting communication noise can have a negative impact on productivity. It is not yet possible to assess and value these impacts.
- 4 Environmental - noise can have a notable impact on the natural environment, for

example noise may alter bird breeding patterns, disturb wildlife and damage sensitive ecosystems. At this time these impacts have not been valued. The effects of night noise, school attainment and other factors such as the value of quiet areas have not been fully quantified.”

I see no evidence that this application has considered specifically the areas outlined above or the general and specific impact of noise from their proposed development on our lives and that of the wildlife around us, which would be immense. Our quality of life would be ruined by this level of noise and we would have to move.

Waste/air pollution

Apparently the plan calls for the building of 20 log cabins all with wood burners. This is unthinkable, the level of smoke pollution would be unbearable for us. My daughter suffers from frequent respiratory infections and if the wind is blowing the smoke directly towards the house we will have to shut windows and not go outside. Perhaps the campers (30 sites proposed) will also be allowed to have campfires and noxious barbecues (we are vegetarians) adding to the air pollution. I also object to the constant burning of fossil fuels not just on the grounds of air pollution, but because we are as a country trying to reduce the threat of global warming. Specifically, wood smoke is dangerous for us as a family, and for all my neighbours, many of whom have health issues. Particulate matter from soot is a trigger for many health conditions to which I and my daughter are particularly susceptible. The following extract is given by a recent U.S. government report on wood smoke;

‘ Health effects of wood smoke



Click on image to enlarge

Smoke may smell good, but it's not good for you. Both short- and long-term exposures to particle pollution from wood smoke have been linked to a variety of health effects.

Short-term exposures to particles (hours or days) can aggravate lung disease, causing asthma attacks and acute bronchitis, and may also increase susceptibility to respiratory infections. Long-term exposures (months or years) have been associated with problems such as reduced lung function and the development of chronic bronchitis—and even premature death. Some studies also suggest that long-term PM 2.5 exposures may be linked to cancer and to harmful developmental and reproductive effects, such as infant mortality and low birth weight.”

<https://www.epa.gov/burnwise/wood-smoke-and-your-health>

Human waste if directed into the main system would overload an already broken down sewerage system in our street. When we flood particularly at the end of South View, where I live, my neighbours' houses (no's 16, 17 and 18) have the disgusting prospect of sewage flooding up and out of our drains. Every year for many years this has been a continuous problem. We have a high water table and a problem with waste and rain water dispersal that Southern Water have never resolved. Our gardens turn to mud over the winter. I am not convinced that cesspits built over the field for the campers' human waste will be a viable option and that we will not suffer as a result. At a rough estimate, over 200 guests will be using the toilet block (close to our houses and probably stinking like most campsite toilet facilities) and I do not expect Southern Water will manage the challenge of disposal, as they certainly don't manage now. We get epidemics of flies as it is in the summer (my first experience of 'Ditchling Fly' was last summer, the human waste and garbage they discard will only increase their number.

Light pollution

It is unbearable to consider the amount of light pollution that will result and affect us. The road lighting, the car lights, the individual cabin lights, the café, shop and general lighting, let alone fireworks and party lights will completely dominate our lives in this road and nearby houses. This proposed development intends to house clients 11 months of the year, thus in the winter light will be ungoverned and continuously disrupting our night sky and glare into our homes. We love our night sky, the stars are clearly visible, and the bats and owls fly around the houses at night.

The bridle path.

I am a dog walker, and we enjoy the countryside walks provided by the bridle path and the fields around. This major development has no suggestion of consideration for our rights of way or pedestrian safety, it's a major curtailment of our country pursuit and could put us in danger. There is a significant lack of thought here, an accident waiting to happen. One expects horse riders, dog walkers and rambles to co-exist, but to propose that a road should cross a historic bridle path is an unmanageable infringement and dangerous to say the least.

General conclusion

I understand the applicants already own their own land and farm buildings so why have they decided to disrupt fields they only rent with a major development (including building a road where one already exists via Dumbrell Court?). It is ludicrous for them to suggest they are minimizing their footprint on the land, on every possible level they will ruin the quality of life for existing residents. This is a selfish application and while I may have sympathy for the difficulties of economic management they are experiencing, I feel it is unacceptable to ruin the quality of life for their neighbours as a means of their salvation. The traffic flow is fast and intense on the main road and many times all of us who drive have come close to being overtaken as we try and turn into our road. The speed limit is ignored by passing traffic and it takes careful slowing down of the cars behind you so it becomes safe to turn. Why on earth would the council consider running a road off a B road with a 40 mph limit? We already have the most dreadful daily traffic jam in the middle of the village because of the weight of traffic coming through, the tailbacks created by this application would be terrible and untenable. Every day and all day there are traffic flow problems, particularly exacerbated by heavy lorry traffic which would only

increase as suppliers etc drive to the campsite.

Why doesn't the council support existing campsite businesses such as Stoneywish or Blackberry Wood instead? We have more than enough campsites around here and there is no justifiable demand for another – particularly not when wildlife, and our rural community would be so adversely affected by this poorly thought out proposal. I respectfully suggest you decline this application. I can assure you this community will fight for our right to our health, peace and quiet, and for our wildlife.

Sincerely yours
Heather Evans

*Pathways, Farm Lane,
Ditchling, Hassocks.
West Sussex BN6 8UN.*

Re License Application by Grassington Rangers Ltd

Please note my objections to the above application.

Objective a) In a recent proposal to establish a Glamping and campsite, to which I had no objection, there was no reference to the further plans to facilitate large events, certainly not on a scale of numbers exceeding 500 people. Such permission would impact negatively on this neighbourhood, turning what is now a quiet and restful environment into a nightmare for all the residents.

Objective b) The prevention of crime or general disorder does not cover events or thoughts of disturbance in the surrounding area and makes no reference to the risk factor that this would represent in a peaceful and calm rural area. Simply recording events that take place on the property fails to address any of the wider impact such events would have on the surrounding neighbourhood.

Objective c) In the application public safety is only covered for events happening on the premises. In the application for the extension to camping only 60 carparking spaces have been planned, how is it proposed that in excess of 500 people will travel to this venue? Additionally when considering the increase in traffic that such planned events will generate how will public safety be covered then? When larger events involving the consumption of alcohol take place there are always the risk of inappropriate behaviour putting at risk the general public. How will the general neighbourhood be protected from such behaviour caused by the licensing of this premises?

