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To the Licensing Authority, Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council

We are writing as residents of Betley for the last 15 years to offer our support for the licensing application made in respect of Betley Court Farm (21250).

The Speed family have been active and careful custodians of Betley Court Farm for many years, and certainly since we have lived in the village. They operate it not just as a family business but as important community asset for Betley, Wrinehill and the surrounding area. The family's track record of running events at the farm from the annual Betley Show and Bonfire to musical events and, most recently, cross-country running (an activity with which we are particular familiar) is second to none. There is no evidence that either their current (including running Tea Rooms that provide another community asset) or future activities are incompatible with the licensing objectives as set out in paragraph 2.2 of the Borough Council Statement of Licensing Policy 2020-25. On the contrary, we believe that they will make a significant contribution to enhancing the quality of life of people in the local community by providing a safe and well-managed venue for the consumption of alcohol as part of an integrated hospitality business. To be blunt, the suggestion that the application is likely to compromise public safety, lead to nuisance, disorder and crime and lead to harm to children is outrageous and cannot be taken seriously. We offer our complete and unequivocal support to the application.

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