

Borough Council of  
**King's Lynn &  
West Norfolk**



# **Licensing Sub Committee Hearing**

## **Agenda**

Wednesday, 18th November, 2020  
at 10.00 am

**Remote Meeting on Zoom and available for  
the public to view on [WestNorfolkBC on  
You Tube](#)**



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Tuesday, 10 November 2020

Dear Member

**Licensing Sub Committee Hearing**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the above-mentioned Sub Committee which will be held on **Wednesday, 18th November, 2020 at 10.00 am** as a **Remote Meeting on Zoom and available for the public to view on WestNorfolkBC on You Tube - Zoom and You Tube** to discuss the business shown below.

Yours sincerely

Chief Executive

**AGENDA**

1. **Apologies for absence**  
To receive any apologies for absence.
2. **Items of Urgent Business**  
To determine any other items of business which the Chair decides should be considered as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.
3. **Declarations of Interests**  
Please indicate if there are any interests which should be declared. A declaration of an interest should indicate the nature of the interest (if not already declared on the Register of Interests) and the agenda item to which it relates. If a disclosable pecuniary interest is declared, the member should withdraw from the room whilst the matter is discussed.
4. **To consider an application for a Premises Licence for Dove Barn, Thetford Road, Northwold**

- a) **Procedure which will be followed at the Hearing** (Pages 4 - 6)
- b) **Report of the Licensing Officer** (Pages 7 - 118)

To:

**Licensing Committee:** Councillors S Sandell, L Bambridge and J Rust

**Officers:**

Marie Malt – Senior Licensing Officer

Hema Patel – Legal Advisor

Agenda Item 4a  
Procedure for Determining Licensing Act 2003 Cases

*The hearing will be held in public. However, the Borough Council may exclude the public from all or part of a hearing where it considers that the public interest in so doing outweighs the public interest in the hearing, or that part of the hearing, taking place in public. The hearing is not adversarial but an examination of the facts by the Members of the Committee. All participants must be courteous at all times. All parties will be given equal maximum time which is normally 15 minutes each, in total. Any person may apply for longer time if they immediately notify the Borough Council upon receipt of the Notice of the Hearing and in exceptional circumstances, the Borough Council may extend the maximum time allowed to all parties if the complexity of the application demands. In the event that there are a large number of objections to a particular application, the Borough Council may ask an appropriate number of representatives or a single representative to put forward their views.*

### Introductions

1. The **Chairman** of the Sub-Committee should read out a statement declaring under which capacity the Committee is sitting.

**This Sub-Committee is sitting to consider matters under the Licensing Act 2003.**

2. The **Chairman** will introduce himself and the Members of the Committee.
3. The **Chairman** will then introduce and explain the respective roles of
  - (i) the Democratic Services Officer
  - (ii) the Licensing Officer
  - (iii) the Legal Advisor to the Committee
4. **The Chairman** should invite all those present to introduce themselves and ask them to indicate if they wish to speak during the hearing. (Only those persons who have made representations may address the Sub-Committee)
5. Each party will be asked by the **Chairman** whether 15 minutes is sufficient for the presentation of his/her/body's case. (Agreement on the length of time given for each speaker is at the discretion on the Chairman).
6. Please note at any time during the hearing the Legal Advisor or the Licensing Officer may be asked or may offer advice to the Sub-Committee/other parties or ask questions of any party.

### The Application for a Premises License

7. The **Legal Advisor** explains the procedure that will be followed at the meeting. All parties to note that any requests or issues should be directed through the Chairman.
8. The **Licensing Officer** outlines the premises application to the Committee by presenting the report referring to any relevancy to Licensing Policy and Statutory Guidance.
9. The **Licensing Officer** will invite questions from all parties to clarify the content of the Licensing Officer's report.

### The Applicant's Case

10. The **Chairman** then invites the Applicant or his representative to make their case. Witnesses may be called but each will be subject to separate questioning (see below).

## Questions

11. Once the Applicant has presented their case, the **Chairman** invites questions to the Applicant or his representative from
  - (i) The Licensing Officer
  - (ii) The Responsible Authorities (or their representative)
  - (iii) Other persons (or their representatives)
  - (iv) Members of the Committee.
12. The **Chairman** will invite questions to the witnesses (if present) from the
  - (i) The Licensing Officer
  - (ii) The Responsible Authorities (or their representative)
  - (iii) Other persons (or their representative)
  - (iv) Members of the Committee

Questions should be relevant to the application and repetition will be discouraged.

## The Responsible Authorities Case

13. The Chairman then invites the Responsible Authorities (or their representative) to make their case. Witnesses may be called but each will be subject to separate questioning (see below).

## Questions

14. Once the Responsible Authorities has presented their case, the **Chairman** invites questions to the Responsible Authorities (or their representative) from the
  - (i) The Licensing Officer
  - (ii) The applicant (or their representative)
  - (iii) Other persons (or their representatives)
  - (iv) Members of the Committee.
15. The **Chairman** will invite questions to the witnesses from the
  - (i) The Licensing Officer
  - (ii) The applicant (or their representative)
  - (iii) Other persons (or their representative)
  - (iv) Members of the Committee

## Other Persons Case(s)

16. Each of the other persons or their representatives wishing to address the Committee may do so in an order determined by the **Chairman**. They too must be willing to be questioned by other parties in the same order. Local Objectors may not however question each other. Questions should be relevant to the application and repetition will be discouraged.

This will operate as follows:

- each party will present his/her/body's case
- each party's witnesses (if any) will give evidence in support of the party's case

- firstly, each party and, secondly, their witnesses may be questioned by other parties, prior to questioning by Members of the Committee.

17. The Licensing Officer, Applicant (or their representative) and the Responsible Authorities will be invited to ask relevant questions of those parties (or the parties' representatives).

### Summing Up

Each party will be allowed 5 minutes to sum up their case. They may comment upon what has been said but no new evidence should be introduced.

18. The **Chairman** then invites the Licensing Officer to sum up his case.

19. The **Chairman** then invites the Responsible Authorities and other parties (or their representative) to sum up their case.

20. The **Chairman** then invites the applicant (or their representative) to sum up their case.

### Reaching and Making a Decision

21. **The Chairman** will ask the Council's Legal Advisor to address the Committee on any outstanding matters.

22. The **Chairman** will then thank all those who have spoken and invite the Committee to retire to consider the application, accompanied by the Legal Advisor and Democratic Services Officer (who will take no part in the decision).

23. The Committee will then debate the case presented to them at the hearing and will seek to reach a decision and reasons for their decision.

24. Once a decision has been made, **the Chairman** will invite the **Legal Advisor** to announce in public any legal advice he/she has given in private.

25. **The Chairman** will read out the decision of the application and the reasons for the decision (unless the Committee is unable to reach a determination at the conclusion of the hearing). Where appropriate, **the Chairman** will ask the Licensing Officer for any comments on their decision prior to any final determination.

26. **The Chairman** will explain that all parties will be notified of the outcome of the decision and reasons for the decision in writing.

27. If the Committee is unable to reach a decision, the **Chairman** will explain that all parties will be notified as soon as possible (but within 5 working days) of the decision and the reasons for such.

### NOTE

A decision may be deferred to:-

1. Receive further documentation referred to in the meeting
  2. Enable a site visit to take place
  3. Invite the Applicant or his representative to appear if they had not done so at the meeting (only once)
- No further debate may be heard on further documentation or at a site visit
  - Adjournments should generally be granted if to refuse would deny applicant a fair hearing.

# Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk

## Report to Licensing Sub-Committee under the Licensing Act 2003

Date of Hearing: 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### Application for Grant a Premises Licence

- Dove Barn, Thetford Road, Northwold, Norfolk, IP26 5LU
- Applicant – Mr Thomas Janes

### Introduction

1. A premises licence is required under the Licensing Act 2003 (the 'Act') for the sale of alcohol, regulated entertainment or for the provision of late night refreshment (i.e. the supply of hot food and drink between 11pm and 5am). The four licensing objectives to be considered when determining the application, and relevant representations, are:

- the prevention of crime & disorder,
- public safety,
- the prevention of public nuisance, and
- the protection of children from harm

### The Application

2. Mr Thomas Janes has made an application under Section 17 of the Act for the licensable activities of 'sale of alcohol by retail' and 'recorded music'. A copy of the application is attached at Appendix 1 and if granted with the additional conditions agreed by the applicant, would allow the premises to operate as follows:

<u>Licensable Activity</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Times</u>
<b>Sale of Alcohol by Retail</b> On the premises	Friday and Saturday	11am until 11pm
<b>Provision of Live Music</b> Indoors	Friday and Saturday	11am until 11pm
<b>Provision of Recorded Music</b> Indoors	Friday and Saturday	11am until 11pm

Functions or events which include the provision of alcohol, live or recorded music shall not exceed 12 occasions per year and 2 per calendar month.

### Mandatory Conditions

3. The Act provides for the following seven mandatory conditions to be attached to all premises licences authorising the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises:-

- (a) Under Section 19(2) of the Licensing Act 2003, no supply of alcohol shall be made under this premises licence at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence, or at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.
- (b) Under Section 19(3) of the Licensing Act 2003 every supply of alcohol under the premises licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.
- (c) The responsible person must ensure that staff on relevant premises do not carry out, arrange or participate in any irresponsible promotions in relation to the premises. In this paragraph, an irresponsible promotion means any one or more of the following activities, or substantially similar activities, carried on for the purpose of encouraging the sale or supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises:
  - I. games or other activities which require or encourage, or are designed to require or encourage, individuals to drink a quantity of alcohol within a time limit (other than to drink alcohol sold or supplied on the premises before the cessation of the period in which the responsible person is authorised to sell or supply alcohol), or drink as much alcohol as possible (whether within a time limit or otherwise);
  - II. provision of unlimited or unspecified quantities of alcohol free or for a fixed or discounted fee to the public or to a group defined by a particular characteristic in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
  - III. provision of free or discounted alcohol or any other thing as a prize to encourage or reward the purchase and consumption of alcohol over a period of 24 hours or less in a manner which carries a significant risk of undermining a licensing objective;
  - IV. selling or supplying alcohol in association with promotional posters or flyers on, or in the vicinity of, the premises which can reasonably be considered to condone, encourage or glamorise anti-social behaviour or to refer to the effects of drunkenness in any favourable manner;
  - V. dispensing alcohol directly by one person into the mouth of another (other than where that other person is unable to drink without assistance by reason of disability).
- (d) The responsible person must ensure that free potable water is provided on request to customers where it is reasonably available.
- (e) The premises licence holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol. The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy. The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years

of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either a holographic mark, or an ultraviolet feature.

- (f) The responsible person must ensure that where any of the following alcoholic drinks is sold or supplied for consumption on the premises (other than alcoholic drinks sold or supplied having been made up in advance ready for sale or supply in a securely closed container) it is available to customers in the following measures:
- I. beer or cider: ½ pint;
  - II. gin, rum, vodka or whisky: 25ml or 35ml; and
  - III. still wine in a glass: 125ml;

These measures must be displayed in a menu, price list or other printed material which is available to customers on the premises and if a customer does not in relation to a sale of alcohol specify the quantity of alcohol to be sold, the customer is made aware that these measures are available.

- (g) A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price. For the purposes of this condition 'duty' is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979; 'permitted price' is the price found by applying the formula -  $P = D + (D \times V)$  where; P is the permitted price; D is the rate of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol; and V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol. A 'relevant person' means the holder of the premises licence, the designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence. 'Value added tax' means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994.

The permitted price must be rounded up to the nearest penny.

