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With reference to the above mail, please find our objection to the application for direct alcohol all day sales, off license sales, recorded music license and live music license proposed for the Fron Farm Country Holiday Park.

We are at this time unsure regarding the actual location of the proposed premises. While no application or mention of the proposed premises is evident in the application, there appears to be no application for a specific building for this purpose, leading to the belief that the existing shop and reception building is to be converted for the live music events and other, which thus may require a change of use application (?). Initially we were informed that the existing shop and café was the location for the proposed entertainments hall, however as we have seen no previous applications for a café on site, and we know that the numerous regular past 'party' events held on the site are held in agricultural buildings ,we can only assume that the premises to be used for the proposed entertainments do not benefit from correct planning permissions, nor comply with any of the legislative requirements of public buildings (if indeed such are applicable here as the proposal applies to privately owned land, occupied and used by fee paying clients). There is also no information regarding whether the proposed premises are to be open to the general public / corporate hire etc. or not.

As the 'off license' sale of alcohol has been occurring over many years (via the site shop) without or before any form of license or controls of sale on this site were acquired, we also suggest that this (as with most applications made by this site) is considered as a retrospective application to legitimise what has already been occurring for some years. Also, if the sale of alcohol / provision of premises for live music / recorded music /mobile sound systems and DJ *et al*, and provision of food at such excessively noisy events etc has been occurring historically without relevant license, that this information is passed by your department, to the Environmental Health department / Public Protection / Police, for their consideration regarding the legality and control of such. Past music / sporting / party events at this site have been highly disruptive, and the volume of music at such events has been clearly audible inside our home with all windows and doors closed, until 12.45am, with all associated shouting, screaming, and laughing as tourists make their way back across the site, until well into the early hours (not the "no noise after 10.30pm -ish" as the site owners assert to the Council, which has never been observed).

Until the actual building proposed is identified and investigated by the relative bodies, we suggest that any decisions regarding the granting of permissions are stopped forthwith.

I also attach an Email sent by myself to Mr Mark Jones, formerly of Planning Enforcement, and Mr Declan Beggan, formerly of the Planning Department dated 13.June 2014, which we wish to include to the subcommittee for their consideration in this case.

Both I and /or Mrs S. Lewis will be the nominated spokespersons for the number of people who have kindly lent their support to our objections. These are people who know our property, visit the property, and who know well the detrimental effects to us, to our future wellbeing, and to our property that the site has been instrumental in engineering. Our representation will encompass the four licensing objectives.

Your Sincerely,

Mr Ian Betts

Mrs A Betts.

From: BETTS, Ian (Contractor)
Sent: 13 June 2014 13:23
To: 'markjones@flintshire.gov.uk'
Cc: 'Declan_Beggan@flintshire.gov.uk'
Subject: Pulic advertisement from Fron Farm Caravan park.

Good afternoon Mark.

Please see below a copy of the advertisement made on Mr Robert's Facebook page dated 9th June, which has been brought to my attention.

"HOT WEATHER/ FOOTBALL? but if your coming to Fron Farm Caravan and Camping Park this weekend we are not allowing party's around the park to watch the football as it doesn't start until 11pm and we have a strict policy of no noise after 10.30 ish So Iv hired a telly for the football to be watched in the horse shed which is next to the site but away from families in tents who want to go to bed early. It will be more fun am sure than sitting in the awning plus when England score there predicted 3 goals you can party till your hearts content in the shed. There will be alcohol available to purchase or bring your own.so big welcome to all football supporters and non-football supporters this weekend and am sure you want them to win. Wales aren't in it but im a rugby supporting lad anyway lol. Many thanks Dylan."

This is publicly available from Facebook.

We were unaware that the horse shed has acquired planning permissions to be used as a licensed premise, although at our last meeting we indicated that this was going to be the next unauthorized step in the development of the "small well run caravan site to supplement the farm income", which now bills itself as "Flintshires premiere tourist destination". Evidently, we were wrong in this assumption, as we forgot the fact that apparently, Mr Roberts does not need planning permissions or other regulatory requirements that apply to everybody else to operate his business.

Does the horse shed have a fire certificate? emergency lighting or exits? firefighting equipment? Insurance for public events in agricultural buildings? Adequate washing and toilet facilities? Or any of the other regulatory requirements concerning public buildings. If so when did Mr Roberts acquire these from FCC ? I will make an FOI request to view these documents should this event go ahead.

