

Rachel Jackson

From: Julie Marshall [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 June 2023 18:09
To: Licensing (SCDC)
Cc: Julie Marshall
Subject: Objection to Licensing Application: Horseheath Lodge, Horseheath Lodge Estate, Dean Road, Horseheath, Cambridgeshire, CB21 4PT
Attachments: Image.jpeg; Image.jpeg

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to object to the above licensing application. I am a resident of West Wickham (a few hundred metres away) and I am submitting this form in a personal capacity. My name is Julie Marshall and I live at 39 High Street, West Wickham, CB21 4RY. My telephone number is 07876 036755. I attach the completed front page and signature page of the representation form from the SCDC website. As this is a pdf, I was unable to fill the form in electronically, and could not find an online form to fill in and submit. However, I have set out my objections in relation to each section of the form below.

I and my family have lived in the village for over 20 years. The village is very quiet and peaceful and we do not have any pubs, shops or other entertainment facilities. The village is mainly populated by families. We have several serious concerns regarding the proposal to hold annual 4 day rock festivals in very close proximity to the village. (We note that the applicant originally applied for a license for 52 weeks of the year, but has since reduced this to a 4 day period (although there is nothing to stop them from applying to extend this to more and/or larger events and more days of the year in the future)). Our concerns are as follows:

1. Prevention of crime and disorder

The applicant has applied for a license permitting 1,500 attendees and an all day alcohol license. There is a considerable risk that a number of attendees will consume large amounts of alcohol and this is likely to result in anti-social behaviour and possibly crime and disorder in the vicinity of the premises. There is no public transport to the venue and some attendees may try to camp or sleep in cars/vans in the vicinity. The access road to the premises is extremely narrow and there would be no obvious place to camp or park, resulting in attendees potentially staying in surrounding villages or fields. As a number will have been drinking all day, this is likely to transfer the problem of anti-social behaviour to the neighbouring villages.

Also, there is no public transport to the venue. There is a considerable risk, therefore, that attendees may drink-drive, or cycle whilst drunk, and carry out anti-social behaviours and possibly crime and disorder in the neighbouring quiet, residential villages.

We understand that the Cambridge Rock Festival has been held (by the applicant) elsewhere for a number of years and query why there is a need to move it to such a quiet residential area. We are also aware of the Wildwood Festival at Horseheath racecourse. The noise from that festival is already sufficiently loud and the noise from Horseheath Lodge would be even worse. We understand from neighbours that attendees at the festival have been found parking in the village and urinating outside the village hall.

2. Public Safety

The access road and opening to Horseheath Lodge are extremely narrow and not conducive to having 1,500+ people coming and going. At the end of the event, with such a large number of people seeking to leave the site, this is likely to give rise to significant risk to attendees (and to local residents). Also, as there is no public transport to the venue, attendees may drink drive, or cycle whilst drunk or walk along the A1307 (already an accident blackspot) or on the narrow country roads in the vicinity. This will give rise to a huge public safety risk to both attendees, local residents and other road users.

3. Prevention of Public Nuisance

One of our main concerns is in relation to the considerable public nuisance that such an event will cause to residents in the vicinity. As mentioned above, the extremely loud noise from the music and attendees will be considerable and intolerable. The wind direction is south westerly and this means that the loud noise will be directly carried to our village for a 4 day period, late into the night. Also as mentioned above, the noise from the Wildwood festival already causes local residents sleepless nights and the noise from Horseheath Lodge Rock Festival will be much worse. Many local residents have young children and having 4 days of loud noise late into the night will cause considerable distress to both (as well as other residents). The applicant is clearly keen to increase the number of events held and/or the number of attendees. This would make the above problems even worse and life for local residents miserable. There are sufficient locations further removed

The Licensing Act 2003

Representation form for 'Interested Person/Body'

Your Name/ Company Name	Julie Marshall
Full Postal Address	39 High Street West Wickham Cambridge
Post Code	CB21 4RY
Telephone number	[REDACTED]
E-mail address	[REDACTED]

Name of premises you are making a representation about	Horseheath Lodge
Address of premises you are making a representation about	Horseheath Lodge Estate Dean Road Horseheath CB21 4PT

Name of body you represent (please tick one)	
1. A person living in the vicinity of the Premises	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. A body representing persons who live in the vicinity of the Premises	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. A person involved in a business in the vicinity of the Premises	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. A body representing persons involved in businesses in the vicinity of the Premises	<input type="checkbox"/>

Licensing Objectives

To be deemed valid, a representation **must** relate to one or more of the licensing objectives, namely:

Prevention of Crime and disorder - This relates to any crime, disorder or anti-social behaviour related to the management of the premises. The licence-holder cannot be responsible for the conduct of individuals once they leave the vicinity of the premises.


Public safety - This relates to the safety of the public on the premises, such as fire safety, lighting and fire exits.

Public Safety

[Empty box for Public Safety section]

Protection of Children from Harm

[Empty box for Protection of Children from Harm section]

Signed	
Date	30/6/23

Please return this form with any additional sheets to licensing@scambs.gov.uk

Or by post to:

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South Cambridgeshire Hall
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Cambourne, Cambridge
CB23 6EA