Objective d) A noise management plan will not prevent the inevitable disturbance to the locality over a wide area. In 2016 a Musical event was held on these premises and was clearly heard throughout the village. An occasional happy sound of people enjoying themselves which we currently experience is tolerable, regular events on a summer's evening would be distressing and intolerable. The reference to "unreasonably disturbing" is clearly a matter of interpretation and compared to the solitude and peace currently enjoyed by this neighbourhood any sound of music

would be considered an invasion of privacy and a nuisance. The putting up of signs to remind people to respect the neighbours is, in my experience, next to useless especially when some of those involved have been drinking or celebrating with alcohol.

Michael Coward

31.03.17

Subject: Proposed 'Premises Licence' For Grassington Rangers Ltd

Dear Sir/Madam

I have recently been made aware of the above application.

As a nearby resident I'm horrified to learn of a potential noise nuisance 7 days of the week for much of the day.

As a parent of young children and someone who works shift hours the potential disruption to my personal and professional life from what can be only described as a small festival 7 days a week would be un-liveable.

I must, therefore, firmly object to any grant of a licence on the grounds of major Public Nuisance.

Regards

Dan Cox

1 Common Lane
Ditchling

Subject: Licence application for Fourfields Farm, Ditchling

Dear Sirs,

Premises Licence Application – Licensing Act 2003
Name of applicant: Grassington Rangers Ltd
Full Postal Address of Premises: Fourfields Farm, Dumbrells Court Road, Ditchling, East Sussex BN6 8GT
Proposed Licensable Activities: The sale of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises Monday to Sunday from 10am to 11pm. The exhibition of film and Live music Monday to Sunday from 10am to 11pm. Recorded music Monday to Sunday from 9am to 11pm.

I write on behalf of The Ditching Society to object to this application for the following reasons:

1. The licence covers the whole of the farm with few restrictions. If granted at all, it should be limited to the campsite area.
2. We support Macs Farm's principle of a campsite located where visitors can appreciate the natural setting, local wildlife and the peace of the rural setting. We feel that the granting of a licence for alcohol, films and music goes against these aims.
3. The licence as applied for can be used for events up to 500 people. We believe this is inappropriate and that it would encourage large scale and spin-off events, beyond the camping venture, such as weddings, private parties, and entertainment gatherings which would be inappropriate on this site and potentially disruptive to neighbours.
4. Overall, the Ditching Society believe that the permanent and general facility to provide alcohol and allow music is incompatible with the setting and nature of the camping proposals and the location.

Sincerely

Shirley Crowther
Chairman
11 South Street, Ditchling BN6 8UQ

Mr Edward and Mrs Aisha Dickson
Townmead
Common Lane
Ditchling
BN6 8TN

Sent by email to: licensing@lewes.gov.uk

31 March 2017

Dear Sirs

Premises Licence Application: objections

Applicant: Grassington Rangers Limited

Premises: Fourfields Farm, Dumbrells Court Road, Ditchling BN6 8GT

We are writing to register our objections to the application for a premises licence by Grassington Rangers Ltd in respect of Fourfields Farm, Dumbrells Court Road, Ditchling BN6 8TN. The basis for these objections is that granting a licence for these premises will not promote the four licensing objectives prescribed by the Licensing Act 2003. In particular:

1. Prevention of public nuisance

- the application relates to a proposed site of nearly 30 hectares of land. This is excessive bearing in mind that the primary reason for the application is stated as being a food and drink unit serving customers using the applicant's camping facilities and visitors to the farm.
- the application requests daily operating hours of 10am to 11pm throughout the year. Again this is excessive given the seasonal nature of a campsite (presumably operating mostly in the summer months) and the fact that there are currently no licensed premises within the immediate vicinity and therefore no existing public disturbances or nuisances.
- the grant of the licence would impact directly on the quiet and tranquil nature of the village in which the premises are located. Not only will noise arise from the playing of music and films, there will be associated noise arising from the huge increase in visitors and footfall (chatting and socialising which will inevitably continue past any licensing hours), increased traffic noise (car doors slamming, engines starting) and light pollution.
- whilst the application states that music will not be played at a level that will be unreasonably disturbing to nearby properties, there is no definition of what constitutes "unreasonable" and this can only be judged subjectively. On the assumption that the music and films will be played in the open air, there will be no sound proofing or noise limiting devices in operation. Sound, vibration

and noise will inevitably escape from the premises. This has already been evidenced when the applicant has held events such as yoga retreats in the past, where the noise from amplified live and acoustic music, as well as general "people noise" has travelled outside as far as our house. On such occasions we have had to keep windows closed and had to cancel a planned family "garden camp" part way through because the noise kept our children awake.

- such past events have also resulted in an increase in litter along the grass verges running alongside the boundary of the premises and Common Lane, which is socially unacceptable and denigrates the local area.
- we are also concerned over pollution levels in the vicinity given that an increase in traffic will result in further gridlock through the village.

2. Prevention of crime and disorder

- an excessive alcohol licence for 13 hours daily combined with the increased number of visitors to the premises would naturally encourage alcohol related crimes and anti-social behaviour. There have already been a number of incidents relating to vandalism of cars in the centre of the village which have been reported to the police and community groups and which will potentially increase with the increase in numbers and cars. It is difficult to see how the existence of a log book and premises supervisor (as suggested by the applicant) will reduce this impact.

3. Public safety

- we are concerned over the impact on road safety an increase in traffic (which will result from the holding of events at the premises) on Common Lane will have. This stretch of road is notorious for speeding and traffic accidents, with there having been three accidents in the past five years, each of which resulted in road closures and with one requiring involvement of the air ambulance.
- the footpaths running alongside the road are also very narrow and limited, and with events in the village, we have previously experienced trying to drive home along Common Lane with party go-ers walking in the dark down the middle of the road.
- we are also concerned that a simple increase in the number of visitors to the village will detract from the safe and peaceful residential environment in which we currently live and will limit the extent to which we would allow some freedom to explore to our children.

4. Protection of children from harm

- we repeat our concern above.