There will be alcohol available to purchase. I've informed FCC before regarding the unlicensed sales of alcohol from Mr Roberts shop on site. The customary no action was taken then. If MR Roberts is not bringing in a contract licensed bar for this event, then who is selling alcohol? and how is the sale of alcohol to minors being prevented? We are unaware of Mr Roberts license to sell alcohol to fee paying clients in agricultural sheds. This is not a private party, it is advertised in the public domain, and is for paying members of the public on the Fron Farm site. We also note that there has been, and there is intended to be the outdoor placement of TV's for football or sporting events. The last time this happened the noise from the site was a truly unbelievable intrusion into the surrounding area, particularly to us, as it prevented us being able to sit outside our home in the fine weather for the entire afternoon and evening. This is exactly the behavior and operations of this site that we have objected to, to no avail. There was a lot of rhetoric made around the fact that without the Fron

Farm caravan park then other businesses in the area would close, and that the site supported all these local pubs and businesses. Does the advertising and holding of these regular and highly disruptive events do anything for the local licensed premises business, or do they take business from them?

We have strongly objected to this type of rowdy alcohol fueled events on the site on numerous occasions to absolutely no avail. If FCC allow this event to take place, and do not check or report on the sale of alcohol on the site, then they do so with full knowledge of the event, the plans for future outdoor events, and the potential for the compromising of the health and safety of all those site users drinking and partying to their hearts content in unlicensed agricultural buildings. The health and safety and public nuisance issues here are clear, and we have made numerous notifications to FCC regarding the historical nature of this type of behavior. Why do you continue to allow this to establish itself as the norm for this further expanding site?

Also, a cursory look at the From Farm website shows that the availability for the fields around the site to be used for games and other site activities is still being advertised. We have requested that some iota of control is exercised here, as the fields in question are specifically those around our home, designed for our further detriment. We dread the coming warm weather now, and this weekend look forward to constant rowdy football games around the site, drunken parties for football supporters in the sheds until the early hours,, and all the other associated crowd noise and intrusions which now so badly affects the quality of our lives. We are being overwhelmed and dominated by the site and its activities, and formally request that some control is exercised by FCC regarding this particular event and all other outdoor / indoor events advertised by the Fron. If Mr Roberts has not procured a licensed mobile bar for this event, then the illegal sales of alcohol on the site should be reported to the Police.

Any future applications for planning permissions relating to this shed and other agricultural buildings must now therefore be of a retrospective nature, as will any application from Mr Roberts for an alcohol license.

You have been informed.

Best Regards,

Ian Betts

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05.12.20

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to strongly object to the application for a license to sell alcohol and for the licence for music including live bands between 8am to 11pm at the Fron Farm Caravan Park, Hendre, Mold Flintshire.

This site has been extensively developed over previous years and houses in excess of 200 caravans with provision for touring caravans and campers. The general noise, pollution and intrusion to the privacy of those who reside in close proximity of this site is already unacceptable which will be further exacerbated by the provision of on-site alcohol from 8am to 11pm.

You have requested that objections are raised in relation to the points below.

1. Protection of children from harm.

Given the unacceptable levels of noise emanating from this site, it obviously has a large population of families with children. Permission to allow the purchase and consumption of alcohol between the hours of 8am and 11pm will promote all day drinking habits and expose children to the detriments of such. Can assurance be given that children will be in receipt of adequate parental supervision given that this is also a working farm with heavy machinery in use on site? As the site is on private land and will therefore not be subject to the laws on public highways, can assurance be given that people who have been drinking will refrain from driving on this site as there is plenty of evidence that risk taking behaviour increases with the consumption of alcohol. The purported 'self policing policy' that in my opinion relinquishes all responsibility from the site owner, places the monitoring and control of behaviour in the hands of those who may have a distorted view of what is socially acceptable and safe after the consumption of alcohol.

2. Prevention of public nuisance.

The provision of a license to consume alcohol and play music (inclusive of live bands) between the hours of 8am to 11pm at night is completely unacceptable for those who reside in close proximity. There have already been incidences of music being played at functions on this site which could be clearly heard until 1am in the morning in the confines of the living room of neighbouring properties followed by general unacceptable levels of rowdiness as they make their way back to their respective caravans/tents. As this is on private land, there is no police presence as there would be in a town that ensures socially acceptable behaviour is adhered to and it is evident that the current 'self policing policy' is ineffective for this purpose.

This is a rural, agricultural area renowned for its tranquillity and those who permanently reside here have chosen to do so for this reason. The agreement and endorsement of this licence will change the

nature of this forever and will deny local residents the right to enjoy a peaceful existence in their own homes. It is my presumption that the majority of those who visit this site would do so to escape the trappings of urban living. Those who attend the site who wish to partake in music, entertainment and drinking, may be more suited to a town/city vacation rather than bringing the town/city into the countryside.

A more suitable proposal would be for the site owner to provide opportunity for those who wish to drink alcohol and listen to music/entertainment to liaise with local restaurants and public houses and provide safe transportation from the site to local venues who are already in possession of such licenses. This would support local business (especially after the difficult previous 12m in the hospitality industry). It would allow choice for site users as to how they wish to spend their holiday, protect the rural nature of the area and continue to protect the rights for those who reside in close proximity to enjoy the peace and tranquillity that is expected in the countryside.

Yours faithfully

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