A change to the permitted price which would apply as a result of a change to the rate of duty or VAT charged in relation to alcohol would not apply until the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the day on which the change in the rate of duty or VAT takes effect.

#### **Conditions Consistent with the Operating Schedule (Proposed Conditions)**

4. The following conditions have been identified from the operating schedule (paragraph 'M' on the application) or agreed following consultation with the applicant.

##### Conditions agreed between the applicant and Community Safety & Neighbourhood Nuisance Team

- (a) No deliveries or refuse collections shall be made to the premises before 8am or after 6pm Monday to Saturday and at no time on Sundays and Bank or public holidays.

- (b) Prior to the commencement of any licensable activities including the provision of recorded and live music at any time, an acoustic assessment shall be carried out which includes a site specific background noise survey, an assessment of predicted noise sources (including vehicle noise on entry and exit), mitigation recommendations and a detailed noise management plan. The acoustic noise survey and any relevant mitigation measures shall be submitted to and approved by the Community Safety & Neighbourhood Nuisance Team (CSNN) and recommendation implemented before licensable activities, including the provision of live and recorded music at any time shall commence.
- (c) Functions or events which include the provision of alcohol, live or recorded music shall not exceed 12 occasions per year and 2 per calendar month.
- (d) Functions or events which include the provision of alcohol, live or recorded music shall take place on Fridays or Saturdays only.
- (e) The sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises and the provision of live and recorded music, shall be limited to the following times only:  
  
11am until 11pm on Fridays and Saturdays.
- (f) The licence holder must ensure that vehicles entering and leaving the site for the purpose of a function or event is not later than Midnight on any day.
- (g) Prior to the commencement of any licensable activities including the provision of live and recorded music at any time, a detailed outdoor lighting scheme shall be submitted to and approved by the Community Safety & Neighbourhood Nuisance team. The scheme shall include details of the type of lights, the orientation/angle of the luminaires, the spacing and height of the lighting columns, the extent/levels of illumination over the site and on adjacent land and the measures to contain light within the curtilage of the site. The scheme shall be implemented in accordance with the approved scheme and thereafter maintained and retained as agreed.
- (h) Prior to the commencement of any licensable activities including the provision of live and recorded music at any time, a scheme to protect residential premises from lighting specifically associated with vehicles shall be submitted to and approved by the Community Safety & Neighbourhood Nuisance team. The scheme shall be implemented in accordance with the approved scheme and thereafter maintained and retained as agreed.
- (i) During the period of any function or event, the provision of live or recorded music shall be that which is arranged by the licence holder only and supplied as part of the venue hire agreement and shall not be by separate arrangement by the hirer of the venue at any time.

Conditions identified from the operating schedule

- (j) The Challenge 25 age verification policy must be in place and practiced by all members of staff who shall be trained under the policy regarding the sale of alcohol.
- (k) The licence holder shall maintain records of all refusals of the sale of alcohol and other incidents that may occur at the premises in a book that will be kept for that purpose. The refusals / incident book will be produced for inspection upon reasonable request from representatives of the Police or the Licensing Authority.

### **Representation from Responsible Authorities**

*Section 13(4) of the Act defines the 'Responsible Authorities' as the statutory bodies that must be sent copies of an application. Representations made must relate to the licensing objectives.*

5. There are no representations from any of the 'responsible authority' to consider. Namely:

- Norfolk Constabulary;
- Norfolk Fire Service;
- Norfolk Trading Standards;
- Norfolk Safeguarding Children's Board;
- Public Health;
- Community Safety & Neighbourhood Nuisance (BCKLWN)
- Planning (BCKLWN);
- Environmental Health (BCKLWN);
- Licensing Authority (BCKLWN);
- Home Office (Alcohol Team).

### **Representations from 'Other Persons'**

*As well as the responsible authorities, any other person can play a role in a number of licensing processes under the Act. This includes any individual, body or business that are entitled to make representations to applications. Representations made must relate to the licensing objectives.*

6. There are 58 representations from 'other persons' to consider. Copies of these representations are attached to this report at Appendix 2.

### **Notices**

7. The applicant is responsible for advertising the application by way of a notice in a specified form at the premises for not less than 28 consecutive days and in a local newspaper on at least one occasion. The Public Notice appeared in the 'Thetford Times' on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and should have been displayed on the premises up to and including the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

8. In accordance with the Licensing Act (Hearings) Regulations a notice of the application was also published on the Borough Council's website for the duration of the consultation period.

### **Plans**

9. A plan showing the layout of the premises is attached at Appendix 3 and a location plan is attached at Appendix 4 showing the approximate location of the nearby objectors in relation to the premises.

## **Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk's Licensing Policy**

10. The current Statement of Licensing Policy under the Act was approved by full Council on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015. The following extracts may be relevant to this application and assist the Sub-Committee:

### **3.0 Fundamental principles**

- 3.1 The 2003 Act requires that the Council carries out its various licensing functions so as to promote the following four licensing objectives:
- (a) the prevention of crime and disorder,
  - (b) public safety,
  - (c) the prevention of public nuisance, and
  - (d) the protection of children from harm.
- 3.2 Nothing in this 'Statement of Policy' will:
- (a) undermine the right of any individual to apply under the terms of the 2003 Act for a variety of permissions and to have any such application considered on its own merits;
  - (b) override the right of any person to make representations on an application.
- 3.3 Every application will be dealt with impartially and on its individual merits. The Borough Council will not refuse to grant or vary an application unless it has received a representation from a responsible authority, such as the police or an environmental health officer, or other person, such as a local resident or local business, which is a relevant representation.
- 3.4 Licensing is about regulating licensable activities on licensed premises and any conditions that are attached to premises licences or club premises certificates will be focused on matters which are within the control of the individual licensee or club, i.e. the premises and its vicinity.
- 3.5 Whether or not incidents can be regarded as being "in the vicinity" of licensed premises is a question of fact and will depend on the particular circumstances of the case. In cases of dispute, the question will ultimately be decided by the courts. The Borough Council, in addressing this matter, will primarily focus on the direct impact of the activities taking place at the licensed premises on members of the public living, working or engaged in normal activity in the area concerned.
- 3.6 Licensing law is not the primary mechanism for the general control of nuisance and anti-social behaviour by individuals once they are away from the licensed premises and, therefore, beyond the direct control of the individual, club or business holding the licence, certificate or authorisation concerned. Nonetheless, it is a key aspect of such control and licensing law will always be part of a holistic approach to the management of the evening and night-time economy throughout the borough.
- ### **4.0 Cumulative Impact**
- 4.1 There can be confusion about the difference between "need" and the "cumulative impact" of premises on the licensing objectives, for example,

on crime and disorder. "Need" concerns the commercial demand for another pub or restaurant or hotel. This is not a matter for the licensing authority in discharging its licensing functions or for its statement of licensing policy. "Need" is a matter for the market.

- 4.2 "Cumulative impact" is not mentioned in the 2003 Act. The guidance issued under Section 182 describes it as the potential impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives of a significant number of licensed premises concentrated in one area. For instance, the potential impact on crime and disorder or public nuisance in a town centre of a large concentration of licensed premises in that area.

## **5.0 Licensing Hours**

- 5.1 With regard to licensing hours, due consideration will be given to the individual merits of an application. The Borough Council recognises that, in some circumstances, flexible licensing hours for the sale of alcohol can help to ensure that the concentrations of customers leaving premises simultaneously are avoided. This can help to reduce the friction at late night fast food outlets, taxi ranks and other sources of transport which could lead to disorder and disturbance.

- 5.2 The Borough Council wants to ensure that licensing hours do not inhibit the development of thriving and safe night-time local economies. This is important for investment, local employment and attractive to domestic and international tourists. Providing consumers with greater choice and flexibility is an important consideration, but should always be balanced carefully against the duty to promote the four licensing objectives and the rights of local residents to peace and quiet.

## **10.0 Prevention of Public Nuisance**

- 10.1 Licensed premises, especially those operating late at night and early in the morning can cause a range of nuisances which impact on people or businesses in the vicinity. The concerns will mainly relate to noise but could also include light pollution and noxious smells. The Borough Council expect operating schedules to satisfactorily address these issues, as appropriate.

## **14.0 Planning & Building Control**

- 14.1 Planning, Building Control and licensing are separated and consider different (albeit related) matters. For instance, licensing considers public nuisance whereas planning considers amenity. As such licensing applications will not be a re-run of the planning application and will not cut across decisions taken by the planning committee or following appeals against decisions taken by that committee. Licensing Committees are not bound by decisions made by a planning committee, and vice versa.

- 14.2 Applications for premises licences should normally be from businesses with planning consent for the property concerned. However, applications for licences may be made before any relevant planning permission is sought or granted by the planning authority.

- 14.3 The granting by the licensing committee of any variation of a licence which involves a material alteration to a building would not relieve the

applicant of the need to apply for planning permission or building control where appropriate.

- 14.4 There may be circumstances when as a condition of planning permission a terminal hour has been set for the use of premises for commercial purposes. Where these hours are different to licensing hours, the applicant must observe the earlier closing time. Premises operating in breach of their planning permission could be liable to enforcement action under planning laws.

## **17.0 Conditions**

- 17.1 The Borough Council will not impose conditions unless it has received a representation from a responsible authority, such as the police or an environmental health officer, or other persons, such as a local resident or local business, which is a relevant representation, or is offered in the applicant's Operating Schedule. Any conditions will be proportional and appropriate to achieve the licensing objectives.

### **Guidance Issued Under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003**

*Under Section 4 of the Act, Licensing Authorities must have regard to guidance issued under Section 182. The current Guidance was issued by the Home Office in April 2017 and offers advice to Licensing authorities on the discharge of their functions under the Act.*

11. The following extracts may be relevant to this application and assist the Licensing Sub-Committee:

#### **Licensing Objectives and Aims**

- 1.2 The legislation provides a clear focus on the promotion of four statutory objectives which must be addressed when licensing functions are undertaken.
- 1.3 The licensing objectives are:
- The prevention of crime and disorder;
  - Public safety;
  - The prevention of public nuisance; and
  - The protection of children from harm.
- 1.4 Each objective is of equal importance. There are no other statutory licensing objectives, so that the promotion of the four objectives is a paramount consideration at all times.
- 1.5 However, the legislation also supports a number of other key aims and purposes. These are vitally important and should be principal aims for everyone involved in licensing work. They include:
- Protecting the public and local residents from crime, anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance caused by irresponsible licensed premises;
  - Giving the police and licensing authorities the powers they need to effectively manage and police the night-time economy and take action against those premises that are causing problems;
  - Recognising the important role which pubs and other licensed premises play in our local communities by minimising the regulatory burden on business, encouraging innovation and supporting responsible premises;
  - Providing a regulatory framework for alcohol which reflects the needs of local communities and empowers local authorities to make and enforce

decisions about the most appropriate licensing strategies for their local area; and

- Encouraging greater community involvement in licensing decisions and giving local residents the opportunity to have their say regarding licensing decisions that may affect them.

### **Licence Conditions – General Principles**

1.16 Conditions on a premises licence or club premises certificate are important in setting the parameters within which premises can lawfully operate. The use of wording such as “must”, “shall” and “will”, is encouraged. Licence conditions:

- must be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives;
- must be precise and enforceable;
- must be unambiguous and clear in what they intend to achieve;
- should not duplicate other statutory requirements or other duties or responsibilities placed on the employer by other legislation;
- must be tailored to the individual type, location and characteristics of the premises and events concerned;
- should not be standardised and may be unlawful when it cannot be demonstrated that they are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives in an individual case;
- should not replicate offences set out in the 2003 Act or other legislation;
- should be proportionate, justifiable and be capable of being met, (for example, whilst beer glasses may be available in toughened glass, wine glasses may not);
- cannot seek to manage the behaviour of customers once they are beyond the direct management of the licence holder and their staff, but may impact on the behaviour of customers in the immediate vicinity of the premises or as they enter or leave; and
- should be written in a prescriptive format.

