

REPRESENTATION FORM

OTHER PERSON (Person/Body)

Your Name/Company Name/Name of Body you represent	Cllr Ros Wyke
Postal and email address	Gransden, Top Road, Westbury sub Mendip, Wells, BA5 1JB
Contact telephone number	[REDACTED]

Name of the premises you are making a representation about	Bucklegrove Holiday Park
Address of the premises you are making a representation about	Wells Road, Rodney Stoke, Somerset BS27 3UZ

The recently implemented Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 has removed the term '*interested party*' from the Licensing Act 2003 '*the Act*', to be replaced by the term Other Person.

Other persons

An other person for the purposes of the 2003 Act means the following (as per section 13 of the 2003 Act):-

- (a) *persons who live, or are involved in a business, in the relevant licensing authority's area*
- (b) *a body representing persons who live in the relevant licensing authority's area*
- (c) *a person involved in a business in the relevant licensing authority's area*
- (d) *a body representing persons involved in such businesses,*
- (e) *a member of the relevant licensing authority.*

Furthermore the 'vicinity' test has also been removed from 'the Act'. It is for the objector to evidence how they would be affected by the presence of the trading of the business in question. The terms vicinity and interested persons are still referred to within the Mendip District Council Statement of Licensing Policy and should be disregarded. Questions form the Saraspaper h
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Please detail the approximate distance between yourself and the premises applying for a licence	Premise is on the western village boundary of Westbury sub Mendip. The site is within my Mendip West division
Your representation must relate to one of the four Licensing Objectives. Please detail	
TO PREVENT CRIME AND DISORDER	Reason for representation It is unfortunate that the notification of this new license was limited to a notice placed with other notices at the front of the site. This location is on a dangerous unrestricted road with no footpath, and would not be readily noticed or readily accessible to residents. The public notice was placed in a newspaper that has a dramatically falling readership as evidence by newspaper sales in the village shop. Local residents and Parish Council had no notification and the news of the license

	<p>application came to late even for an emergency parish council meeting so I am responding as the local councillor following local residents comments.</p> <p>Concern has been expressed that the license application goes further and significantly extends the existing license and the existing planning permission and suggests that the licensing lower bar of statutory nuisance is a easier to overcome than the higher planning bar of public/ residential amenity.</p> <p>By seeking the significant licensing extension ahead of any planning application to extend the existing site could be considered a cynical attempt to materially help/predetermine the planning case for expansion.</p> <p>The community are very aware of the change of ownership and the change from a small family site to being part of a national commercial business as part of the Wookey Hole year round operation.</p>
PUBLIC SAFETY	<p>Encouraging late night drinking to 2am year round will create and change the nature of this family campsite and attract a different visitor and road activity to the detriment of other users of the existing narrow and dangerous roads with no footpaths. This will be directly detrimental to the local population.</p> <p>It is widely recognised that the statistics of fatal and serious road accidents make the rural roads the most dangerous in Somerset.</p>
TO PREVENT PUBLIC NUISANCE	<p>Westbury sub Mendip like Rodney Stoke is a Dark Skies village, and the site is between the AONB and the levels and moor. The site is elevated and offers no light or sound protection to local residents whether human or the wildlife, bats, owls etc.</p> <p>Currently the existing Clubhouse and bar has a capacity of 150 people, so the application for extending licensing hours and site capacity can only occur outside and the impact of lighting and noise needs to seriously considered.</p> <p>Local roads are narrow and many houses adjoin the highway without footpaths or front gardens or garden walls, so late night traffic directly affects their amenity.</p> <p>Currently the the license has a limit of 10 major events pa. The new license removes all restrictions on the number of major events with no real explanation or rational. Given the capacity of the site, the 1,500 people cited in the documents would mean significant visitors from Wookey Hole or other locations.</p> <p>If the large scale events finish at 11pm, why is there a need to continue serving alcohol until 2am, on this family campsite.?</p> <p>Currently the local tourism business is based on the tranquil rural location and while the community continue to support the quiet low</p>

	key family camping, this license extension will undermine the existing businesses offering.
THE PREVENTION OF HARM TO CHILDREN	Should a family campsite attract late night drinking by extending the hours to 2am? Is this an appropriate environment for children.

Suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy your representation, or other suggestions you would like the Licensing Sub Committee to take into account	<p>While recognising the different roles of licensing and planning, it is logical to address the planning issues ahead of obtaining a new license.</p> <p>The disparity of license and the planning permission and conditions is significant. The applicant should have to get the planning permission first before the new license with extended hours and activities.</p> <p>The reinstatement of the limit on the number of major events and these should be clear notified on the website.</p> <p>Strong controls of external lights, given the exposed site in this sensitive area.</p> <p>Clear stated acceptable sound levels</p> <p>Reduce the extended hours from 2am on a family campsite to 11pm, in line with local pubs.</p>
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Generally if there is to be hearing to determine the premises licence (or club premises certificate) application, the Councillors will only be able to consider matters that have been previously disclosed. No new evidence can be introduced at the hearing. It is therefore

imperative that you detail all matters that you wish to be considered on this initial representation.
(Please attach additional sheets if necessary).

If you do make a representation you will be expected to attend the Licensing Sub Committee
and any subsequent appeal proceeding.

All representations in their entirety, including your name and address, will be disclosed to the
applicant for the premises licence.

Signed:

Date:

Please return this form along with any additional sheets to: The Licensing Department, Mendip District
Council, Cannards Grave Road, Shepton Mallet. BA4 5BT. Or email to licensing@mendip.gov.uk
**This form must be returned within the Statutory Period, which is generally 28 days from the date the
notice was displayed on the premises or the date specified in the Public Notice in the newspaper.
Please contact the Licensing Department to confirm this date.**
