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22<sup>ND</sup> May 2023

Licensing,  
Somerset Council,  
Bridgwater House,  
King Square,  
Bridgwater,  
Somerset  
TA6 3AR

Dear Sirs,

**Application for Premises Licence: SDC509720128**

Please find enclosed Representations relating to the above-numbered Application.

Can you please acknowledge safe receipt to email address [REDACTED]

Thank you

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]  
ME & SE Wall

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Dear Sirs,

**LICENSING ACT 2003 – REPRESENTATIONS**

**Detail of Representees:**

**Nams:** Maurice Wall and Susan Wall  
**Address:** Reed Farm , Church Road, Bason Bridge, Highbridge, Somerset  
**Post Code:** TA9 4RG  
**Telephne Number:** [REDACTED]  
**Email address:** [REDACTED]

**Details of the application to make representations on:**

**Application Reference Number:** SDC509720128  
**Name of Premises:** Unit 3  
**Premises address:** 129 Church Road, Bason Bridge, Highbridge, Somerset  
**Postcode:** TA9 4RG

**The Prevention of Crime and Disorder:**

The application is for the consumption of alcohol and for musical entertainment on premises named "The Beer Shed". The applicant proposes to cater for up to 99 customers from noon to 23.00 hours seven days a week throughout the year giving the opportunity for customers to drink alcohol for up to 11 unbroken hours. We are concerned at the possibility that some will become intoxicated and liable to rowdy or, at the worst, violent and destructive, and the application does not provide any convincing reassurances. It refers to the prevention of crime but not how they intent to deal with it when it appears imminent or when it actually occurs including the prevention of adjacent properties. The applicants 'will not undertake any irresponsible drinks promotions', a policy of non-intervention which is not the same as an active policy to monitor customers' drinking behaviour and levels of intoxication, and to prevent it from developing into criminal or disorderly behaviour.

## **Public Safety**

The site is in a rural location and customers will arrive by Cars, Motor Bikes, Tractors etc and on foot from either Bason Bridge/East Huntspill/ Highbridge. We have evidence of walkers walking home late at night in either direction and many times depositing litter in our driveway and roadside ditch. The premises 129 Church Road is near the end of a long straight road in which the traffic mostly exceeds the 40mph limit. There is a risk of a serious accident involving customers emerging from the driveway into the path of oncoming vehicles.

The driveway from Church Road is a single track (Not owned by the Applicant), no passing bays or footpath thus we consider the access totally unsuitable for such a business.

We have evidence of a number of HGV Vehicles parking on Church Road whilst making deliveries/collections from Unit 3 and the Brewery; these vehicles are unable to access the premises.

No details available regarding Toilets (currently Portables ones) Cloakrooms, Health & Safety Policy, Security, monitoring of Under Age Drinking.

## **The Prevention of Public Nuisance**

The site in the application is within 150 metres of our property over open fields and it is inevitable that we will hear sound coming from the site as will those in other nearby properties.

We have evidence of sound coming from Rich's Cider Premises at Watchfield which is some 400 metres – live music from a marquee.

We have had no approach from the Applicants to inform us of their application or to reassure us about their intention nor to seek our views. We value the peace and tranquillity of the area where we have lived for over 50 years and anything that upsets this tranquillity will be a disturbance and will de-value our property. The application is vague and non-committal as it does not define an 'appropriate level' of noise nor what the neighbours might regard as disturbing. It states that 'there will be low level background music' with no definition of 'low volume' and it does not state whether 'the occasional solo or duo guitarists or singers' will also be at low volume nor whether the live performances will be amplified. Live performances seek the audience's attention so it is likely that they will be loud. To be indoors is no protection for neighbours if windows or doors are kept open, which is likely in the summer.

The application confusingly refers to 'the playing of live or recorded music in the outside seating area' up to 22.00 hours yet they ask for a licence to play recorded music outside up to 23.00 hours and live music inside until 22.30 hours. They do not commit to seasonal variations other than saying 'potentially more days during the holiday periods' so they are essentially seeking a licence for every day of the year.

The prospect of 11 hours of noise, at a level they choose, and on any days they decide, is alarming and the application contains no specific reassurances.

The application states it is up to 99 persons – clearly this is to accommodate future parties, functions that will create additional noise with live music in addition to traffic problems.

To date the premises has only opened on Friday, Saturday and Sundays with limited hours for the past three weeks – with no music serving beer, cider, spirits etc. – much like a 'pub'

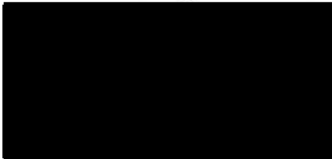
Within the application the emphasis would read the licence is required to showcase the beer produced.

Why is it necessary to have opening times of 11 hours per day seven days a week to showcase the business?

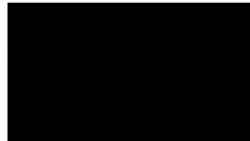
Why is it necessary to have music to assist in show casing the beers produced?

From a noise perspective 99 people on the premises will create enough to be a nuisance.

Yours faithfully,



Maurice E. Wall



Susan Wall