### **Each application on its own merits**

1.17 Each application must be considered on its own merits and in accordance with the licensing authority’s statement of licensing policy; for example, if the application falls within the scope of a cumulative impact policy. Conditions attached to licences and certificates must be tailored to the individual type, location and characteristics of the premises and events concerned. This is essential to avoid the imposition of disproportionate and overly burdensome conditions on premises where there is no need for such conditions. Standardised conditions should be avoided and indeed may be unlawful where they cannot be shown to be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives in an individual case.

### **Public nuisance**

2.15 The 2003 Act enables licensing authorities and responsible authorities, through representations, to consider what constitutes public nuisance and what is appropriate to prevent it in terms of conditions attached to specific premises licences and club premises certificates. It is therefore important that in considering the promotion of this licensing objective,

licensing authorities and responsible authorities focus on the effect of the licensable activities at the specific premises on persons living and working (including those carrying on business) in the area around the premises which may be disproportionate and unreasonable. The issues will mainly concern noise nuisance, light pollution, noxious smells and litter.

- 2.16 Public nuisance is given a statutory meaning in many pieces of legislation. It is however not narrowly defined in the 2003 Act and retains its broad common law meaning. It may include in appropriate circumstances the reduction of the living and working amenity and environment of other persons living and working in the area of the licensed premises. Public nuisance may also arise as a result of the adverse effects of artificial light, dust, odour and insects or where its effect is prejudicial to health.
- 2.17 Conditions relating to noise nuisance will usually concern steps appropriate to control the levels of noise emanating from premises. This might be achieved by a simple measure such as ensuring that doors and windows are kept closed after a particular time, or persons are not permitted in garden areas of the premises after a certain time. More sophisticated measures like the installation of acoustic curtains or rubber speaker mounts to mitigate sound escape from the premises may be appropriate. However, conditions in relation to live or recorded music may not be enforceable in circumstances where the entertainment activity itself is not licensable (see chapter 15). Any conditions appropriate to promote the prevention of public nuisance should be tailored to the type, nature and characteristics of the specific premises and its licensable activities. Licensing authorities should avoid inappropriate or disproportionate measures that could deter events that are valuable to the community, such as live music. Noise limiters, for example, are expensive to purchase and install and are likely to be a considerable burden for smaller venues.
- 2.18 As with all conditions, those relating to noise nuisance may not be appropriate in certain circumstances where provisions in other legislation adequately protect those living in the area of the premises. But as stated earlier in this Guidance, the approach of licensing authorities and responsible authorities should be one of prevention and when their powers are engaged, licensing authorities should be aware of the fact that other legislation may not adequately cover concerns raised in relevant representations and additional conditions may be appropriate.
- 2.19 Where applications have given rise to representations, any appropriate conditions should normally focus on the most sensitive periods. For example, the most sensitive period for people being disturbed by unreasonably loud music is at night and into the early morning when residents in adjacent properties may be attempting to go to sleep or are sleeping. This is why there is still a need for a licence for performances of live music between 11 pm and 8 am. In certain circumstances, conditions relating to noise emanating from the premises may also be

appropriate to address any disturbance anticipated as customers enter and leave.

- 2.20 Measures to control light pollution will also require careful thought. Bright lighting outside premises which is considered appropriate to prevent crime and disorder may itself give rise to light pollution for some neighbours. Applicants, licensing authorities and responsible authorities will need to balance these issues.
- 2.21 Beyond the immediate area surrounding the premises, these are matters for the personal responsibility of individuals under the law. An individual who engages in anti-social behaviour is accountable in their own right. However, it would be perfectly reasonable for a licensing authority to impose a condition, following relevant representations, that requires the licence holder or club to place signs at the exits from the building encouraging patrons to be quiet until they leave the area, or that, if they wish to smoke, to do so at designated places on the premises instead of outside, and to respect the rights of people living nearby to a peaceful night.

### **Public Safety**

- 2.7 Licence holders have a responsibility to ensure the safety of those using their premises, as a part of their duties under the 2003 Act. This concerns the safety of people using the relevant premises rather than public health which is addressed in other legislation. Physical safety includes the prevention of accidents and injuries and other immediate harms that can result from alcohol consumption such as unconsciousness or alcohol poisoning. Conditions relating to public safety may also promote the crime and disorder objective as noted above. There will of course be occasions when a public safety condition could incidentally benefit a person's health more generally, but it should not be the purpose of the condition as this would be outside the licensing authority's powers (be ultra vires) under the 2003 Act. Conditions should not be imposed on a premises licence or club premises certificate which relate to cleanliness or hygiene.
- 2.8 A number of matters should be considered in relation to public safety. These may include:
- Fire safety;
  - Ensuring appropriate access for emergency services such as ambulances;
  - Good communication with local authorities and emergency services, for example communications networks with the police and signing up for local incident alerts;
  - Ensuring the presence of trained first aiders on the premises and appropriate first aid kits;
  - Ensuring the safety of people when leaving the premises (for example, through the provision of information on late-night transportation);

- Ensuring appropriate and frequent waste disposal, particularly of glass bottles;
- Ensuring appropriate limits on the maximum capacity of the premises and
- Considering the use of CCTV in and around the premises.

2.9 The measures that are appropriate to promote public safety will vary between premises and the matters listed above may not apply in all cases. Applicants should consider when making their application which steps it is appropriate to take to promote the public safety objective and demonstrate how they achieve that.

### **Ensuring safe departure of those using the premises**

2.10 Licence holders should make provision to ensure that premises users safely leave their premises. Measures that may assist include:

- Providing information on the premises of local taxi companies who can provide safe transportation home; and
- Ensuring adequate lighting outside the premises, particularly on paths leading to and from the premises and in car parks.

### **Determining Applications**

9.1 When a licensing authority receives an application for a new premises licence or an application to vary an existing premises licence, it must determine whether the application has been made in accordance with section 17 of the 2003 Act, and in accordance with regulations made under sections 17(3) to (6), 34, 42, 54 and 55 of the 2003 Act. It must similarly determine applications for the grant of club premises certificates made in accordance with section 71 of the 2003 Act, and in accordance with regulations made under sections 71(4) to (7), 84, 91 and 92 of the 2003 Act. This means that the licensing authority must consider among other things whether the application has been properly advertised in accordance with those regulations.

### **Where Representations Are Made**

9.3 Where a representation concerning the licensing objectives is made by a responsible authority about a proposed operating schedule and it is relevant, (see paragraphs 9.4 to 9.10 below) the licensing authority's discretion will be engaged. It will also be engaged if another person makes relevant representations to the licensing authority, which are also not frivolous or vexatious (see paragraphs 9.4 to 9.10 below). Relevant representations can be made in opposition to, or in support of, an application and can be made by any individual, body or business that has grounds to do so.

### **Relevant, vexatious and frivolous representations**

9.4 A representation is "relevant" if it relates to the likely effect of the grant of the licence on the promotion of at least one of the licensing objectives. For example, a representation from a local businessperson about the commercial damage caused by competition from new licensed premises

would not be relevant. On the other hand, a representation by a businessperson that nuisance caused by new premises would deter customers from entering the local area, and the steps proposed by the applicant to prevent that nuisance were inadequate, would be relevant. In other words, representations should relate to the impact of licensable activities carried on from premises on the objectives. For representations in relation to variations to be relevant, they should be confined to the subject matter of the variation. There is no requirement for a responsible authority or other person to produce a recorded history of problems at premises to support their representations, and in fact this would not be possible for new premises.

- 9.5 It is for the licensing authority to determine whether a representation (other than a representation from responsible authority) is frivolous or vexatious on the basis of what might ordinarily be considered to be vexatious or frivolous. A representation may be considered to be vexatious if it appears to be intended to cause aggravation or annoyance, whether to a competitor or other person, without reasonable cause or justification. Vexatious circumstances may arise because of disputes between rival businesses and local knowledge will therefore be invaluable in considering such matters. Licensing authorities can consider the main effect of the representation, and whether any inconvenience or expense caused by it could reasonably be considered to be proportionate.
- 9.6 Frivolous representations would be essentially categorised by a lack of seriousness. Frivolous representations would concern issues which, at most, are minor and in relation to which no remedial steps would be warranted or proportionate.
- 9.7 Any person who is aggrieved by a rejection of their representations on either of these grounds may lodge a complaint through the local authority's corporate complaints procedure. A person may also challenge the authority's decision by way of judicial review.
- 9.8 Licensing authorities should not take decisions about whether representations are frivolous, vexatious or relevant to the licensing objectives on the basis of any political judgement. This may be difficult for councillors who receive complaints from residents within their own wards. If consideration is not to be delegated, contrary to the recommendation in this Guidance, an assessment should be prepared by officials for consideration by the sub-committee before any decision is taken that necessitates a hearing. Any councillor who considers that their own interests are such that they are unable to consider the matter independently should disqualify themselves.
- 9.9 It is recommended that, in borderline cases, the benefit of the doubt about any aspect of a representation should be given to the person making that representation. The subsequent hearing would then provide an opportunity for the person or body making the representation to amplify and clarify it.

#### **Disclosure of personal details of persons making representations**

- 9.26 Where a notice of a hearing is given to an applicant, the licensing authority is required under the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 to provide the applicant with copies of the relevant representations that have been made.

### **Hearings**

- 9.33 Regulations made under the 2003 Act require that representations must be withdrawn 24 hours before the first day of any hearing. If they are withdrawn after this time, the hearing must proceed and the representations may be withdrawn orally at that hearing. However, where discussions between an applicant and those making representations are taking place and it is likely that all parties are on the point of reaching agreement, the licensing authority may wish to use the power given within the hearings regulations to extend time limits, if it considers this to be in the public interest.
- 9.37 As a matter of practice, licensing authorities should seek to focus the hearing on the steps considered appropriate to promote the particular licensing objective or objectives that have given rise to the specific representation and avoid straying into undisputed areas. A responsible authority or other person may choose to rely on their written representation. They may not add further representations to those disclosed to the applicant prior to the hearing, but they may expand on their existing representation.
- 9.38 In determining the application with a view to promoting the licensing objectives in the overall interests of the local community, the licensing authority must give appropriate weight to:
- the steps that are appropriate to promote the licensing objectives;
  - the representations (including supporting information) presented by all the parties;
  - this Guidance;
  - its own statement of licensing policy.
- 9.39 The licensing authority should give its decision within five working days of the conclusion of the hearing (or immediately in certain specified cases) and provide reasons to support it. This will be important if there is an appeal by any of the parties. Notification of a decision must be accompanied by information on the right of the party to appeal. After considering all the relevant issues, the licensing authority may grant the application subject to such conditions that are consistent with the operating schedule. Any conditions imposed must be appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives; there is no power for the licensing authority to attach a condition that is merely aspirational. For example, conditions may not be attached which relate solely to the health of customers rather than their direct physical safety. Any conditions added to the licence must be those imposed at the hearing or those agreed when a hearing has not been necessary.

- 9.40 Alternatively, the licensing authority may refuse the application on the grounds that this is appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. It may also refuse to specify a designated premises supervisor and/or only allow certain requested licensable activities. In the interests of transparency, the licensing authority should publish hearings procedures in full on its website to ensure that those involved have the most current information.

