

White Lodge  
Town Littleworth Road  
Cooksbridge  
East Sussex  
BN8 4TD

19<sup>th</sup> July 2020

FAO – The Licensing Officer  
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**Reference – Premises Licence Application Mr Tim Bullen, The Secret Campsite, Brickyard Farm, Town Littleworth Road, Cooksbridge, East Sussex. BN8 4TD**

We wish to register our objection to this application on the grounds that it has the potential to encourage antisocial behaviour, additional noise and disruption in a residential area. Our property shares boundaries with the Secret Campsite on two sides. Campers currently consume alcohol brought in from elsewhere whilst staying onsite. Encouraging its availability via a premises licence may encourage unacceptable increases in noise, disturbance, further trespass, damage to our land and its boundary's.

We are concerned that even though the building the applicant intends to use for the sale of alcohol has not been identified, a licensed venue on the existing campsite will generate further public nuisance issues in the form of increased noise from the campsite.

This is not only an issue for the camping season as the applicant has recently applied for planning permission for a large-scale 24hrs events venue and camper's hub operating 365 days a year which could service 140+ people. If this were to become a licensed venue, we believe it will have a detrimental impact on our enjoyment of our residential property as a result of increased noise, disturbance, additional hours/days of operation, extra light pollution and increased vehicular traffic.

We currently experience incidents of trespass by campers into our ancient woodlands and feel the increased availability of alcohol on the site could well give rise to further issues with antisocial behaviour from both on and off sales.

The campsite operates 8 months per year targeting families from babies to teenagers. We do not believe it is appropriate to offer licensed facilities on site encouraging further alcohol consumption. With the potential for underage drinking and risk of accidents/incidents that involve or are exacerbated by the consumption of alcohol.

The area is currently well serviced for the provision of alcohol both on and off trade. Within a three-mile radius there are six pubs and five shops selling alcohol, with Holmansbridge Farm Shop only being a 2 minutes' walk away.

I trust our concerns will be taken account of in the determination of this application.

Yours Faithfully

Martin & Ann Janes