We also note that whilst it is understood that the applicant would be required to submit a plan to the relevant authorities in respect of events for over 500 people, this requirement is easily avoided by limiting numbers at such events to just under 500, which means there is no further control over and consequently no reduction in, the impact of such an event in terms of the failure to promote the above licensing objectives.

The above objections must also be read in light of the applicant's planning proposal in progress with the South Downs National Park (ref SDNP/17/01224/FUL) for a major development at the same premises.

In light of the above objections, we would urge the licensing authority to refuse the above application. Without prejudice to the objections raised, in the event that the application is approved, we would urge the licensing authority to impose restrictive conditions to seek to alleviate such objections.

Yours sincerely

Mr Edward and Mrs Aisha Dickson

Subject: Proposed licensable activities ...applicant Grassington Rangers Ltd, at Fourfields farm, Ditchling, BN6 8GT

Dear Licensing Officer,

I must strongly object to the above application to play recorded and live music every day from 9am to 11 pm. This has the potential to be a major public nuisance. My garden backs onto fields which are only a few hundred yards from the proposed site.

This will inevitably happen mostly in the summer, the very time that we will be in our gardens or have the windows open.

I have not objected to the camp site as such because they stated that "We will manage the camp site in a way that is in keeping with the quiet, rural location that we call our home". Susie Macmillan. This application does not fit in with her stated aim.

Because I would like to support appropriate RURAL enterprise, would it not be possible to allow some sort of limited license for both music and alcohol, e.g. For 5 days a year?

We live on the edge of a beautiful country village, the Mac's small farm is surrounded on 3 sides by village housing. I would urge the authority to check out this proximity and not allow this application.

Yours sincerely
Pauline Dufty

12, Common Lane
Ditchling
BN6 8TJ
Sent from my iPad

Louise Evatt
Lye Mead
69 Lewes Road
Ditchling
East Sussex

Re License Application by Grassington Rangers Ltd

Please note my objections to the above application.

Objective a) I am very supportive of the proposals at Macs Farm to build the 20 cabins and expand its camping and outdoor learning / experience facilities. However, I have serious concerns about a village of this size hosting events of 500 and over, particularly on a regular basis. This is not a mini Knebworth! Hosting huge events regularly that involve music and alcohol would change the dynamic of the entire village.

Objective d) Hearing the odd party is normal. There are events on the recreation ground, village hall and the Village Green. It is nice to hear these now and then. I wouldn't want it to be the norm every weekend to hear loud music. That defeats the point of moving my family out of London to a tranquil village. I'm not sure I would want to live here should there be festivals / events of that size every weekend.

Louise Evatt
30 March 2017

Subject: Objection to Grassington Rangers Ltd application for Premises Licence

Dear Sirs

I would like to register the strongest possible objection to the application below:

Name of applicant: Grassington Rangers Ltd Full Postal Address of Premises: Fourfields Farm, Dumbrells Court Road, Ditchling, East Sussex BN6 8GT Proposed Licensable Activities: The sale of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises Monday to Sunday from 10am to 11pm. The exhibition of film and Live music Monday to Sunday from 10am to 11pm. Recorded music Monday to Sunday from 9am to 11pm.

The area is one of outstanding natural beauty and wildlife and includes the long-distance Sussex Border Path and a Lewes District Council conservation area. It is home to both young couples with children and pets and to retirees who moved here seeking solitude and peace in their latter years. When events have been held at Fourfields Farm the noise level has been unacceptable and constituted a considerable public nuisance.

The nearby Turner Dumbrell Workshops are home to many artists and craftspeople who also need quiet and seclusion for their creative activities and again the proposed activities would make their working conditions intolerable.

I therefore feel that granting this application would be detrimental to our health and living and working conditions and should not be granted.

Best wishes

Gerald Fleuss

Gerald Fleuss FSSI FRSA
8 Cottage Homes
Common Lane
Ditchling
East Sussex BN6 8TW

Subject: Grassington Rangers Licensing Application

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to raise my concerns about the Premises license application made by Grassington Rangers. I am particularly concerned about the noise. The application is for film, live and recorded music 9am – 11pm 7 days a week. I assume that at least some of this film and music would be played outside or in temporary structures such as marquees and would therefore create significant noise.

The land that this application applies to abuts the village of Ditchling and many residential properties. I am concerned that the noise generated (until 11pm on any night of the week) will constitute a statutory nuisance to many residents as this is a normally very quiet rural area. At a time when Council budgets are stretched it must make sense to prevent a problem rather than having to spend significant resources trying to deal with complaints after the license is given.

I am supportive of Macs farms and would accept a limited number of noisy events on a Friday or Saturday evening, on a part of the land well away from residential properties but to have permission to play live or recorded music from 9am to 11pm every night of the week, anywhere on the land, seems excessive.

The details I have seen of the application suggest that a noise management plan would only be submitted for events of more than 500 people. The only suggested noise management measures for smaller events is that music wont be played at a volume to disturb neighbouring properties. I find it hard to believe that music could be played for groups of say 50-499 people at a volume that couldn't be heard by neighbouring properties.

I hope that this application will be rejected and agreement can be reached to issue a licence that allows the Mac's business to develop but in a way that is appropriate to its setting.

Thank you,
Belinda Gordon
11 East Gardens, Ditchling BN6 8ST

Subject: Grassington Rangers Ltd Premises Licence Application

Dear Sir

I would like to strongly object to the above Premises Licence Application where Grassington Rangers Ltd have applied to consume alcohol from 10am to 11pm and to play live and recorded music from 9am - 11 pm seven days a week. Anyone who has been brought up in the country or who has moved here to avoid noise and to live in a peaceful area, will be affected by music being played for this inordinate length of time. As a property owner, overlooking the site, I am very concerned that this will affect everyone locally in Ditchling. It will impact on our health and home life and as a dog walker who regularly walks along the footpaths and bridleways around the site, I am certain that peaceful rambles will be affected by noise during the days and evenings.

I also object to the consumption of alcohol from 10am until 11pm. The number of people the applicants are planning to entertain will be up to a maximum of 400 people and I do not believe that this will be policed sufficiently to avoid a Public Nuisance. I fear for the impact on the countryside, the wildlife, and the birdlife, of which there is a great deal.

