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I would wish to emphasise that for the most part, I would wish to support the premises licence for Betley Court Farm in so far as this enables greater flexibility and ease of planning events on the farm.

However, I would share concerns as to the open ended scope of a 365 days licence in perpetuity requires some oversight and proportion to avoid the risk of events becoming a public nuisance.

In Particular

1. The proposed alcohol licence extending to 10 events until 01.00 hours in the morning is highly likely to result in creating the conditions for public social nuisance and disruption and is best anticipated by keeping the restrictions specified in the existing premises licence for operating hours until 12 midnight.
2. I would ask that the application requires a defined limit to the number of days and evenings that events are likely to be over each year which is generous as to enabling an expansion as to how many event days are needed.

Although it is entirely likely that the applicants would wish to be considerate and proportionate in expanding the number of events, in the interests of public safety and good planning that the total number of annual event days should in my view be decided by the committee in conjunction with the applicants as a condition of the licence based on a more clearly defined event calendar for the limit that should be allowed per year.

3. It is entirely reasonable that annual events such as the August Betley Show and the November Bonfire events require the whole site to be utilised. However to enable safe and socially acceptable boundaries for larger scale music and Theatre events that the proposed area of the farm site currently used for such events is defined as a condition of the licence in terms of the management of each even including car parking and amenities both to any risk of public nuisance and as to public safety.

Finally, I would hope that collaboration and clarification as to the above is in everyone's interest within the Betley community.

Best wishes

Paul Doherty.