#### **Determining Actions that are Appropriate for the Promotion of the Licensing Objectives**

- 9.42 Licensing authorities are best placed to determine what actions are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives in their areas. All licensing determinations should be considered on a case-by-case basis. They should take into account any representations or objections that have been received from responsible authorities or other persons, and representations made by the applicant or premises user as the case may be.
- 9.43 The authority's determination should be evidence-based, justified as being appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives and proportionate to what it is intended to achieve.
- 9.44 Determination of whether an action or step is appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives requires an assessment of what action or step would be suitable to achieve that end. While this does not therefore require a licensing authority to decide that no lesser step will achieve the aim, the authority should aim to consider the potential burden that the condition would impose on the premises licence holder (such as the financial burden due to restrictions on licensable activities) as well as the potential benefit in terms of the promotion of the licensing objectives. However, it is imperative that the authority ensures that the factors which form the basis of its determination are limited to consideration of the promotion of the objectives and nothing outside those parameters. As with the consideration of licence variations, the licensing authority should consider wider issues such as other conditions already in place to mitigate potential negative impact on the promotion of the licensing objectives and the track record of the business. Further advice on determining what is appropriate when imposing conditions on a licence or certificate is provided in Chapter 10. The licensing authority is expected to come to its determination based on an assessment of the evidence on both the risks and benefits either for or against making the determination.

#### **Proposed conditions**

- 10.4 The conditions that are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives should emerge initially from the risk assessment carried out by a prospective licence or certificate holder, which they should carry out before making their application for a premises licence or club premises certificate. This would be translated into the steps recorded in the operating schedule or club operating schedule, which must also set out the proposed hours during which licensable activities will be conducted and any other hours during which the premises will be open to the public.

- 10.5 It is not acceptable for licensing authorities to simply replicate the wording from an applicant's operating schedule. A condition should be interpreted in accordance with the applicant's intention.

#### **Imposed Conditions**

- 10.8 The licensing authority may not impose any conditions unless its discretion has been engaged following receipt of relevant representations and it is satisfied as a result of a hearing (unless all parties agree a hearing is not necessary) that it is appropriate to impose conditions to promote one or more of the four licensing objectives.
- 10.9 It is possible that, in certain cases, where there are other legislative provisions which are relevant and must be observed by the applicant, no additional conditions are appropriate to promote the licensing objectives.

#### **Proportionality**

- 10.10 The 2003 Act requires that licensing conditions should be tailored to the size, type, location and characteristics and activities taking place at the premises concerned. Conditions should be determined on a case by case basis and standardised conditions which ignore these individual aspects should be avoided. Licensing authorities and other responsible authorities should be alive to the indirect costs that can arise because of conditions. These could be a deterrent to holding events that are valuable to the community or for the funding of good and important causes. Licensing authorities should therefore ensure that any conditions they impose are only those which are appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives.

#### **The need for licensed premises**

- 14.19 There can be confusion about the difference between the "need" for premises and the "cumulative impact" of premises on the licensing objectives, for example, on crime and disorder. "Need" concerns the commercial demand for another pub or restaurant or hotel and is a matter for the planning authority and for the market. This is not a matter for a licensing authority in discharging its licensing functions or for its statement of licensing policy.

### **Determination**

12. Having regard to the representations received, the Licensing Sub-Committee are requested to consider the application, this report and take such steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives. These steps are:

- a) To grant the application under the terms and conditions applied;
- b) To grant the application with conditions that the Sub-Committee considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives;
- c) To reject all or part of the application.

13. The Sub-Committee are reminded that full reasons for their decision must be given as both the applicant and persons making representations have a right of appeal against that decision to the Magistrates' Court.

*Marie Malt*

**Marie Malt**

Senior Licensing Officer  
Environment & Planning  
5<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Appendixes:

1. Copy of Application
2. Copies of letters of Representations from 'other persons'
3. Premises Plan of Layout
4. Location Map

Background Papers:

1. The Licensing Act 2003
2. Borough Council's Statement of Licensing Policy (26 November 2015)
3. Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 (April 2018)

**Your ref no: Form ref:**  
LCHJJRWL

**Form title:** Apply for a new premises licence or a full variation

**Page:** Coversheet

Appendix 1 to  
Report to Licensing Sub-Committee  
Re: Dove Barn, Dated: 5th Nov 2020

<b>This form was started at:</b>	23/09/2020 11:42:07
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**Page:** Tell us who you are

**You can only vary a premises licence if you are the premises licence holder, solicitor or other duly authorised agent.**

<b>Are you completing this form on behalf of the applicant?</b>	No - I am the applicant
<b>In what capacity is the applicant applying for a premises licence?</b>	An individual or individuals
<b>Please confirm the following:</b>	The applicant is carrying on or proposing to carry on a business which involves the use of the premises for licensable activities

**Page:** Tell us about the individual applicants

How many individual applicants are there? 1

**Section:** Individual applicant details

Title	Mr
Full forename (s)	Thomas
Surname	Janes
Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	<input type="text"/>
Nationality	British

**As part of this application the applicant needs to demonstrate their right to work in the United Kingdom. At the end of this form there is the opportunity to upload the relevant documents.**

Home address line 1	<input type="text"/>
Home address line 2	
Home address line 3	
Home address line 4	
Postcode	
Daytime telephone number	
Mobile telephone number	
Email address	

**Page: Tell us about the premises**

A licence is not required between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, with no limit on audience size for:

- any entertainment taking place on the premises of the local authority where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the local authority;
- any entertainment taking place on the hospital premises of the health care provider where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the health care provider;
- any entertainment taking place on the premises of the school where the entertainment is provided by or on behalf of the school proprietor; and
- any entertainment (excluding films and a boxing or wrestling entertainment) taking place at a travelling circus, provided that (a) it takes place within a moveable structure that accommodates the audience, and (b) that the travelling circus has not been located on the same site for more than 28 consecutive days.

What are you applying for? apply for a new premises licence

**Section: Apply for a new premises licence**

Name of premises or business	Dove Barn
Address line 1	Dove Barn
Address line 2	Thetford Road
Address line 3	Northwold
Address line 4	Norfolk
Postcode	IP26 5LU
Telephone number at the premises	07515571540
Please give a brief description of the premises	Fenced and gated meadow with access from Thetford Road. Area is surrounded by trees and includes Dove Barn structure to the north of the site.
When do you want the premises licence to start? (dd/mm/yyyy)	01/11/2020
If you wish the licence to be valid only for a limited period, when do you want it to end? (dd/mm/yyyy)	

What is the non-domestic rateable value (NDRV) of the premises? None - £4,300

If you're unsure of the non-domestic rateable value you can double check this on the [GOV.UK](#) website. **If the premises hasn't been set a non-domestic rateable value by the valuation office, then please select the lowest band.**

How many people are expected to attend the premises at any one time? 4,999 or less

**If you have 30,000 or more people attending at any one time, you will need to contact us.**

**What you will need to pay**

The application fee for a non-rateable value below £4,300 is:

**£100.00**

## Annual payments

Each premises licence we grant will need to pay an **annual fee**. We will invoice you annually on the date when the first licence was issued.

**Where do you want your annual invoice sent to?** Applicant's address

**Page: Tell us which licensable activities**

Will you be providing plays at the premises?	No
Will you be providing films at the premises?	No
Will you be providing indoor sporting events at the premises?	No
Will you be providing boxing or wrestling entertainment at the premises?	No
Will you be providing live music at the premises?	Yes

**A licence is not required for:**

- a performance of unamplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, on any premises.
- a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
- a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a workplace that is not licensed to sell alcohol on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
- a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
- a performance of amplified live music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the nonresidential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.

Will you be providing recorded music at the premises?	Yes
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**A licence is not required for:**

- any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day on premises authorised to sell alcohol for consumption on those premises, provided that the audience does not exceed 500.
- any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, in a church hall, village hall, community hall, or other similar community premises, that is not licensed by a premises licence to sell alcohol, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance from a person who is responsible for the premises.
- any playing of recorded music between 08.00 and 23.00 on any day, at the nonresidential premises of (i) a local authority, or (ii) a school, or (iii) a hospital, provided that (a) the audience does not exceed 500, and (b) the organiser gets consent for the performance on the relevant premises from: (i) the local authority concerned, or (ii) the school proprietor or (iii) the health care provider for the hospital.

Will you be providing performances of dance at the premises?	No
Will you be providing anything of a similar description to live music, recorded music or	No

**performances of dance at the premises?**

**Will you be providing late night refreshment at the premises?**

No

**Will you be selling or supplying alcohol at the premises?**

Yes

**Page: Provision of live music**

Please make sure you provide the timings in a 24 hour clock, for example, 16:00 and only provide details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

**Section: Monday**

Start time 11:00  
End time 00:00

**Section: Tuesday**

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End time 00:00

**Section: Wednesday**

Start time 11:00  
End time 00:00

**Section: Thursday**

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End time 00:00

**Section: Friday**

Start time 11:00  
End time 00:00

**Section: Saturday**

Start time 11:00  
End time 00:00

**Section: Sunday**

Start time 11:00  
End time 00:00

Will the provision of the live music take place indoors, outdoors or both? Indoors

Please provide further details here

Potential for live music to be played at wedding reception event. Reception events likely to occur once per week. Likely to take place at weekends and in the evening between 18:00 and 23:00, but have included other days and longer hours for special occasions.

Please state any seasonal variations for the provision of the live music

**Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of live music at different times to those listed above, please specify below:**

N/A

**Page: Provision of recorded music**

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Will the provision of the recorded music take place indoors, outdoors or both? Indoors

Please provide further details here

Potential for recorded music to be played at wedding reception event. Reception events likely to occur once per week.  
Likely to take place at weekends and in the evening between 18:00 and 23:00, but have included other days and longer hours for special occasions.

Please state any seasonal variations for the provision

of recorded music

<p><b>Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of recorded music at different times to those listed above, please specify below:</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>
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**Page: Provision of alcohol**

Please make sure you provide the timings in a 24 hour clock, for example, 16:00 and only provide details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activity.

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**Section: Saturday**

Start 11:00  
End time 00:00

**Section: Sunday**

Start time 11:00  
End time 00:00

Will the provision of alcohol take place on the premises, off the premises or both? on the premises

Please state any seasonal variations for the provision of alcohol

Where you intend to use the premises for the provision of alcohol at different times to those listed above, please specify below: N/A

**Page:** Tell us about the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS)

<b>Is this an application for a commercial premises licence requiring a DPS for alcohol sales?</b>	Yes
<b>Are you the proposed Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS)?</b>	Yes

**Section:** Please tell us more about yourself

<b>Please tell us your date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>	
<b>Please tell us your nationality</b>	
<b>Do you currently hold a personal licence?</b>	
<b>Personal licence number</b>	
<b>Personal licence issuing authority</b>	

**Page: Tell us the premises opening hours**

Please tell us the hours the premises are open to the public. Please make sure you provide the timings in a 24 hour clock, for example, 16:00 and only provide details for the days of the week when you intend the premises to be used for the activities.

Where the 'on sale of alcohol' is present, you may wish to consider drinking up time, for example, alcohol sales end at 23:00, premises open until 23:30.

**Section: Monday**

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**Section: Sunday**

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Please tell us about any seasonal variations

Please tell us where you intend to use the premises at different times to those listed above, please specify below:

N/A

**Page: Tell us about the operating schedule**

Please highlight any services, activities, entertainment or matters ancillary to the use of the premises that may give rise to concern in respect to children

None.