Yours faithfully,
Joanna Greenstreet
2 Common Lane
Ditchling
Sussex BN6 8TJ

Peter and Lyndsey Harwood,
11 Cottage Homes, Common Lane
Ditchling, East Sussex,
BN6 8TW.

Date: 30/03/17

Re: Premise License Application

Name of Application: Grassington Rangers Ltd

Address: Fourfields Farm, Dumbrells Court Road, Ditchling, BN6 8GT.

Dear Sir/Madame,

We are writing object to the License application above for the reasons as listed following.

The proposed license of the premises - The prevention of public nuisance

With the site lying in the heart of the South Downs National park and the scenic, peaceful, natural setting the license application on such a large area for seven days of the week seems disproportionate. From experience of when the site host occasional events during the Summer the noise carries prominently across the surrounding area, to have this extended would cause a large amount of noise pollution for the neighboring residents.

We have no objection to the way that the site is currently run and am aware that there maybe a need for business diversification, but the addition of serving alcohol from 10am to 11pm Monday to Sunday would by nature increase anti-social behaviour in a very close proximity to other village residence in an otherwise peaceful rural setting.

Yours sincerely,

Peter and Lyndsey Harwood

Subject: Development at Ditchling

Sir

re Development at Ditchling -

a Major Planning Development made by the Macs Farm and advised by the SDNP as Fourfields

On the assumption that the development does receive approval, a campsite / holidaycamp, then the application to yourselves is for a 'premises licence' to consume alcohol, exhibit film and live music and or play recorded music, from late morning 10 to 11am through to 11pm Monday to Sunday

It is totally unacceptable to be expected to welcome such a development so close to a small local village nestling at the foot of the Southdowns in the Southdowns National Park

With 30 tent pitches and 20 log cabins, 4 washrooms/toilet blocks, Farm Shop and Café and parking for some 60 vehicles this development will attract upward of 250 people at any one time - especially with alcohol and music permitted virtually all day 7 days per week

The two main objections are

- 1 An increase of traffic re customers and all of the services that will be needed for the place to function - Ditchling is the most congested village in the area and any increase in volume can only create more of a hazard than already exists
- 2 But more importantly with alcohol and music permitted all day for every day of the week there will undoubtedly be a Public Nuisance concern regarding noise and commotion arising from the inevitable partying

As an aside -

A month or two back we had consultations in the village re the government requirements re Building space to be found within Towns and Villages -

To accommodate some 20 dwellings in Ditchling the proposals are to extend the village boundary at the top and bottom end of the village to incorporate a couple of fields in which to build. Although preferably nothing, it would be more acceptable to extend the boundary a few hundred yards further and build a small attractive cul de sac with some 20 properties in it - for the local residents and the make up of the village as a whole how much better than a holiday camp in our midst

Please help to keep our village as it is

MICHAEL HOLLINGDALE
'Little Orchard'
2 Orchards Lane
Ditchling
BN6 8TH

Subject: alcohol & play music

No 2 Southview & no 1 Southview.

My husband and I plus our next door neighbours who are away until the weekend wish to object to the proposed licence application for the consumption of alcohol and playing of loud music for 11 months of the year. Last summer the music was playing until at least 11.30pm and it sounded as if it was in our garden. We are pensioners and go to bed early as do our neighbours and we feel this is an invasion of our privacy. yours sincerely Pauline Lee, Thomas Lee and Mr P Green & Mrs C Baillie at No 1.

Mr & Mrs WF Sandercock
Little Shepherds
Common lane
Ditchling
Hassocks
East Sussex
BN6 8TL

Licensing Team
Southover House
Southover Road
Lewes
East Sussex BN7 1AB

30th March 2017

**Re Premises Licensing Application
In the name of Grassington Rangers Ltd
Fourfields Farm, Dumbrells Court Road, Ditchling BN6 8GT
Objection Letter**

Dear Sir or Madam,

We strongly object to the above premises licensing application. We have concerns that it conflicts with a major planning application in progress with the South Downs National Park at the same location SDNP/17/01224/FUL.

That planning application is likely to adversely affect many neighbouring properties in close proximity and as such we believe that a license for alcohol, live music and film between the hours of 9am and 11pm Monday to Sunday (does that include Christmas Day ?) should not be considered until after the outcome of the proposed application. It clearly states in the Noise Impact Assessment report, collated by Parker Dann on behalf of the planning application that 'no music will be allowed to be played on site'.

The proposed site of nearly 30 hectares seems excessive for a location within rural and tranquil countryside. It is so close to houses in the village of Ditchling, within the SDNP where residents should be able to enjoy the peace and quiet of their own homes.

If the new road onto the site is approved, that will locate the reception & security to the rear of the site. That would be the totally impractical as surely it ought to be at the entrance if such large events and festivals selling alcohol are to be held.

We also have serious concerns over access and traffic management for the safety of guests as well as local residents as there is little permanent infrastructure for parking, particularly for larger events.

From experience over the last two years, when the applicant has had commercial events, weddings, yoga retreats and private parties the noise from amplified, live and acoustic music has travelled across the fields and has had a huge impact on the local residents, noise which is over and above normal farming activities. We have tolerated this but this proposal raises the potential for greater disturbances dramatically.

As the area can be accessed by public footpaths and a bridleway, dog walkers, ramblers and horse riders would be seriously affected by noise and potentially anti-social behaviour as they rightfully walk along the historic paths.

We have a genuine concern that our lives (& that of the local wildlife) will be majorly disrupted by light pollution and noise from ever changing guests. Not only while they are on site but also as they to and fro by car and on foot.

That is why we object to this application.

Yours sincerely

Bill & Annie Sandercock

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28th March 2017

Licensing Team
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Email: licensing@lewes.gov.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Premises Licensing Application

Name of applicant: Grassington Rangers Ltd

Location: Fourfields Farm, Dumbrells Court Road, Ditchling BN6 8GT

We wish to object to the above premises licensing application as there is currently a planning proposal in progress with the South Downs National Park for a major development at this location. (SDNP/17/01224/FUL – Contact Officer Luke Smith)

An application has been submitted by Mr & Mrs McMillan, who we understand are linked to Grassington Rangers Ltd, for a proposed campsite for 30 tent pitches for use between April - September each year; erection of 20 log cabins for camping 11 months of the year; erection of Farm Shop/Café; erection of 4 washroom and toilet blocks; creation of a Car Park and formation of a New Access and Track.

