

# Public Agenda Pack



Notice of Meeting of

## **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, 19 February 2025 at 10.00 am**

**Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cannards  
Grave Road, Shepton Mallet BA4 5BT**

To: The members of the Licensing Sub-Committee

Chair: Councillor Simon Carswell

Councillor Simon Coles

Councillor Martin Lovell

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Issued by the Proper Officer on Tuesday, 11 February 2025

## **AGENDA**

**Licensing Sub-Committee - 10.00 am Wednesday, 19 February 2025**

- 6 Application for variation of Premises Licence for The Lime Kiln Inn, Langport Road, Long Sutton (Pages 3 - 6)**

## Appendix 4 Representations

### Representation 1

I personally found the noisy bike nights very stressful. I believe that many of the motorbike riders were just driving up and down the A372 much of the time, unless it was just the noise of 160 motorbikes arriving and leaving at different times. Clearly Jason was not able to prevent this as it became noticeable on every bike night.

[REDACTED] is situated to the west of the village in a slightly elevated position. Our home faces northerly towards The Lime Kiln Inn. We believe that we are the closest property to the Inn with the exception of [REDACTED] which is situated on [REDACTED]. There is an almost uninterrupted view of the Inn from our property of less than half a mile.

The Lime Kiln is already a thriving countryside pub serving food. Many of our guests take meals there during their stay and have done in the 9 years that we have been here. You can already buy food and drink from the bar and eat it outside when the weather is nice.

We therefore do not wholly understand the need for selling alcohol outside when The Lime Kiln Inn is licensed to sell drink from the bar during normal licensing hours already. They also have a large dining area which could easily cater for larger events.

Serving drinks outside during licensing hours up to 11.00pm will therefore carry with it noise from motorbikes and potentially loud music which will impact on our lives as it did in the summer.

Our property is listed, this means that we do not have the benefit of double glazing. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. You can easily hear the traffic on the A372 passing the Lime Kiln on any day of the week but it is low level background noise generally. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Should the Lime Kiln be allowed to serve drinks until 11pm or mid-night there would be noise from cars leaving and music playing until that time. The Lime Kiln have made no secret of the fact that they intend to host weddings and similar events and therefore will be playing loud music.

We believe this to be wholly unacceptable given the location and impact on the local community.

Quite often these days, weddings are accompanied by fireworks. We have horses on site and there are a number of horses within close proximity as well as cattle and an abundance of wildlife.

Furthermore, Knole is made up of a large proportion of thatched properties, thereby making any use of fireworks a potential fire risk.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

During the summer the Lime Kiln ran weekly motorbike evenings. We had cause to complain to the owner of the Lime Kiln almost on a weekly basis via Facebook messenger. On one occasion I telephoned the Lime Kiln and have contacted the police because the motorbikes seemed to be spending more time racing up and down the A372 than drinking in the pub or garden. The police advised me to contact the council, which I did and I think that environmental health was going to be my next port of call when the bike nights calmed down at the end of the summer, the last one being held on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 24 until they start again this year. On the 18<sup>th</sup> September The Lime Kiln boasted that they had “almost 160 bikes turn up, great music from Stu Walker, tasty burgers from the BBQ and refreshing drinks from the bar”.

160 bikes on one evening is quite enough and there was no doubting the numbers as we could hear them. The Live music on these occasions is advertised to take place from 6pm – 9pm!. But again , this is taking place outside and can be heard by us should we or our guests wish to sit outside in our gardens. The Classic Car Meets which take place on Sundays are wholly quieter.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> September “They had the Dale Fender Band” performing outside from 8.45pm onwards. I do not know what time it finished on that evening, but it could be clearly heard from here. All of this can be confirmed by visiting their Facebook Page which also provides photographs events.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> December “The Long Sutton Christmas Cart” set off from the Lime Kiln. This is an annual event raising money for charity and we have no objection per se , but we knew exactly when it set off as we could clearly hear it. We can also see the marquee from here when it is in erected next to the car park. Any music being played can be clearly heard from here. We can hear the church bells ringing from Long Sutton and any unusually noisy vehicles travelling along the A372. We along with a few other residents in Knole will , without any doubt be adversely affected by late night events being held in the grounds of The Lime Kiln Inn. 160 motorbikes leaving their premises once a week during the summer is bad enough, but events playing loud music and customers leaving after mid-night on irregular days will be more than we can tolerate. The Lime Kiln Inn can also be seen from our property so we would be happy for you or any of your colleagues to visit us to get a clearer understanding of our concerns.

I really cannot stress strongly enough how unbearable this will be for us and many of the residents who live in Knole once established.

I assert that we are already experiencing a noise nuisance in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

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## Representation 2

I wish to question the above application on the following grounds.

Topography- the hamlet of Knole lies below the Lime Kiln inn in a dip.

Consequently, noise travels easily and can echo.

Some of the houses are only approximately half a mile from the pub with nothing inbetween to lesson any noise that will occur if this application were to go through, particularly if it includes music or entertainment of any sort.

An outside bar that can play live or recorded music from 8:00-23:00, with the possibility of up to 500 people would be totally unacceptable considering where the pub is. In the middle of the countryside very near to a peaceful village? Plus a permanent marquee to host wedding functions? The dates suggested are April-October., just the time when people will want to be enjoying their gardens which may now be blighted by noise and disturbance. And possibly light pollution. In my opinion this would be totally unacceptable and impact negatively on many dwellings.

## Representation 3

I write today (19th January 2025) to submit a comment to the Lilm Kilns application requesting for an outside area be added to their licence for sale of alcohol.

This application falls within the long Sutton parish council, and their address is the kiln inn, Knole, Langport, TA10 9JH.

I would like to object based upon the prevention of public nuisance.

We are a family (██████████) and we live very close to the pub. Our address is Knole. We already regularly hear noise from the venue on their bike events, and summer evenings when they are hosting events. When music has been provided for their bike events, we can clearly hear it at our property. We feel this application will only add to the problem, and more noise is inevitable.

We can see that they are already advertising for weddings on their website, and worry that the noise (especially in the summer) will go on long into the night.

Not trying to stop a local business from earning a trade, but we would prefer that this request by the Lilm Kiln was declined.

Please feel free to contact me should you need any further details.

Regards

