

Millway Cottage  
Millway  
Rodney Stoke  
Cheddar  
BS27 3XA

27th June 2023

Application for a Premises Licence to be granted

**Buckle Grove Holiday Park  
Wells Road Rodney Stoke BS27 3UZ**

Dear Sir

With reference to the above application.

I have lived at the above property in Millway for the past 17 years. Buckle Grove Holiday Park has always been a valuable addition to tourism in the area and as a family we have often used its facilities.

I first became aware of this application yesterday, 26th June 2023, from one of my neighbours. Whilst I have confirmed that there is a notice clearly displayed outside the Holiday Park, there has been no consultation with any of the residents in the village.

Indeed, I understand that as late as Friday 23rd June a meeting was held at the Holiday Park to discuss the application. The content of this meeting has not been shared with any of the residents, although I understand the Chair of the Parish Council was present.

I take a keen interest in the issues which affect the village, as the Coordinator of the Neighbourhood Watch and as the lead of the Community Speed Watch.

I would wish to object to the granting of this application on the following grounds:

Prevention of crime and disorder

It has been suggested, although there is no mention in the notice of application, that as many as 1500 people may be attending live events at the Park. With the extension of Licensing to 2.0am with the serving of alcohol, the potential for disorder is clear.

With such large numbers of people, there is likely to be in excess of 500 cars. It is not clear where these cars would be parked on site, with the potential for disorder when a large exodus takes place onto the A371.

I assume the Police and Fire Service have been consulted to obtain their views as to how and if they could respond to such potential disorder.

Public Safety

~~Access to and from the Park is onto the A371. The primary route for all vehicles travelling between Wincanton and Weston Super Mare. An extremely busy and dangerous road.~~

~~The main entrance to the Park was recently moved following major concerns over road safety. The new entrance and exit is no more than 100 metres east of its original location. It was moved to avoid the potential of serious road collisions with vehicles leaving the park and vehicles travelling along the A374 from Cheddar towards Wells.~~

~~This potential danger was exacerbated by a blind bend in the road concealing the entrance to the Park. In my view, this public/road safety issue remains with such large numbers of vehicles leaving the Park. Notwithstanding the recent change in the exit location.~~

~~The speed limit at this point on the A374 is the national speed limit of 60 mph for vehicles travelling in both directions. Vehicles will and have attempted to negotiate the bends in the road in both directions at such speed. Consequently, the chevrons located in both directions on this bend have been destroyed by such vehicles. Some leave the road, driving through the hedge and coming to rest upside down in the adjoining field. Many such incidents are not reported to the police. I have witnessed many.~~

### The prevention of nuisance

In my experience, "nuisance" can be defined legally as either Common Law Nuisance or Statutory Nuisance. Much will depend on how the Local Authority interprets the definition.

In any event, Statutory Nuisance includes "any noise emitted from premises so as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance"

There are already occasions, particularly in the summer when the Park hosts live music events. These end well before 11pm and therefore do not disturb the residents who live nearby.

An extension to 2.0am would seriously alter this situation and present a substantial nuisance. Similarly, the noise level from vehicles leaving the site after 2.0am would be considerable.

Whilst the above objections relate to the licensing objectives, I believe there are other material issues which should be taken into consideration.

Firstly, the location is part of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. As residents we see a considerable amount of litter thrown from vehicles in and around the village. This is likely to increase.

The village itself is subject to a 20mph speed restriction. The number of vehicles passing through it is likely to increase, particularly those attempting to find the Holiday Park. There are several elements to this application which are currently unknown. For instance, how often is it proposed to hold live music events? I understand the full application is available to view at Shepton Mallet but I have been unable to attend.

My view is that the extension of hours applied for and the numbers of people involved is not acceptable for such a location and strongly oppose its granting.

  
A J Smith