**Please describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives:**

**General - List here the steps you will take to promote all four of the licensing objectives**

The event organiser acknowledges their responsibility to plan, manage and monitor events to ensure that all staff, participants and the public are not exposed to health & safety risks. We intend to produce safely planned, organised and delivered events, working within statutory legislation and guidance such as the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 and within the spirit of the Purple Guide.  
All employees and volunteers will be reminded of their duty to take care to ensure everyone's health & safety and the potential impact of their acts or omissions.  
All reasonable precautions will be in place to minimise any negative impact to safety.

**The prevention of crime and disorder**

Operate zero drugs policy on site.  
An incident book will be maintained within which full details of all occurrences of disorder and refused alcohol sales at the premises will be recorded. The incident book will be kept on the premises at all times and will be made available for inspection if required.

**Public safety**

Draw up Event Management Plan including health and safety/risk assessment to prevent anyone being hurt or having an accident on site.  
Ensure that any structures and spaces are of adequate size so that there is no overcrowding (leading to an increased risk of violence or to the safety of people in the premises).  
Undertake a fire risk assessment and recommend fire precautions/extinguisher requirements.  
Ensure adequate numbers of staff on site receive First Aid training.

**The prevention of public nuisance**

A sound check has been completed at site to determine an acceptable level.  
During periods of regulated entertainment, the noise level will be limited at source (level agreed from sound check) to ensure that it does not cause a nuisance to residential properties in the vicinity of the site.  
Close stack speaker system utilised to minimise noise bleed.  
A contact number will be presented to local residents should they have any noise or other complaints during periods of regulated entertainment and levels will be adjusted if necessary.

**The protection of children from harm**

Ensure that the 'Challenge 25' policy is strictly adhered to

and that all members of staff shall be trained regarding the sale of alcohol under this policy.

A space for vulnerable persons will be made available.

Organisers will ensure that all vulnerable persons are safe, looked after and only leave site once safe to do so or when the duty of care has been transferred to a suitable person.

**Page: Documents checklist - applying for a premises licence**

You must tick the following statements to confirm you've understood them:

Checklist

- ✓ I understand that I must advertise the application both in the newspaper (within 10 working days) and on the premises (the day after the application is accepted). The Borough Council will send the notice once the application is accepted
- ✓ I will send a copy of the advert once it has appeared in the newspaper - do not advertise until accepted
- ✓ I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application may be rejected
- ✓ The DPS named in this application is entitled to work in the UK (and is not subject to conditions preventing him or her from doing work relating to a licensable activity) and I have seen a copy of his or her proof of entitlement to work, if appropriate

As part of this application, you need to provide the following information:

You can use the following upload facility to provide a copy of the set to **scale plans** for the premises:

Uploaded files\*

Dove Barn\_Site Layout Plan.jpg

\* If empty, no files were uploaded

You can use the following upload facility to provide a **DPS consent form** completed by the proposed premises supervisor:

Uploaded files\*

dps\_consent\_form\_october\_2018.pdf

\* If empty, no files were uploaded

You can use the following upload facility to provide documents demonstrating your **right to work** in the UK:

Uploaded files\*

\* If empty, no files were uploaded

Where applicable (if demonstrating a right to work via the Home Office online right to work checking service), you'll need to provide the 9-digit 'share code' provided to the applicant for that service.

How many share codes do you need to tell us about?

Any further information

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**Page: Payment summary**

Application fee for RV below 4300	<b>£100.00</b>
Total	<b>£100.00</b>

Page: Declaration and payment

## Review your answers

Before clicking 'submit' you must review all of the answers you've provided. **Once your form has been submitted, you cannot make any changes.** If you need to make any amendments to this form, then click 'previous' (you will need to click the declaration box first). Please click on the following link to double check your answers.

[Open a read only view of the answers you have given \(this will open in a new window\)](#)

## Privacy notice

The Council has a duty to process and store your personal information safely and securely in line with data protection legislation, which here means the General Data Protection Regulations (Regulation (EC) 2016/679 which is in force from 25 May 2018) (GDPR) and any national implementing laws, regulations and secondary legislation, as amended or updated from time to time, in the UK and then any successor legislation to the GDPR.

The Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk (the Council), of Kings Court, Chapel Street, King's Lynn, Norfolk, PE30 1EX is the data controller for the purposes of the GDPR and associated domestic law.

We will use your personal information for the purposes of the provision of the licensing services. The processing of this information is necessary for the Council to undertake a public task, i.e. the processing is necessary for the Council to perform a task in the public interest or for its official functions, and the task or function has a clear basis in law, in this case the Licensing Act 2003, as amended.

Your data may be shared between Council departments and other agencies where there is lawful authority to do so.

Your information will be kept strictly confidential. It will be stored separately from other information in a secure, password-protected database on the Council's computer system.

Your personal information will be kept for as long as you require a licence and for a period after the service is terminated. You can find more information about our retention policy on the [privacy notice](#) page. We will only use your data within the terms of data protection laws, will delete your data securely and only keep it for as long as necessary. We will review dates for keeping personal data in the future and if necessary update these privacy notices.

You may see copies of the data held about you and ask for it to be corrected or deleted.

You can find more information about Data Protection and the Council's Data Protection Officer, on our [Data Protection](#) page.

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## Declaration

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**Dove Barn, Thetford Road, Northwold, Norfolk, IP26 5LU – List of Objectors**

No.	Name/s	Address	Distance from Dove Farm Barn
	Mr Graham Jackson		1.2m
	Sandra Jackson		1.2m
	Mr Keith Underwood		0.6m
	Chris and Amanda Lee		0.6m
	Sheena Randall		1.57m
	Mr Peter Willis & Mrs Mamie Willis		0.02m
	Tracey Wheatley		-
	Racheal Goate and Dennis Goate		1.49m
	Parish Councillor Mrs Ailene MacMullen		0.77m
	Mr Steve Stark		-
	Bernadette Dye		-
	Sally and Jodie Betts		-
	Paul & Vicky Plumridge		0.3m
	Mr R Smith		-
	Mrs Nicola Smith		
	Ilona Moss		0.3m
	Tim MacMullen		0.77m
	B J Hills		0.275m
	Mrs R F Cole		0.57m
	Mr & Mrs King		0.757m
	Ms P L Welsh	0.578m	
	Dr John H Martin	51NF	1.07m

	Mr and Mrs M Webb		-
	Linda Dolan		-
	Trevor Silvester		-
	Louisa Knapp		0.4m
	Mrs Teresa Squires		1.5m
	Nija Morgan		1.5m
	Mr Adam Parkin		0m
	Wayne, Vicki, Keith & Ann Shropshire		0.6m
	Mrs Pauline Angus,		-
	Tina Gedney		-
	Mr James Webb		1.9m
	Mr Sidney Randall		-
	Mr Neil Aldridge		-
	Michelle Morris		2.2m
	Georgina Cross		
	Tom and Dee Webb		1.38m
	David Golder		-
	Hayley Judge-Grief		-
	Anne Sherman		1.36m
	Lesley Goodall		-
	Mrs Tanya Copeland		-
	Michaela		0
	Louisa Knapp		1.2m
	Louisa Knapp		1.2m
	Tina Mullins		-
	Patricia Murray		-
	Mrs Tina Camfield		-
	Graham & Sue Cassey		-

	Sarah Patrick		2.1m
	Brenda Pettitt		1.4m
	Doug Pettitt		1.4m
	William Patrick		-
	Rachel Buckle and Sarah Patrick		-
	Diane Gibbs and Dr Warwick Rodwell		1.2m
	Kate Dimock		-
	Emma and Kate		1.78m

**From:** Graham Jackson <>  
**Sent:** 12 October 2020 18:19  
**To:** EH Licensing <[EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** 20/01093/LA\_PRE

I would like to object to this application for a licence on the following grounds:

- 1 The entrance/exit is only wide enough for one vehicle and is on a 60mph stretch of an A road.
  - 2 Noise and disturbance to adjacent bungalow and residents along the A134 and Northwold.
  - 3 No indication of how Covid 19 regulations will be enforced.
  - 4 Potential for drunken behaviour and alcohol/drug related incidents/accodents especially when leaving the site.
  - 5 Potential disturbance of the nature reserve opposite the site.
  - 6 Music played at a previous event was very loud and did not finish until very late.
- Kind regards,

Graham Jackson



**From:** Sandie Jackson <>  
**Sent:** 13 October 2020 13:13  
**To:** EH Licensing <[EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Licensing application for Dove barn Meadow 20/01093/LA\_PRE

Ref 20/01093/LA\_PRE Dove Barn Meadow, Thetford, Norfolk IP26 5LU

I would like to object to this application for a licence on the following grounds:

1. The entrance/exit is only wide enough for one vehicle and is on a 60mph stretch of an A road.
2. We have a large older population that will not understand or cope with the noise from this event.
3. Children in this village would be profoundly affected by the noise created by this event, especially this time of night.
4. Potential disturbance of the nature reserve opposite the site.
5. Also there are several fields locally where livestock is kept, including breeding animals, they will definitely be affected.
6. The other events that have occurred in this area did not keep to safety regulations or sound levels.

Kind regards,

Sandra Jackson



Sent from myMail for iOS

**From:** keith underwood <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** 13 October 2020 15:05  
**To:** EH Licensing <[EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** objection to Application for the New Premises Licence



Environment and Planning – Licensing  
Borough Council of Kings Lynn  
Kings Court. Chapple Street  
Kings Lynn. PE30 1EX

13<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to object to the Application for the New Premises Licence at

**Dove Barn Meadow**

**Thetford Road**

**Northwold. Thetford**

**IP26 5LU**

**Ref: 20/01093/LA\_PRE**

1. I believe it would have an impact on the local environment; this is the home of the local Natterjack toad.
2. It would be out of character to the area
3. It would cause a disturbance with the noise
4. I believe it would cause an issue to highway safety with all the extra traffic

Respectfully Yours

*Keith Underwood*

Keith Underwood

**From:** Chris Lee <[\[redacted\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 13 October 2020 15:40  
**To:** EH Licensing <[EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Planning application 20/01093/LA

Good afternoon. I would like to submit my objection/s to this application as follow:

The entrance and exit to the site is on a fast part of the A134, and in my opinion dangerous for multiple vehicles entering and exiting

There has been a recent (mid to late August) live music “rave” on or near the site, which was extremely noisy and disturbed everyone in the village that we have spoken to until early hours.

The area is quiet and peaceful with varied wildlife and birds, and in our opinion the application is not suitable for such an area.

There have been “events” in the past, all of which have caused noise issues around the locality, none of which have been complained about because they were thought to be one off events.

I sincerely hope the council takes the local populace into consideration when assessing this application.

Best regards and stay safe



----- Original message -----

From: Sheena Randell <[\[redacted\]](#)>  
Date: 13/10/2020 15:43 (GMT+00:00)  
To: [EHlicensing@West.Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West.Norfolk.gov.uk)  
Subject: Application For Licensing objections  
REF: Dove barn meadows 20/01093/LA\_PRE

Our local village is just becoming aware of this application. I strongly object on the basis of a noise nuisance and that it will destroy some of the local businesses close by. The location is very close to residential properties and would definitely have an impact on the country way of life. I have copied a response from one local business who I believe will suffer the biggest problems should this be allowed to happen.

The last event was indeed a shock as no one seemed to know it was happening. Even local police had no idea! Allowing something like this could potentially be a disaster for the nearby villages. It could even devalue properties.

The following information below, has my backing on every level. Copied from the Northwold village Group.

