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I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the granting of this licence. My details are Mike Prickett Hawthorn Cottage Common Lane Betley CW3 9AL .

Betley is well known for its summer show and November bonfire which are organised by their respect committees and do of course provide fantastic entertainment for young and old . Naturally the Speeds are remunerated for allowing use of their land.

Some years ago Betley Concerts was set up --licences 9323 & 12337 and these events became the subject of public meetings both in the Newcastle Town Hall and Betley village hall due to the serious objections to them by the villagers of Betley & surround. The Speeds curried favour by handing out complementary tickets to a chosen few.

I became strongly involved in the objection due to the organisers plans to use Common Lane as an exit for the events. Whilst it was pointed out the lane is designated a footpath and of a single track nature below the Betley brook bridge over which 8 residents have right of way. My argue ment was simply that the lane could not be blocked of for an extensive period with a full line of traffic as this would stop emergency services access if needed. That was ignored by the organisers so via my WMAS connection as a Community First Responder and additionally with a police connection which then drew in the fire service as well I put the case to them who quite naturally told the organisers they could not and must not use Common Lane in their egress plans.

The first event was a disaster for Betley with serious traffic & crowd problems not to mention the excessive noise issue .

Turning now to the current application. There appear claims in support of the app that many events are run at Betley Court Farm. This is not true. In the 15 years I have lived here only 2 Gun Fairs , 4 Charity Balls , 2 Theatre productions and perhaps 4 weddings. The Speeds have always claimed they lost money on the first musical event & just about broke even on the other music and theatre events which begs the question why run them then?.

Reuben Speed is quoted as being the Premises supervisor but from my knowledge of him having been a thespian in London and more latterly as an assistant in the Tea Rooms I cannot see that he has any qualification or experience for ths role particularly as it involves the use of security staff .

Finally I have not seen the applictaion advertised locally save the notice at Betley Court Farm--that may however be the only thing they are legally required to do . I attach a notice that summarises the serious concern and formally request the licence not be granted

NEW LICENSE APPLICATION - BETLEY COURT FARM

The License Application requests permission for the following:

- A 365-days-a-year license to hold outdoor events including live and recorded music**
- A 365-days-a-year outdoor alcohol license, running from 11.00 am to 22.30**
- A 365-days-a-year operation, permitting up to 4,999 people to attend event daily**
- 10 of those days to serve alcohol from 11.00am until 1.00am the next day**

Dear Betley Resident,

You may not have seen or be aware of the License Application notices recently posted outside Betley Court Farm, details as above.

We consider this license application a massive increase in the number of days/events currently allowed (from 8 days to 365 days) and a major increase on the number that can attend (from 450 up to 4,999 people).

This License, if approved, has all the potential for a repeat of the controversial music festivals held at the farm in the past which affected the whole village. Such events creating - nuisance caused by a major increase in traffic; disturbance and nuisance from noise caused by loud, amplified and tannoyed pop music, announcements; noise and disturbance from large number of attendees - upto 356 days a year.

This proposed application also flies in the face of the Neighbourhood Plan objectives, so recently passed by residents to protect the village - namely

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.

Your objections are vitally important

The Licensing Committee can only accept Objections based on a few criteria
Public Nuisance being the main consideration

PLEASE OBJECT NOW...

**on the basis of nuisances of noise, nuisance traffic increase,
nuisance to village life and amenities.**

*There is only one opportunity for residents of the village
to have a voice to influence the Licensing Committee -
SEND YOUR OBJECTIONS BEFORE 19th July 2022.
Quote application No 21250 Betley Court Farm*

Email to: licensing@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk

OR

Letter: Licensing Department, Castle House, Barracks Road, Newcastle-under-Lyme ST5 1BL