

APPENDIX F12

From: [Licensing \(SCDC\)](#)
To: [Natasha Wade-Guest](#)
Subject: FW: Premises License OBJECTION - Childerley Orchard for S&C Productions Ltd
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From: Andy Irvine [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 November 2023 18:53
To: Licensing (SCDC) <Licensing@scamb.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Premises License OBJECTION - Childerley Orchard for S&C Productions Ltd

Dear Natasha,

Thank you for the further information, which clarifies things somewhat. I do struggle to believe that the Licensing Act was followed, as the only signage was displayed on a dangerous main road verge and “around the premises”, which is private land not accessible to those affected by the application.

I DO wish, to submit my objection, please, but in light of the information you have supplied, I would like to amend the text. I include it below.

Best wishes,

Andy

(Revised objection, 22/11/2023 follows)

19 High Street

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22nd November 2023

RE: Notice of Application For A Premises License – Childerley Orchard, for S&C Productions Ltd (dated 25/10/2023) (South Cambs Council)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to **object** to the above application.

Specific objection:

Noise disturbance on an unfairly prolonged basis to residents of surrounding villages. The license application seeks alcohol-selling events to be permitted eight days of the May-Sept period, mainly summer (when windows would normally be open), and the events are open-air at a (locally) elevated position where noise carries long distances. The events held previously give a clear example of the events which would be held under the new application, and the disruption to neighbours is extreme (our house is 1.8 miles away as the crow flies, and I was able to identify songs easily from my bed on the far side of our house late at night during the last Cambridge Club festival at the Childerley Orchard). Loud music from that event carried to Bourn as well, and the villages of Hardwick and Highfields Caldecote are much closer than either Knapwell or Bourn. Worst of all is the plight of the (mercifully few) residents of Childerley itself, which is a stone’s throw from the partying and has only one exit – via the site. The burden in 2023 of three nights is (borderline) tolerable only because it is a single (though multi-night) event and thus not regular, and I consider it to be a sacrifice in the interest of others’ enjoyment, but to have to put up with potentially eight days’ stress and anxiety seems to be entirely unfair. One event we can tolerate, two, three or more – just very, very unfair.

Personal background - I moved to Knapwell in order to mitigate ongoing problems with trauma following regular exposure to noise from a poorly-controlled licensed premises. The Childerley Orchard festivals in June (which I didn’t know about when I moved) make me chronically anxious

for many weeks beforehand and frantic during. I would add the awful panic the noise causes our pet, but I imagine you might find that trivial. We try to consider the people who are having fun, but my mental and physical health (and that of anyone else with similar issues) declines sharply during and leading up to the noise-suffering.

I would also like to make known my concern at the positioning of the application notices, which meant I barely heard about this application within the deadline (from a neighbour). It was necessary to cross a fast road on a blind crest/corner, and to stand on the grass verge within a couple of feet of passing traffic in order to read the notice. I believe this must have been deliberate obstruction – the large number of notices is irrelevant as all presented the same hazard. I am informed by South Cambs that further notices were placed “around the premises”, which is entirely useless as the premises are on private land, inaccessible to the general public. I note also that the notice printed on a single day in the Cambridge News will have been seen by vanishingly few readers given the obscure placing in the small print and the historically low readership of the print CN. Further, I am told by its Chair that Hardwick Parish Council, representing the very adjacent large village, had not heard about this application as the objection period expired. This echoes our experience in Knapwell. At the very least there should be a new objection window, with adequate dissemination of information.

Please, please don't do this to so many of your residents. I beg you to reject the application, recognise that it is of modest benefit to South Cambs residents and of grievous harm to many. We are happy to make a gesture and put up with a single event for the sake of others, and I think that's absolutely plenty.

Yours sincerely,
Andrew Irvine

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From: Licensing (SCDC) <Licensing@scambs.gov.uk>

Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2023 2:41 PM

To: Andy Irvine [REDACTED]

Subject: Premises License OBJECTION - Childerley Orchard for S&C Productions Ltd

Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your email.

This application has been advertised in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003, it is on our website <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/licensing/licensing-public-notices-licensing-act-2003/> and was also advertised in the Cambridge News on the 31 October and blue notices have been displayed accordingly around the premises.

I can confirm that the application is for a premises licence to operate for up to eight days each calendar year between 1 May and 30 September annually, with notice of the proposed event days being provided to the Licensing Authority and Responsible Authorities at least 6 months prior to an event.

I have attached a copy of the application form, if you have a look at Section 18 licensing objectives, it provides details of all the steps that would be taken in order to promote the four licensing objectives.

Please can you confirm if you wish your representation to remain.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Kind regards

Natasha

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From: Andy Irvine [REDACTED]

Sent: 21 November 2023 21:31

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Subject: Premises License OBJECTION - Childerley Orchard for S&C Productions Ltd

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21st November 2023

RE: Notice of Application For A Premises License – Childerley Orchard, for S&C Productions Ltd (dated 25/10/2023) (South Cambs Council)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to **object** in the strongest terms to the above application.

Specific objections:

- Noise disturbance on a regular basis to residents of surrounding villages – it is noted that the license application seeks alcohol-selling events to be permitted every day of the year, and the events are open-air at a (locally) elevated position where noise carries long distances (our house is 1.8 miles away as the crow flies, and I was able to identify songs from my bed on the far side of our house late at night during the last Cambridge Club festival at the Childerley Orchard). Loud music from that event carried to Bourn as well, and the villages of Hardwick and Highfields Caldecote are much closer than either Knapwell or Bourn. Worst of all is the plight of the (mercifully few) residents of Childerley itself, which is a stone's throw from the partying and has only one exit – via the site. The current burden of three or six nights in summer (when windows would otherwise be open for comfort) is (borderline) tolerable only because it is not regular.
- Danger from the public due to early-hours drinking. The exit to the site is on the crest of a rise and on a bend, offering limited visibility of (and to) passing traffic. The danger from inebriated drivers and drunk pedestrians is obvious. After the last bus, there is no practical way for drinkers to get home other than by car.
- The site is set back from the road, and ongoing breaches of regulations will not be visible to passing Police Officers on patrol. With the best will in the world, enforcement resources are tight and a drinking hotspot additional to the city centre will not be controlled adequately.

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I would also like to make known my concern at the positioning of the application notices, which meant I barely heard about this application within the deadline (from a neighbour). It was necessary to cross a fast road on that blind crest/corner mentioned, and to stand on the grass verge within a couple of feet of passing traffic in order to read the notice. I believe this must have been deliberate obstruction – the large number of notices is irrelevant as all presented the same hazard.

Please, please don't do this to so many of your residents. I beg you to reject the application, and to make clear that you won't tolerate a degradation of your residents' lives.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Irvine



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