Hello. I live next door to this. I own the outdoor Tipi wedding venue @wellingtonwoodnorfolk which is directly next door and I have full view of this land. We have an eco-friendly , licensed wedding venue here for couples wanting a relaxed wedding surrounded by nature. We are local people and we employ and support local business. We are totally devastated that this planning application for an events venue right ontop of us has been submitted. The festival event on Saturday 19th September on this piece of land was also devastating for us. Our venue and ceremony areas shook with the deafening volume and we were just thankful that the wedding here on that date had been postponed due to Covid-19. It would have been tragic for the couple, their family & friends. There is no way we could have weddings here with this next door to us and our business will be destroyed. As the evening went on, we had trouble with people stepping over our boundaries to urinate. This was not a 'family' event as stated. This was also a PR stunt to get the planning through and not many locals here including us were aware of this event. The Cambridgeshire 'journalist' or should I say PR person also helped along with a 'positive' write-up of the event. The pictures and video footage you see were from much earlier in the day, the event started at 10am. There are other pictures and videos that clearly show social distancing was not happening and it was a very different story as the evening went on. This is not a local business supporting local people. The land is owned by a person who does not live in the county. It is his nephew Mr Thomas Janes on the planning docs who has submitted this planning and who owns an events company called HiFields which is a DJ dance music festival company in Newmarket & Cambridge. They run huge festival events <https://www.facebook.com/hifieldsfest/>. and are calling this one here for the future 'Magical Meadows'. The owner of HiFields Festivals does not live in Norfolk either. This strip of land is really not suitable for events. It is completely surrounded by households in full view with a small access directly onto the A134. We have access and right of way on this land and just can't see how this would be safe for big numbers of people from all over to come through directly off and onto the A134. They are not bringing business to the local area and in my view will bring nothing but trouble, noise and disturbance as well as the end of Wellington Wood. If they only want to run a few events, why not stay with a Temporary Events Notice as they did on the 19h September? Applying for full planning means they can easily extend to late license 2am, have large numbers of people staying overnight and hold events whenever they want. Please consider the ramifications of this and I really don't want to upset or offend anyone but there is a lot more to this than meets the eye. We are lost for words, shocked and devastated at the thought we could lose our business over this. Thank you for reading my message.

I hope that commonsense prevails and the application is denied.

Many thanks S Randell, [\[redacted\]](#)

**From:** Peter Wills <[\[redacted\]](mailto:)>  
**Sent:** 13 October 2020 16:31  
**To:** EH Licensing <[EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** Cllr Alun Ryves <[cllr.tom.ryves@west-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.tom.ryves@west-norfolk.gov.uk)>; Borough Planning <[borough.planning@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:borough.planning@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>; [licensingapplications@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:licensingapplications@norfolk.gov.uk)  
**Subject:** Planning Application Dove Barn Meadow/ 20/01093/LA\_PRE  
**Importance:** High



13<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Attn: Licensing Team

Ref: Planning Application Dove Barn Meadow/ **20/01093/LA\_PRE**

Dear Sir/ Madam

It is with the greatest concern that we write this letter regarding the above application for Dove Farm. As residents of Northwold, we actually live next door to Dove Farm.

Recently on 19<sup>th</sup> September there has been an event held by the applicant which we were led to believe was a single event. It started in the morning until late in the evening. The music was exceptionally loud, repetitive beat and a disturbing event.

I know that the applicant Mr Thomas Janes runs a business called Hifields Festivals holding very large DJ dance music festivals in Cambridgeshire & Suffolk. The owner of Dove Farm who does not live on the property, lives in another county and has allowed Mr Thomas Janes with Hifields Festivals to have this event they are calling Magical Meadows. We were led to believe this was a one-off event due to Covid-19 restrictions on their usual business and that a Temporary License was granted and Covid measures in place for the event. We accepted this and did not make the complaint about the event and noise at the time. We just hoped that it would all be over quickly since the event was so loud and the timing of this event exceptionally insensitive due to the spike of Covid that same week in the news. We were told there was some kind of marking on the ground for social distancing so we just accepted it as a day of incredibly loud noise and disturbance.

During the day, the noise was unbearable from start to finish. The house shook and this was definitely a commercial festival volume that in our opinion should have been in a larger area of land to accommodate this, a lot further away from households and with a clearer access and an easier road to turn into.

As the evening progressed there was an obvious lack of social distancing in view and the festival goers were hopping over our fence to go to the toilet in our apple orchard and also over to the other neighbours' land. The social distancing measures were not followed as the evening progressed. The disturbance and noise was terrible.

It is our worst nightmare that such an event or any other events including weddings should be repeated here as the noise cannot be controlled at such a close distance.

Many of the locals, including ourselves, had no information about the event. We are certain that this will unfortunately affect the number of complaints made.

We are of the strong opinion that this is a very unsuitable location for any events. The owner of land lives in another county. This planning application brings nothing to this beautiful area other than a dreadful volume of noise and disturbance. The entrance leads out onto the A134 and this is so dangerous for larger numbers of people. We absolutely implore you to consider or at least delay and investigate more.

We find this to be entirely unsuitable for this plot of land that is surrounded by neighbouring villagers, orchards, woodland, horses and livestock and businesses which will be affected negatively.

A huge concern is if this permission is granted, this would mean that any events could take place anytime 7 days a week til midnight or even an easy access to an extended late license. This would be so dreadful for this area, the wildlife, the risk of fire in our orchard which joins onto Thetford Forest, the neighbourhood and the neighbouring businesses.

We would like to make our point clear as residents of Northwold and direct neighbours to this site of planning application, that we are entirely against this planning application and wish it to be refused.

I hope you will understand our views and that this is not in any way personal to the owner of the land or Mr Thomas Janes or of his business elsewhere. We don't want to upset anyone or anyone's business but we would like to make a stand that any events on this particular strip of land are totally unsuitable, dangerous and a nuisance to the direct neighbours who have full view and are in full view of this plot of land.

We welcome you to visit us and have a look around to understand our points and if there is anything we can do or say to reinforce our strong opinion against this planning application, please let us know and contact us.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Peter Wills & Mrs Mamie Wills

-----Original Message-----

From: tracey wheatley <[\[redacted\]](mailto:tracey.wheatley@west-norfolk.gov.uk)>  
Sent: 13 October 2020 17:16  
To: EH Licensing <[EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>  
Subject: Ref no. 20/01093/LA\_PRE

Kings Lynn & West Norfolk Licensing Team

I would like to make an objection to the Licensing application for Dove barn Meadow  
20/01093/LA\_PRE.

- 1.The location of this area is not suitable for licensing premises as it has a dangerous access from a small lane, vehicles will be pulling out onto the main road which see enough accidents as it stands with alcohol and nighttime driving exiting this venue could be disastrous.
2. It is very close to the toad and newt breeding area which local people help these amphibians to cross the road when it is breeding season.
- 3.It would ruin the eco wedding venue next door which is a new business that supports local companies and people.
- 4.After the last event in September the noise was disturbing up to 3 miles away and then the was the public urination.

T j wheatley

-----Original Message-----

From: Racheal Goate < >

Sent: 13 October 2020 19:44

To: EH Licensing <[EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>

Subject: OBJECTION TO LICENSE APPLICATION REF 20/01093/LA\_PRE

OBJECTION TO LICENSE APPLICATION REF 20/01093/LA\_PRE Dove Barn Meadow-Thetford- Norfolk  
IP26 4QL

I would like to add my objection to the application for a license as in the reference named above.

I am employed by the wedding venue Wellington Wood whose business is directly next to the location applying for a license.

Firstly, the noise from the event held by the same organisers in September was a dangerous, unsafe, and COVID non-compliant operation. Festival go-ers may well have socially distanced on arrival. However a few hours in, and with no doubt the consumption of alcohol or other substances, the crowds did not socially distance at all. Aside from being in large groups close together, they also trespassed onto other neighbours land and were found urinating in people's gardens and woodlands.

I object to this, for several reasons.

Noise pollution being one, my father is 84 years old and has lived in Northwold his entire life, and he was disrupted and disturbed by the noise and described how he could hear it from his home, which is well over a mile away from the location.

I also object to the application on behalf of protecting the toad migration that takes place on that road each year and the toads and other wildlife must be protected from this potential harm to their habitat.

On a personal level, I object due to the fact that the people that employ me have worked diligently to create a successful, eco friendly business in northwold, bringing in several other local businesses and employing local people like myself, and if this license application goes ahead, it will bring an end to their business, and will cause untold financial damage to local business and local people.

We urge the council to reject this application.



Environment and Planning –Licensing  
Borough Council of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk  
Kings Court  
Chapel Street  
Kings Lynn



Reference 20/01093/LA-PRE

I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the application for a licence to sell alcohol and provide regulated entertainment at Dove Barn Meadow, Thetford Road Northwold for the following reasons.

1. Noise.

There was an “ event” on this site for “ regulated entertainment “ organised by Hifields entertainment (which I am told is owned by the applicant Thomas Janes) in September. The noise started at 11 am and continued until 10.00pm . I reported it to the police that morning as I thought it must be another illegal rave. The police had no prior notification of this event, nor had local residents, which suggests a total disregard for us. I live exactly a mile from this site and the noise was so clear that it could have been next door. The thought of a licence being granted for seven days a week until midnight - or indeed for any other event like -is totally unacceptable.

2. Road Safety.

The entrance to this site is from the main A134, through a narrow gateway and only 200 Yards from the end of the newly imposed 50mph speed limit. I am concerned that the flow of traffic on this stretch of road could be seriously compromised by cars entering and leaving this site especially on drivers leaving an event where alcohol has been on sale all day.

3. Covid19

Despite the earlier event supposedly enforcing Covid regulations I have been told that by the end of the evening there was little evidence of this . I fail to see how organisers can guarantee these being upheld in a site where overnight accommodation is available and where alcohol is available for 13 hours. Having to police something like this is surely going to cause greater unnecessary demand on our already over-burdened Police Force.

We residents in West Norfolk have managed to keep Covid 19 levels down in comparison to other areas. I am very concerned that events such as this will attract people from outside our area ( over which we have no control) and quite possibly cause the virus to spread and put pressure on local NHS facilities.

4. Effects on veterans.

We have several military ex -service veterans living in Northwold who have seen active service in Iraq and Afghanistan. Whilst not being diagnosed with PTSD they find the constant “thump, thump “ of this sort of music...” garage, house, disco, techo and funk” very distressing and I feel that we owe it to them not to create a situation which they find intolerable.

5. Location.

Dove Barn Meadow lies in a quiet, rural farming location with Forestry nearby and a Nature Reserve across the road. This application is totally at odds with the nature of the environment, the inhabitants of the village and surroundings. Whilst I appreciate that there are people who would like to attend events like this in the locality, I do not think they have considered any of the above. The applicant is not a local and this is unlikely to provide any employment for locals.

I sincerely hope that this application is denied.

**From:**

**Sent:** 13 October 2020 19:59

**To:** EH Licensing <[EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Re: Fwd: Ref..20/01093/LA-PRE Dove Barn Meadow

Further to my letter dated 11th October objecting to the application for an alcohol license and a license to provide regulated entertainment at Dove Barn Meadow I would like to add to my objections in more detail. My previous objections can be seen in that letter.

Since writing my letter I have spoken to residents who live even closer to the site than we do and am appalled at what I have been told about the behaviour of attendees and organisers.

The following are actions which these residents experienced on the 19th September:

People urinating on the borders of their property

People arguing drunkenly within earshot of their homes

Strobe lighting frightening domestic pets

Cars turning in to resident's driveways mistaking them for the entrance to the event and proceeding to reverse on to the main road... on at least 11 occasions and causing near havoc.

Added to these there was little evidence of marshalls controlling the event ensuring the Rule of 6 in line with Covid restrictions. In fact when my husband drove up briefly to see what was going on in the evening he was neither stopped or checked on entering the site and saw little evidence of social distancing .This does not suggest that this operation is going to abide by any government regulations and as I stated in my letter , I cannot see how it can be controlled when overnight accommodation is available.