This planning application is likely to adversely affect many neighbouring properties in close proximity and as such we believe that a license for alcohol, live music and film between the hours of 9am and 11pm Monday to Sunday **should not be considered until after the outcome of the proposed application**. It clearly states in the Noise Impact Assessment report, collated by Parker Dann for the planning application that 'no music will be allowed to be played on site'.

This licensing application is to provide a 'mobile food and drink unit' to support private functions and other larger events in the future and 'for any events involving more than **500 people** an event plan will be submitted to the responsible authorities'. This unit may be located anywhere within the current planning proposal boundaries and beyond. The licensing application also states 'We are proposing to extend the use of our facilities to incorporate private functions and other large events in the future'.

This alarming development surely puts the planning proposal for Fourfields farm in a whole new light and would appear to have been submitted 'under the radar' as the two applications at first sight do not appear to be linked. Clearly they are linked and we would request that LDC and SDNP review both applications as one project.

We have a major concern with regard to security. The licensing application references crime and disorder and states 'staff members will record full details of any incidents in a log book'. Furthermore 'the premises supervisor or a competent member of staff shall manage the site to ensure no rowdy noisy or offensive behaviour.' i.e. one individual managing potentially 500 people plus? We would suggest this statement is very much 'after the horse has bolted'. Surely it would be better not to provide an environment where crime and disorder may take place in the first place, especially within a National Park?

As this licensing application for live music contradicts the proposed planning application we believe it should not be granted. It is also inappropriate, insensitive and would undermine the current rural and tranquil nature of this area of countryside.

We thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely

Mr & Mrs I.A.B. McCall

Ferthings Barn.
Brangwyns Acre
East End Lane
Ditchling BN6 8UG

Sirs

I write to say I fully agree with the points
made by Mr & Mrs McCall in the above correspondence & give
them my full support

Yours Sincerely

 S.V. COPPEN

I am writing to lodge my representation under the Licensing Act 2003 in respect of the application by Grassington Rangers Limited.

I am acting on behalf of my Mother, who is a resident of many years standing at Southview in Ditchling.

I am very concerned that the quiet location will be completely destroyed by this application and everything that will go with it. This is a quiet, area where many people in the twilight of their years live, and they will not, I am sure (certainly not in my Mother's case), wish to be subjected to noise pollution which be inevitable from loud music, liquor and crowds.

I am concerned that this will be a public nuisance, to everyone concerned apart from the participants! I strongly object on behalf of my Mother, Mrs Margaret Wadey and my late father, who quite frankly would be completely against this if he had a say!

Please contact me if necessary, my home address is:
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South Chailey
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My mother lives at No. 15 Southview

Kind regards

Mrs Deborah Simmons

Behaviour Support Manager & Head of Child Protection



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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: premises licensing application from Grassington Rangers Ltd for Fourfield's Farm, Dumbrells Court Road, Ditchling BN6 8GT

I am writing to voice my concerns over the planning proposal for the above farm.

First, I am very surprised that such a big proposal has been planned for a small village that has a huge traffic problem already. Traffic passing through the village is always on the agenda at the village's Parish Council meetings and to date there has never been a solution. Traffic continues to increase and road blockages are frequent though North End, Common Lane and the High Street (these are all one road, the B2112). To be allowing, potentially up to 500 people (and more than 500 if the farm give '3 month's notice') is tantamount to grid lock as these guests will be arriving and leaving at similar times. I'm very concerned about the pollution levels generated by this vehicle volume especially if the road is jammed. Road rage will be common place and local residents stuck with fumes and conflict...not very desirable 'country life'.

When the farm has hosted large events in the past, the music and 'people' noise has been very disturbing but as we're reasonable people we have never complained as it has generally been infrequent. Knowing that the music licence would allow for live music, recorded music and film (on a daily basis), I'm horrified. We moved to the countryside for peace and quiet; we could also be dealing with festivals of over 500 people on top of regular disturbance should this proposal be granted.

Wildlife is also top of my agenda. Destruction of habitats by the volume of people would be catastrophic. Discarded cigarette butts contaminate a cubic metre of ground and have long lasting consequences for the soil and creatures. At present, we have a resident barn owl (I have film footage), greater crested newts, nightingales, bats and deer. All will be severely affected by the volume of people, traffic and noise.

Furthermore, the farm has lodged another planning proposal with the South Downs National Park (SDNP/17/01224/FUL) for a big development on the same site (car park for 60+ cars, 20 camping cabins, a second access road, farm shop, café, etc.). We were under the

impression that now the area is National Park land, this type of major development would not be supported and upon reading both applications it seems their businesses are conflicting.

The farm is proposing operation for 7 days a week, from 9am to 11pm. Include alcohol in the mix and we have the recipe for anti-social behaviour, Ditchling's reputation being sullied and local residents being extremely saddened by the demise of their once lovely village.

Thank you for your careful consideration.

Yours faithfully

Adrian and Allison Standen

Subject: Premises Licence Application: objections

Dear Sir/Madam,

Premises Licence Application: objections

Applicant: Grassington Rangers Limited

Premises: Fourfields Farm, Dumbrells Court Road, Ditchling BN6 8GT

I am writing to register my objections to the application for a premises licence by GrassingtonRangers Ltd in respect of Fourfields Farm, DumbrellsCourt Road, Ditchling BN6 8GT.

1. Public nuisance from noise

Daily operating hours of 10am to 11pm throughout the year are excessive. Ditchling is a small, quiet village; noise from outdoor events carries a long way, and whilst occasional weekend events can be tolerated, the excessive hours proposed would cause an unacceptable level of disturbance, especially during the summer months when residents are trying to enjoy time in their gardens during the day, and have windows open and children needing to sleep on an evening.

2. Traffic levels

Ditchling already has grave traffic problems, with gridlock, road rage and vehicles driving on the pavement through the village a constant danger. Events on a scale that this license could potentially permit (up to 500 people) would exacerbate these existing problems enormously.

