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To: Licensing
Subject: Hush Heath Winery Licence Application: Objection

Please find attached a letter setting out my objections to the above licence application

Kind regards

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9 August 2018

Dear Sir / Madam

Objection to licence application: Hush Heath Winery, Five Oak Lane

18/02446/LAPRE

I am writing to lodge my objections to the above application to extend the licence at the Hush Heath Winery. I am a local resident living on Five Oak Lane within a short walking distance to the Winery. I wish to object on the following grounds:

- Public safety
- Public nuisance

The reasons for my objections are as follows:

1. Narrow, unlit roads to access/exit the winery pose a danger to public safety

Hush Heath Winery is located on Five Oak Lane. Five Oak Lane is a narrow road limited to single car width in places, including the immediate vicinity around the entrance to Hush Heath Winery. There are dwelling houses located on Five Oak Lane within close proximity of the Winery. There are no pavements for pedestrians and the narrow road is bordered by drainage ditches. This area is already hazardous for local people to walk or cycle on if cars or vans are passing by. Increasing the opening hours of the Winery and holding live music events / tasting for greater numbers of people will encourage more traffic which will pose a risk to the safety of the public / local residents using the narrow roads.

In addition, opening hours to hold events between 10am – midnight seven days a week will encourage greater traffic at later times of the day. The roads are not lit and so this extra traffic in the dark evenings / winter months will increase the risks to local people.

2. Greater volume of larger vehicles to set up live music events

The application requests permission to host live music events seven days a week in the greatly extended premises. This will require a greater volume of larger vehicles, such as vans, transporting music equipment suitable for live music events. This will increase risks to public safety as the lanes are narrow and not lit in the dark / winter months.

3. Noise transfer to local area

The application seeks permission to hold live / recorded music events seven days a week from 10am-midnight, including indoor and outdoor areas. This will cause a public nuisance as the noise will affect the many local residents living on Five Oak Lane and nearby lanes. The area around the Winery is very open and has already demonstrated a ready ability for noise to travel some distance to disturb households living in the vicinity. Permitting music events to be held, particularly outdoors, will affect the ability of local residents to enjoy their existing outside space. Permitting events to run until midnight will affect the ability of local families to sleep peacefully, particularly in times of warm weather when windows need to be open.

There is insufficient information in the application to determine whether indoor events will be able to be held without transferring noise to the local environment, for example whether there is sufficient ventilation / air conditioning so events can be held without the need to open windows / doors and enable noise transfer.

Permitting events to be held from 10am-midnight, seven days a week will mean the local residents will get no respite from the disturbance.

In addition, there are many important wildlife species living in the area around Five Oak Lane, including bats, kestrels and breeding barn owls. The increased noise, lights and traffic resulting from expanding the entertainment activities as part of the licence application will risk disturbing this wildlife and may threaten them. Loss of this wildlife will cause a public nuisance and change the rural character of the area.

Yours faithfully

Natasha Davidson-Houston