I also have to wonder why no one knew about this in advance as there was no notice on the gate as there is now . Was the event on the 19th September actually legal?

One of the neighbours runs a woodland wedding venue on land bordering this meadow. Any event of this type would decimate this burgeoning enterprise which actually employs local people unlike Hifields entertainment which seems to be a self contained affair using its own workforce from outside the county.

Trees were cleared from this meadow last year presumably in preparation for the event in September and for future events even before a license was permitted! Was a permit needed for this tree felling? One can't help feeling that the applicant thinks this is already a "done deal". I sincerely hope this is not the case and the application will be given due consideration.

There is very strong feeling against this application in our village of Northwold. I sincerely hope that the Licensing Committee understands why we do not want these licenses ( alcohol and music) granted.

Yours

Ailene M H MacMullen (Parish Councillor)

**From:** Steven Stark <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 14 October 2020 11:32  
**To:** Marie Malt <[Marie.malt@west-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:Marie.malt@west-norfolk.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: Licensing application for Dove barn Meadow 20/01093/LA\_PRE - Objection!!!

Good Morning Marie,

Thank you for your timely reply and information in the attachment. I believe the reasoning for my objection met two of the four objectives:

Prevention of Crime and Disorder  
Public Safety

In light of the current rules/laws put in place by the government with regard to the COVID 19 pandemic, the gathering of the large groups of people, fuelled by the relaxation of inhibitions when people consume alcoholic beverages will create an environment without the mandatory social distancing. Further it will undoubtedly have an impact of Public Safety by creating an environment likely to spread this virus. It will be an unsecure COVID venue and the likelihood that the mandatory track & trace would be in place is questionable at best. Additionally, it is likely that people attending will get in their cars and drive after consuming alcoholic beverages.

I welcome your thoughts based on the information I have presented.

Thank you again,

Steve Stark

**From:** Bernie Dye <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 13 October 2020 21:20  
**To:** EH Licensing <[EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Licensing application for Dove Barn Meadow. 20/01093/LA\_PRE

I am writing to strongly object to the plans for the above application.

I live in Methwold and following a recent event held on this area of land, we could hear the music in our village. There were streams of cars driving through our village with people presumably trying to find the event and it wasn't even held here.

I am concerned about the frequency of the events and the detrimental effect it will have on the small village of Northwold and the surrounding villages with the numbers of people attending.

I also have a very personal reason for objecting.

Myself and my partner are due to hold our wedding reception at Wellington Wood (an outdoor wedding venue) that is situated right next to the proposed piece of land.

The type of proposed events with loud music will mean that our wedding venue will have to close down due to the close proximity and the very real problem of noise disturbance interfering with any weddings held at Wellington Wood.

We had to postpone our wedding this year due to Covid-19. The worry that we may now lose our wedding venue if this planning application is approved will devastate me. Not just for myself but for all the other couples who have booked their wedding at Wellington Wood and for the owners Paul and Vicky who have worked hard to create a wonderful, sustainable, eco-friendly business that does not impose on the surrounding villages.

In my opinion this will do nothing positive for Northwold and the surrounding villages. Most people attending wont even be from the local area and will have no concern for disturbing residents. At the last event people were seen urinating in peoples gardens. This is not something any one wants or needs. Not to mention that we are in the midst of a pandemic where we are advised against large gatherings with no end of those rules in sight.

Kind regards,  
Bernadette Dye.  
Methwold Resident.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** Sally Betts <[\[redacted\]](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** 13 October 2020 21:22  
**To:** EH Licensing <[EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Ref: 20/01093/LA\_PRE

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We would like to raise our concern for the planning application for Dove Barn Meadow, Thetford Road Northwold Thetford, Norfolk, IP26 5LU application reference

number **Ref:20/01093/LA\_PRE.**

The application is for a entertainment centre with drinks licence. Our objections are as follows.

- The property sits on A134 which is a high accident road. Recently a new 50mph speed limit has been enforced at Northwold. There have been multiple deaths on this road within one mile of the proposed site. Our concern is that increased traffic entering and exiting the site onto the main road could escalate traffic issues.
- Second objection is noise. We have already experienced noise/music Coming from the vicinity of the proposed site which we do not want to become a regular occurrence and is not in keeping within a rural environment.

Thank you for considering our concerns

Yours Sincerely

Sally and Jody Betts

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** user <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** 13 October 2020 13:52  
**To:** EH Licensing <[EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** {SPAM} Licensing App 20/01093/LA\_PRE Objection

With attention to the Licensing Department, Cllr Ryves      **Reference: 20/01093/LA\_PRE**

Dear Sir/ Madam

We are writing with reference to Application Dove Farm Meadow **20/01093/LA\_PRE**

We live and have a wedding venue right next door to Dove Farm Meadow. 'Next door' meaning that our land is adjacent and right next door with a clear view between boundaries onto this piece of land which we also have right of way onto the A134.

Our wedding business is entirely dependent on the fact that we are a sustainable, eco-friendly outdoor venue that totally supports and uses local businesses. Couples book their weddings here for a relaxed wedding surrounded by nature in the countryside, happy in the knowledge that their wedding is being mindful to the environment and supporting local. We have Giant Hat Tipis, an ancient woodland ceremony area with a licensed ceremony wooden structure called The Larch where Norfolk Council (Marry in Norfolk Registrars) hold legal ceremonies. [www.wellingtonwood.co.uk](http://www.wellingtonwood.co.uk)

Firstly, I would like to mention an event held at Dove Farm Meadow by the applicant Mr Thomas Janes on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020. We were not aware beforehand of this event. The moment we heard the extremely loud music in the morning, we went over to ask what was happening. We met Mr Thomas Janes that day for the first time across the boundary and he told us that this was an all-day till late evening event with relevant official permission through a Temporary Event License.

The noise was deafening and non-stop body thumping. We swiftly moved livestock and horses away as far as we could. It didn't sit well with us that this was the week in the news that the spike of Covid-19 was happening but we went along with everything respectfully. We were worried about the event and we did receive telephone calls from people we know and also the Forestry Commission that day asking if this 'rave' was on our land. Unfortunately but thankfully, we had a postponed wedding that weekend due to Covid-19 and I must say that if the wedding had gone ahead we would have had a devastated couple having their ceremony with deafening thumping bass music. Even refunding the couple would not have been enough to make it better for them since their special day would have been totally ruined with this volume of music. It would have been dreadful to have a wedding here that day.

We also noticed looking over onto the plot of land Dove Barn Meadow, that on the stage the name was 'Hi-Fields' and we looked this up to realise this is a big DJ Dance Music Festival & Event company owned by Mr Thomas Janes. The equipment and sound systems used that day matched those of huge DJ dance music events for much bigger areas. The look and construction of the stage and the lorries that came in were for a large commercial festival event. They have called the event 'Magical Meadows' with intention to repeat this event in the future and we now discover along with these planned events there is a formal planning application made to you for 'weddings' on this land.

The owner of the land Dove Barn Meadow, Mr Ken Harris lives elsewhere in another county and so is not affected by any disturbances caused. He has made arrangements with his nephew Mr Thomas Janes who lives in Cambridgeshire and runs HifiFields Festivals, to start a new business venture for this piece of land. We are devastated at this news since we hope by next year to have weekend weddings back at Wellington Wood and we are so afraid now that the noise will be unbearable for our weddings especially the woodland ceremony area which is so close to the boundaries. The noise made The Larch our licensed

ceremony area in the meadow rattle - the whole place was shaking. I must say that this noise level was so loud, the likes of which you would only expect at a huge concert venue. There was no effort for any neighbourly relations from Mr Ken Harris or Mr Thomas Janes, neither interested in working with us or communication with us even to let us know about the event beforehand – just common courtesy which is otherwise pretty normal between locals around here for community village life in Northwold.

Obviously with concern for our neighbouring land, we kept checking it later in the evening where the boundaries are and to our horror we saw how people at the event were stepping over onto our side to urinate etc. We didn't feel that we should call the police over something like this and dealt with it ourselves by shining torches and asking them politely to go back over. We were successful, however it wasn't nice. There was also clearly a lack of social distancing at the event at that time.

Northwold and neighbouring villages were asking each other on local Facebook village forum groups what the noise was about and whether it was an illegal rave. It was such an unknown entity, I doubt people are realising this application and the ramifications it would have, not actually bringing anything to the village other than noise, disruption and danger to the fast road it comes out of on the A134.

We must stress our opposition to the planning and further events on this piece of land surrounded closely by private households in view.

Firstly as a wedding venue ourselves with Wellington Wood, as with many local businesses, we have had a tragic wedding year with postponements. The idea that loud events and weddings could take place at the same time right next door to us would devastate our business and the wedding couples who have booked here with the premise of a relaxed wedding surrounded by nature not the deafening loud festival music next door.

Whilst we full-heartedly welcome locals creating and growing their businesses, wedding venues or other to the area, two wedding venues directly next door to each other does not work for anyone or anywhere and would only interrupt each other.

If this so-called 'wedding application' was a mile or so down the road this would be acceptable and welcoming as a working relationship and even help each other out with things and with potential wedding couples, however this strip of land is directly next to us and will jeopardise our weddings here on so many levels.

We do honestly feel that the land at Dove Barn Meadow is entirely unsuitable for any event. We feel sorry also for those occupants in the houses so close and directly neighbouring the plot of land which is in full view. We also feel the entrance is unsuitable for lorries bringing sound equipment & Shepherd's Huts towed in off the A134. As we have said, we have right of way to that access but only choose to use it for emergency access rather than daily access.

If planning permission is granted this would mean that Mr Thomas Janes could have events taking place anytime 7 days a week til midnight and also with the possibility to extend late license til 2am. This would be so dreadful for us, our wedding couples already booked here, 'Marry in Norfolk' Registrars who will be horrified with a dance music rave festival or wedding music from next door during their ceremony here. Either way weddings or loud music festivals, right next door will be tragic for us during our wedding season between April – September.

This will totally ruin our business and what we are trying to do here as an eco-friendly wedding venue. We are devastated at the thought of it. We live here as residents of Northwold, we employ local people and businesses and as far as we see it an Events/ Wedding venue ontop of our eco-friendly local Wedding venue is not sustainable.

For these reasons, we are entirely in opposition against this planning application.

We would like to invite you over to see the land and how it would affect our business and also the local environment.

Please let us know if there is anything more we can do to make assist this complaint against this planning permission.

Thank you so much for your attention to our letter.

Yours sincerely

Paul & Vicky Plumridge



**From:** Rob Smith <>  
**Sent:** 14 October 2020 10:25  
**To:** EH Licensing <[EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** ref 20/01/093/LA\_PRE

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I write in regards to application number: -

Firstly - to state that I totally object to this licence being agreed as it is in direct conflict with the nature of the location and disturbances caused by the secret "temporary events notice" already provided to the applicant concerned. There was NO PRIOR LOCAL AWARENESS of this "test" event and the reason for that is simple = it is not intended to provide any local benefits. The wool has been pulled over the proverbial eyes of whoever issued the documents in the first place.

Secondly – The owner of land and applicant for the licence have no direct interest in the local area they are literally trying to take full advantage of a "blind decision" being made in their favour. The reporting of the event is far from independent and looks to utilise a PR style approach, to "sell" the idea to the council.

Thirdly – we live on the A134, where a recent 50MPH limit has been installed in order to try and manage road safety (a road where 60,000 vehicles passed within the last 21-days = 133 vehicles per hour on average and noting that those vehicles travelling in the evenings or at night who would be speeding and disregarding any limits. This is exactly the time that party goes would be accessing the entry and exit point which is a SINGLE track location = an accident waiting to happen.