3. Disturbance to wildlife

Ditchling is fortunate in being home to rare and endangered nocturnal wildlife, including owls, hedgehogs, bats and nightingales. I am gravely concerned about the impact that daily noise, light pollution and litter would have on them, interfering with their ability to hunt and breed, and causing untold stress.

The above objections must also be read in light of the applicant's planning proposal in progress with the South Downs National Park (ref SDNP/17/01224/FUL) for a major development at the same premises.

In light of the above objections, we would urge the licensing authority to impose restrictive conditions to seek to alleviate such objections.

Yours sincerely

Laura van Stiphout

Rowles Croft

1 North End

Ditchling

BN6 8TD

Subject: Licence Application - Grassington Rangers Ltd

FAO Licensing Officer, Lewes District Council,

I am writing to object to the application for a Premises Licence by Mac's Farm in Ditching. The request for an Alcohol and Live Music licence poses a public nuisance to what is a quiet and rural part of the South Downs National Park.

Common lane sits between Lodge Hill and the Downs meaning sound is trapped in the bowl and travels far.

We already experience noise pollution from events held at Court Garden Farm so a 10am to 11pm, Monday to Sunday Licence would have a significant effect on our homes, local wildlife and those walking on the near by paths.

A late licence in this location is completely out of character for the area and could jeopardise the environment of this historic village.

Regards,

Tim & Michelle Townend
8 Common Lane
Ditchling

Subject: Grassington Rangers Ltd premises licence

Dear Lewes District Council

Re The Mac's Farm (Fourfields Farm, Dumbrells Court Road, Ditchling BN6 8GT)
application which was submitted to the Licensing Section of Lewes District Council
by **Grassington Rangers Ltd** on 3rd March 2017.

I am writing to reject this proposal which has received very little publicity and became known to those potentially most affected virtually by chance three days ago.

The residents of South View, along with Common Lane, will bear the brunt of this application. We live very close to the fields where all this alcohol consumption and live and recorded music will take place.

Frankly I am appalled about the scope of this, the hours, the number of days in the year. 10 am until 11pm, seven days a week

Please do not allow this to happen

It seems obvious that this will be a public nuisance for a number of reasons

Noise

Last year the applicants held a birthday party. The resulting music prevented me from sleeping when I was needing sleep before an early work related departure. Am I expected to put up with this every week? How will the applicants maintain their claim that 'music will not be played at a level that will be unreasonably disturbing to nearby properties'? If participants have been drinking and want to sing, drum, shout, play loud music, how will this be managed or prevented? There are older residents and young families living in South View. Their lives will be seriously disrupted by noise that prevents sleeping

Dangers of Antisocial behaviour

How will a large number of people (possibly up to 500), who are offered alcohol be managed? Will they wander onto the nearby roads or into nearby properties?

Will toilet facilities be adequate for this number of people?

Traffic management on an already busy road

Has there been any survey of the increased traffic and risks of drink driving given the distance of any rail links e.g. Hassocks or Burgess Hill?

Yours faithfully

Simon Wiggins (Taravajra)

13 South View

Ditchling

BN6 8TQ

Subject: Planning Application SDNP 17/01224/FUL

I write to object to the licensing in respect of the above planning application for development at Four Fields Farm, Ditchling, on the following grounds :

>*Health and Noise Impact* : Use of alcohol, film, live and recorded music from 9am to 11pm, Monday to Sunday, and potential inappropriate behaviour, may cause health and noise impact on :

- a) neighbouring properties
- b) wildlife, especially birds
- c) enjoyment and recreation of walkers
- d) tranquility of rural surroundings

Felicity Tanous
7 Stanford Avenue
Hassocks
BN6 8JL

To: The Licensing Officer

31st March 2017

I am writing as the to object to the granting of the proposed Premises Licence Application submitted for Fourfields Farm, Ditchling for the following reasons and would wish this to go forward to the Licensing Committee (LC) in due course with a view to addressing the LC.

In considering the licensing objectives I believe that:

- Public Safety is at risk with several public rights of way in the form of footpaths and drove ways criss crossing from different directions across the Farm. This is particularly the case with the many walkers who make use of the footpaths.
- With regard to the prevention of Public Nuisance allowing large parties of people onto the farm will result in an unacceptable noise level to a large section of the Ditchling Community- this will certainly be the case with the granting of music and sale of alcohol well into the late evening.
- Under the prevention of Crime and Disorder the order allowing large parties of people to drink alcohol will easily lead to disorder.
- The prevention of harm to children is always a grave concern and should be given careful consideration.
- In asking for a license to permit the sale of alcohol and mobile food facility, together with a band and permission to hold wedding parties and such other forms of group entertainment would result in the noise from these activities having an unacceptable impact on neighbouring amenities.

My additional reasons for objecting are that it would be against the two statutory purposes of the South Downs National Park to:

- Conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of their areas
- Promote opportunities for the public understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of their areas.

If there is a conflict between these two purposes, conservation takes precedence.

In asking for a license to permit the sale of alcohol and mobile food facility, together with a band and permission to hold wedding parties and such other forms of group entertainment would result in the noise from these activities impacting on the tranquility of living in this area and have an unacceptable impact on neighbouring amenities. I believe this would be against the first statutory purpose of the South downs National Park.

Kind regards

Virginia Lewis Jones
28 Common Lane
Ditchling
East Sussex
BN6 8TJ

Subject: Re Proposed camp site at Four fields farm,Ditchling.(SDNP/17/01224/FUL

I am absolutely horrified that this application is even being considered, in our tranquil village of Ditchling.

Consume Alcohol from 10am-11pm Monday to Sunday
Exhibit film and live music from 10am-11pm Monday to Sunday
Recorded music 9am-11pm Monday to Sunday.
The whole of the summer

Apart from disturbing the residents at Southview,where I have lived for over 50 years, it will also affect the residents of Ditchling village.

If we want to go to a music festival it is by choice, but I don't see why we have to have it rammed down our throats.

I really am appalled and totally against it.

It will absolutely not bring anything constructive to the village .

Margaret Wadey
15 Southview
Ditchling.

Subject: Four fields farm

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> Dear Mr Moss,

> I am very concerned about the application made for the above farm.

> This is large scale event organisation which will have a big impact on noise levels.

> Unless the application has been submitted with a view to obtaining 50% of the request.

