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Application 012337 - Betley Court Farm, Betley

I have just discovered an application by the Speed family, Betley Court Farm, for a massive extension to the licences already granted to them.

I have no objection to the owners of Betley Court Farm getting a Premises Licence to sell alcohol at the Cafe to be consumed on the cafe premises and courtyard - but I do object to Pop Concerts and Music Festivals of gatherings up to 4,999 people - potentially every day in the year, each and every year, with all the associated problems of drunkenness, illegal substance use and horrendous traffic congestion that these events will bring to our small village. Please remember we speak from such unpleasant nuisance experiences from the same direction, over a number of years earlier.

I am therefore very concerned about the wide scope of events being planned.

I quote from the license application and: seven days a week, potentially every day of the year ... **"Plays/films , Live & recorded music. Performance of dance/anything similar supply of alcohol,** extension for special events until 1.00. **Late night refreshment** - extension for special events until 1.30. Special events limited to 10 occasions per year". The license will allow up to 4,999 people to attend each event! the chaos and public nuisance that occurred when pop concerts were held at Betley Court Farm will be repeated if this license is approved

Further to this, it is my understanding that the current, updated and now approved Neighbourhood Plan should indeed protect the residents of the village in the following way.

Objective 5: To reduce the harmful impact of traffic in the centre of the village to reduce air pollution, noise and vibration and improve highway safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

6.5.6 NDP Policy BBW7 aims to encourage small scale business development which is appropriate in the Parish **and which does not have an**

unacceptably adverse impact on local roads and residential amenity.

BBW7 1. Local residential amenity is protected, and suitable measures are put in place to mitigate and reduce to a minimum any noise or air pollution or other disturbance which impacts on human health and quality of life;

Surely you must see that the huge potential scale proposed by the Speeds application (as from previous experiences) if accepted, must make a mockery of the above objectives.

Finally appealing on a humanitarian and moral approach,

How would you feel about 5000 people settling for many hours in a field behind your home, with all of the associated nuisance of noise, microphones, morning & afternoon sound checks, generators etc. and razamataz?

How would you feel about having to shut all your double glazed windows in a summer evening and still suffer the BOOM BOOM of the pop concerts bass notes reverberating in your bedroom until 1-00am in the morning and sometimes later than that.

How would you feel about coping with the constant nuisance of having the only access road being partially blocked for hours on end, and the not-so-good partygoers trying to park in your own patch, with allied abuse and threatening behaviour?

How would you feel about having to live under the threat (yet again) of having to endure such but possibly for larger gatherings (now 5000) and for potentially almost every day, of every month of each and every year?

How would you feel about such threats affecting your own mental welfare? We know because, even on the present smaller-scale, we have already had to endure all of this.

How would you feel enduring the nuisance of traffic and pedestrian congestion?

Our voices seem to carry little authoritarian weight,
so what else can we do but object in the strongest
terms?

In view of this please consider our concerns and
possible future plight if this License is approved.

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