> If licensing for 500 is achieved this would result in 200 vehicles unless people arrived by coach ,the parking application is for only 60 vehicles.

> I am sure the infrastructure would cope but a successful event company would result in high noise levels for most of the year. Weddings particularly are all the year round.

> Temporary event notices would allow liberties to be taken.

> Yours sincerely,

> Jane Coward

Pathways,

Farm Lane,

Ditchling

BN6 8UN

Subject: Macs Farm application

Dear Sir/Madam

Mac's Farm Application submitted to the Licensing Application to Lewes District Council by Grassington Rangers Ltd

I strongly object to the granting of a licensing application to Mac's Farm on the basis of the ensuing noise disturbance to Ditchling residents and disturbance to wildlife and the ruination of a rural area.

The combination of alcohol, a large number of people and music is entirely inappropriate in a rural and residential area.

The impact of events of up to 499 people (allowed without the granting of further permission) on any day of the week, in any month of the year, will have a catastrophic effect on the quality of living in Ditchling.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Trayler

Little Rowlscroft, 2 North End, Ditchling, East Sussex BN6 8TF

Subject: Re: Representation of Objection to Mac's Farm Licence Application, Ditchling, BN6 8GT by Gassington Rangers Ltd.

Dear Licensing Officer,

I wish to place a formal representation against the application for an alcohol licence for Mac's Farm, Ditchling, BN6 8TG made by Gassington Rangers Ltd. under the Licensing act 2003. I understand that the objection has to reach you by today so this should meet your requirements. Today's date is the 31st March 2017. My name is Kirsty Wyatt and I live at 18 Common Lane, Ditchling BN6 8TJ.

REASONS FOR OBJECTION

* Recently moved to Ditchling and bought our house to be within the South Downs National Park. This was a purposeful move to ensure that there are no disturbances made by any neighbours or commercial enterprises. We located ourselves in a home away from others purposefully. Our home backs onto the farm and the location of the applicants premises. The purpose of moving from Brighton to a rural location was to reduce stress and also be in an environment that I can recover from having Cancer. Stress is well known to exacerbate the condition and I feel that a commercial enterprise such as this will hugely impact my health recovery and our home life.

* If a license was granted then we would not be able to have a quiet night in the garden having a BBQ due to the noise. The Farm fields are within 100 - 200 m of our house.

* Ditchling is already served by two pubs and there are other a number of other establishments that sell alcohol products in the village. This surely provides enough opportunities for individuals to purchase alcohol given the small number of permanent residents in the village.

* I understand that Mac's Farm have a 28 day licence, that is renewed to cover the summer months of their campsite to be just for weekends and public holidays. Having an extended licence for 13 hours every day, every month, every year and is not acceptable and a far stretch from 28 days already in place. There are already complaints by neighbours on the nights that alcohol has been served with increased noise nuisance. Enough to make a difference between the weekends and the week days.

* As the alcohol is going to be sold on a campsite / fields / log cabins the noise that it will produce will be excessive as these are predominantly outdoor locations and the noise nuisance will be quite considerable. The customers who will be buying alcohol will be on holiday and it is a well known and documented fact that people consume more drink when on holiday as opposed to a normal week at home. As such they will become more rowdy and create more noise and thus more nuisance.

* Should this application be successful then it would allow the farm to host mini festivals up to 500 people to consume alcohol. These festivals are not planned for just one day but over multiple days and include the build up and take down of the event. Festivals also create further local resident nuisance in as much as increased traffic (already a very dangerous village that can not cope with the current traffic let alone festival traffic). It also provides noise nuisance with live bands etc. These festivals rarely end on time and the noise just continues into the night for days on end.

* This is a rural location and one that my family enjoys walking within. I have a 10 year old son who takes our new puppy out for walks on the surrounding footpaths/ bridle paths. I am happy for him to do this by himself and with his friends as I feel that this is a safe place to allow children to roam free and enjoy the countryside as I did. I would not feel safe for him to do this further if there were drunk holiday makers in the vicinity. I believe that we need to protect children from harm and I firmly believe that drunk people behave in very strange ways and thus are putting my sons safety in danger. He is well versed with not talking to strangers but I do not feel that he should be subjected to drunk ones! there are two children under 16 to the left of our house (next door neighbours) and a couple of children living to the right of our house and they all walk their dogs along the historic and rural public footpaths. This is part of their right to be brought up in a safe and beautiful location.

* Many horse people also use the bridle ways along the edge of Mac's farm as part of daily routes in the South Downs National Park and as such would also be affected by the noise during the day and early evenings. Who wants to go for a hack to be met by those who are drunk? Unwarranted behaviour towards a horse and rider may result in public safety issues.

* I also object to the licence as there may be an increase in crime as the licence will attract more people to the farm. This area already over indexes on the crime front - over and above the national average by some fair few percentage points. As such we have a very good alarm system. The thought of transient people drinking in close proximity of our home fills me with even more fear that we are going to be burgled. The point of moving to the country side and even out of Ditchling village is to try and get away from lots of people passing our home and identifying it as a possible target. Granting this licence will do exactly that.

* I also see that they have applied for a film licence. The points regarding noise, traffic and unwanted people in the village apply as above. I would like to clarify if the films are going to be shown inside or outdoors? If outdoors the noise will be untenable. Who really would like a cinema broadcasting films in the open air in the field next to your home. I do not want to live close to a cinema as I have just moved out of Brighton to the countryside.

* This application has been quite new news to me. Please would you advise where and when the sky blue A4 notices have been placed for locals to review? I have not encountered any on my daily dog walking within the vicinity. I also would like to know where and when this was advertised in local publications. Again please would you review.

In essence I object to the FILM licence, as well as the ALCOHOL licence and suggest that they keep the 28 renewable licence as it stands at the moment. FESTIVALS are a complete horror to me and I defiantly do not want the nuisance at the back of my home and garden. I formally request to have shared the noise controls that would be put in place if this licence is granted.

I am surprised that the owners of Mac's farm have not faced up to their neighbours and have been deceitful in trying to get this pushed through without talking to their neighbours directly. This has caused a lot of anger within the village. Today I received an invitation to review their planning requested but only on the 6th April - well after this licencing deadline of today. Poor show.

I object to this licence being granted and request that the committee refuse this licence. Thank you for taking the time to read this and I look forward to hearing from you accordingly.

Kindest regards,

Kirsty Wyatt

Subject: grassington Rangers Ltd licensing application

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to object the plans for the licensing of alcohol and live music at Macs Farm. The areas of land for licensing back on to gardens of the nearby Neighbour's to the farm. These homes house families with young children as well as elderly residents who would be put under increased stress and disruption, through noise pollution and increased levels of rubbish/waste and likely unfavorable behavior through alcohol. This request would change the whole feel of Ditchling village and will be turning it into a festival site rather than the picturesque village it is today.

Kind regards

Ana Frappell

Ditchling resident of 34 years.

Subject: Premises license

Re planning application SDNP/17/01224/FUL

Grassington Rangers Ltd. Fourfields Farm Dumbrells Court Road Ditchling BN6 8TG.

This company have applied for an alcohol, exhibition of film and live music license Mon -Sun 10.00 - 23.00 and also for a recorded music license Mon - Sun 09.00 - 23.00.

I would like to strongly object for these licences to be granted on the basis that the site is totally unsuitable. The site is a field potentially a campsite between two residential areas within the Southdowns National Park in Ditchling. Having music and films being played not only creates noise and possible light pollution but the additional comings and goings of extra traffic would not be acceptable and I believe not in accordance with the Lewes District Council planning policy. The site is also not far from the centre of the village, well within walking distance and therefore any the requirements for food, alcohol and music are well catered for within this area.

The Southdown National Park apparently embraces a rich tapestry of wildlife and landscapes of tranquility which weave together a story of people and place in harmony. It makes me wonder where the wildlife would go if a music license were granted especially for the lengthy hours being applied for. I doubt also the total disturbance of traffic and music noise would actually create harmony amongst the villagers especially with the residential areas one of which is an elderly community which abuts the site.

I reiterate that i would like to oppose these applications.

Sarah Dean

Subject: The Macs Farm (Fourfields Farm, Dumbrells Court Road, Ditchling BN6 8GT) licensing application

Dear Sirs

We write to raise concerns relating to The Mac's Farm (Fourfields Farm, Dumbrells Court Road, Ditchling BN6 8GT) licensing application which was submitted to the Licensing Section of Lewes District Council by Grassington **Rangers Ltd** on 3rd March 2017.

We are the owners of North End Farm, East Gardens, Ditchling including land that directly abuts land included within the licensing application.

I will detail our concerns below but at a general level we are alarmed that an application on this scale has been made which in due course could have a very detrimental impact on this beautiful Sussex village and the SDNP. We also understand that such a wide ranging application has been made with an intention to obtaining a license with restrictions (which ultimately we believe is what the applicant is looking for). Alongside the planning application that has also been submitted we feel most strongly that there should be more transparency, openness and consultation with the village prior to any license being awarded. Whilst many neighbours and other residents in the village have been focussed on the Macs current planning application, this licensing application has been made by another legal entity and is not widely known about. Indeed, if it wasn't for spotting the application letter pinned to the post at the end of the farm drive most of the village would be oblivious to the application and would only have found out too late to make their views known. It feels quite underhand how the licensing application has been made. I sincerely believe an application such at this should be brought to the attention of all adjoining land owners with full and proper consultation.

Our specific comments are;

a) General objectives

The license is far too wide ranging. What the Macs are looking for can surely be accommodated under a Temporary Event Notice. If a license really has to be awarded then there must be very strict limits applied and enforced.

There seems to be no need whatsoever to serve alcohol to campers. Alcohol is already available from licensed premises in Ditchling itself and in surrounding villages. Campers will also bring their own alcohol if they wish.

There is absolutely no need to include all the Macs farm land in the application, it is wholly unnecessary. Any applications for licensing should have been limited to the land relevant to the planning application that is running at the same time.

b) Crime and Disorder and e) the protection of children

Such an increase in the number of campers and big events will no doubt bring about an increase in crime and general disorder, especially if alcohol is involved. Alcohol is unnecessary to achieve the Macs objectives.

If alcohol sales are deemed appropriate then there must be very strict limits imposed. Public footpaths cross our fields between the village and Macs farm. With the planning application for increased camping, there will be a large increase in footpath walkers. We do not want drunken individuals staggering through our fields leaving litter, vomit and other unsavoury matters which might well be the case if large alcohol fueled events are allowed to happen. Also these types of events usually involve drug abuse at some level and we do not want used drug paraphernalia left behind for children and animals. Ditchling is not a suitable location for regular large events.

We also run a small livery yard. The fields used by the horses abut the land included in the application. We will be very concerned about the welfare of the horses if broken bottles, can and needles become commonplace.

d) Public nuisance

There will be very considerable noise pollution from the proposed activity. Who will enforce and decide what is unreasonable? We have already had to suffer plagues of flies from the Macs farm which have already considerably spoilt the enjoyment of our house and our garden. We do not wish to be sitting outside in our garden listening to loud music and films whilst swatting away their flies. Noise travels very easily across the flat fields that surround this lovely village. We have in the past been very aware of music being played as far away as Plumpton. And music even from the village green can be quite disturbing during week-end evenings. The Macs farm proposals are going to make this significantly worse.

How will the authorities ensure that raves or other large music events do not take place. This has the potential to do great harm to the village and certainly to properties on North End, East Gardens and others close by.

We have spoken to the applicant and understand they are comfortable with restrictions being imposed. We also understand they are only planning a couple of large events a year plus a couple of small weddings. Apparently they do not allow stag or hen weekends at present and refuse large groups. All of which suggest Temporary Event Notices should be sufficient and will enable the local authority to monitor the objectives better.

In summary, we are not at all convinced of the need for a license to sell alcohol on these premises. In terms of the music and film licences, we have deep concerns on the potential level of noise and general disturbance and unsociable behaviour if accompanied with alcohol. From what we understand of the Macs intentions they would be well served by the current Temporary Event Notices that are already available to them and hope that the application is declined. If the license is awarded then we trust it will have suitably stringent restrictions imposed to protect the village and the SDNP.

Yours faithfully

Mr & Mrs A G Waring

North End Farm

East Gardens

Ditchling

East Sussex

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