Fourthly – We are over 3-miles from the location and could clearly hear the noise pollution it caused = thumping bass all day and night without any consideration to the local occupants. I am confident that the applicant will have gone to extreme measure to control and manage the test event in order that it looks good and friendly, but they would as they are requesting a FULL opportunity to ruin the local peace and quiet.

Fifthly – it will have a direct and negative impact on existing businesses (Weddings in Wellington Wood for example) who compliment the location rather than abuse it.

In short the fact that a test event was allowed to go ahead in secret suggests that the local authority are in cahoots with the applicant (or possibly one of the council officers is related to the event business involved)? Why would a temporary licence be issued and an event be held without any local marketing if it was in actual fact a good thing for the locality = it beggars belief.

The council would be better to publicise who has been involved with this application from the start, their direct or indirect interests in the licence being issued and the RISK of licence extensions or amendments which no doubt would follow it being agreed. My guess is that with very little effort there would be some uncomfortable reading!

Disappointed in the council for enabling a secret event to take place and more so in the fact that it is only the actions of local people who have even brought such an activity to the notice of the wider population. This a FESTIVAL EVENT BUSINESS PLANNING TO OPEN ALL YEAR IN A WILDLIFE WOODLAND not a 1 x bedroom extension request!

Regards, R H Smith,

**From:** Nicola Smith <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** 14 October 2020 10:48  
**To:** EH Licensing <[EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Ref 20/01093/LA\_PRE Dove Barn Meadow, Thetford, Norfolk IP26 5LU

**Ref 20/01093/LA\_PRE Dove Barn Meadow, Thetford, Norfolk IP26 5LU**

I am emailing with regard to the above application for a licence for the sale of alcohol and provision of entertainment

I would like to strongly object to this application.

I live on the A134 and could clearly hear the disturbance of the recent event held at this location, if this were to become a regular occurrence it would cause a major disturbance to the surrounding area and it's occupants.

It is also my understanding that an existing Wedding Venue already exists very near to this location, (from which we have never had any disturbance), surely this new 'events' venue would have a detrimental effect on the peace and tranquility of this unique wedding venue.

Another cause for concern is the increase in traffic entering and existing the A134 - a very busy road as established by the recent SAM-2 which has been measuring the volume and speed of passing traffic. Traffic entering and leaving this venue late at night via a single track would only add to what is already a very dangerous road.

It would appear that the recent event held saw attendees urinating over neighbouring land, drunken behaviour and no regard for social distancing.

The current application proposes a licence for the sale of alcohol 11:00am - midnight, Monday to Sunday and the same for entertainment. This is practically all day, every day residents could be subjected to the disturbance caused by these events. Also if approved the applicants could then apply for the licence to be extended into the early hours.

Again, on the above grounds I would like to object to the above application.

Regards  
Mrs Nicola Smith

[redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: Ilona <>  
Sent: 14 October 2020 13:40  
To: EH Licensing <[EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>  
Subject: Dove Barn 20/01093/LA\_PRE

To whom it may concern

Re. Objection to licensing application 20/01093/LA\_PRE

My home borders on the plot of land / Dove Barn. There is also our woodland abutting it.

I have no doubt that excessive drinking and smoking during these planned "music events" will cause danger. It takes only one careless cigarette to start a forest fire. The recent storms have dislodged plenty of dried wood which is lying on the forest floor and it would take only a spark to ignite. Forest fires run very quickly and my house is of timber construction and attached to the house of my daughters and her little family with young children and animals. I hope you can see my fears.

This piece of land is surrounded On three sides by our woodland and the neighbours apple orchard and our paddock which we have lambs and birthing ewes right along the side of it.

My family here has a wedding venue totally eco-friendly and all about the beauty of this part of the world. This will be totally devastated by the uncertainty of the direct neighbours loud and inconsiderate events. The venue being so close would only devastate this local business. Ceremonies are held in the woodland and any noise from this area would only serve as a nuisance.

I would also like to point out the noise disturbance (proven by the latest musical event on the aforementioned land for which permission was granted despite Covid restrictions and numbers limited. ) The noise - mainly the bass thumping - carries and echoes through the forest and grossly impedes quality of life. It was a terrible disruption the likes of which I have not heard before. Even if time limits would be applied - why should I have my peaceful life regularly disrupted, since the reason of living here is the heavenly peace and quiet of our forest. There were also members of the public using our land as a free route of entry damaging fencing Risking livestock to escape. But my main and most serious concern is the fire risk. I am sure the police and fire service cannot afford to be on standby whenever events are planned.

Please consider this a letter an objection for the reasons of fear of safety, nuisance, disturbance and disorder and I trust you to give this your most earnest consideration.

I would be grateful confirmation of this email well received.

Yours sincerely

Ilona Moss



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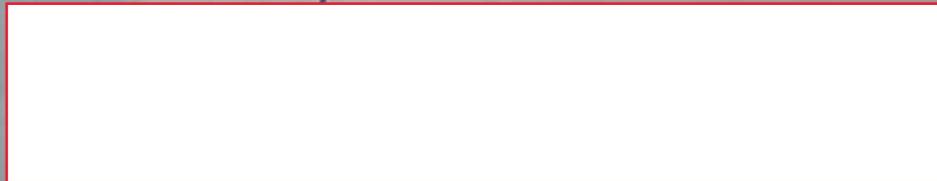
*12 October 2020*

Reference: 20/01193/LA-PRE. Licence to sell alcohol and music, Dove Barn Meadow.

Sir/Madam,

I am saddened and disappointed in the District Council that you allow this licence application to go to public consultation. I would have hoped that our Council would protect the population from such a proposal. One day of their noise produced by the applicant last month was too much and resulted in complaints to the police. To think that the Council is considering a licence for alcohol consumption on a temporary site leading on to an A road, seven days a week and noise from 1000 to 2359 is unbelievable. As a resident within a mile of the proposed site I strongly object to this application and any reduced form of the same.

*Yours sincerely*



----- Original Message -----

From:

To: [ehlicensing@west-norfolk.gov](mailto:ehlicensing@west-norfolk.gov)

Sent: Wednesday, 14 Oct, 2020 At 20:26

Subject: Ref 20/01093/LA-PRE Dove Barn Meadow

Sir/Madam

Further to my Letter dated 12 Sep 2020. I wish to expand my objection to the above application.

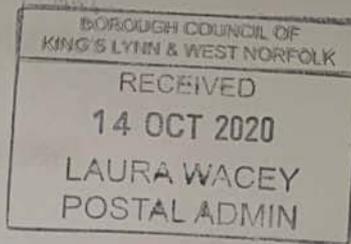
1. Public Nuisance; The noise from the event on the 19 Sep was seriously disturbing. There was nowhere in my house that I could get away from the noise and I am a mile away from the proposed location. This caused me considerable discomfort in my own home and my garden. The application is for seven days a week and music from 1000 to midnight. which too my mind is far too much. The applicant ran an event on the 19 September and no notice was given to the locals and as a result of the excessive noise I amongst others assumed that it was an illegal rave and called the police. I reported this to the police as I felt it was a public nuisance. Should you grant this licence it will seriously impact upon and restrict my enjoyment of living in a rural setting.

If I found the noise disturbing at a mile away from the event I can not imagine how bad it was for the occupants of the four houses who back on to the proposed site. On their grounds I can not imagine that this application deserves any consideration.

2 Public Safety; I am concerned on two accounts ;firstly alcohol being served over the period and the access to the site being off an A road with no speed limit and secondly access to the site is not clear as I discovered myself when I went to investigate the noise on the 19 Sep, when I went into the entrance of a house beside the event rather than the event itself. If this application proceeds I feel certain there will be an accident on the A134 where public safety will be seriously compromised and it will also cause considerable disquiet to the occupant of the house beside the event.

3. Public Heath. Whilst this is not normally a matter which you consider ( because the law has not changed during this pandemic), we are not in normal times and Covid 19 protocols were not observed on the 19 Sep nor is it likely will they be in the future in my opinion.

Yours Sincerely  
Tim MacMullen



Ref.20/01093/ LA -PRE  
12thOctober 2020  
Enviroment & Planning Licensing  
Borough Council  
Kings Lynn  
Kings Court  
Chapel St.  
Kings Lynn  
PE30 1ER

Dear Sir

I am greatly concerned about the application for a licence relating to the playing of music and the consumption of alcohol.

I live very close to this proposed venue and was recently subjected to the very loud music and greatly amplified shouting. Indeed the windows of my house vibrated.

I understand that various conditions were in place for this event, such as those attending should form groups of 6. This was not what happened, for those present having consumed whatever most certainly did not observe this

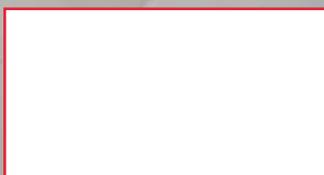
Therefore I submit that this would always be the case, the sale of alcohol and possible other substances is without doubt a very profitable temptation.

Concerning the venue this is reached by a narrow mud track leading to a asbestos agricultural building, the so called meadow is very small, therefore one must ask what provision could be made for any number of cars. I would further remind those who would consider this application the A134 is very busy road, the number of accidents that have occured run into tens, there have also been 5 deaths.

I would therefore hope you will take into consideration the fact that whatever conditions you might impose there is little chance of them being observed, or indeed policed.

Furthermore may I appeal for that which we are in law entitled to namely the peaceful enjoyment of our property. I pay over £52 per week in rates on agricultural barn pays nothing.

To conclude Covid is likely to be with us for the forseable future, can one expect the necessary precatons to beobserved. Would the number attending be limited?Would the noise level conditions if imposed be observed?I suggest the answer is no!. After all the true reason for this application is to make mostly untaxable money from the sale of who knows what.



11 October 2020



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Environment and Planning – Licensing  
Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk  
King's Court  
Chapel Street  
King's Lynn  
PE30 1EX

Dear Sir

**Re: New Premises Licence Application Number 20/01093/LA\_PRE**

I write with reference to the above application in respect of Dove Barn Meadow IP26 5LU.

I would like to register my objection to this application. I live within a few hundred yards of the site and can remember vividly the previous so called "legal rave" which was held there recently. The noise was heard above the sound of our television, especially the bass beats. After the event some of the participants parked up in the layby outside our house to continue eating and drinking. The rubbish we found on our verges the next morning was not pleasant. Also, we left home early the next morning (between 8am and 8.30am) and there were still cars pulling out of the site at that time. The cars pull out directly onto the A134 where the speed limit is 60 mph and it will cause traffic problems if not accidents if this application was to be given the go ahead.

Yours faithfully



Mrs R F Cole

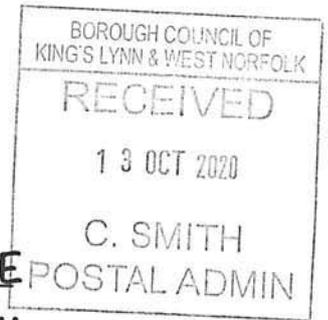


# Licensing Act 2003

## Objection-Representation Letter

Reference New Premises Licence Application 20/01093-LA PRE

Dove Barn Meadow, Thetford Road, Northwold, Thetford IP26 5LU



As interested parties living in the vicinity of the said premises (Dove Barn is situated at the outskirts of Cranwich) we would like to make the following objections to this application :-

### 1- Crime and Disorder.

We live in a rural area with little or no crime and disorder, although there is talk of some drug activity in our local area, we believe that opening a licensed Alcohol and Music venue will bring in the possibility of some undesirables and associated crimes and disorder.

### 2- Public Safety.

The Thetford (Lynn) Road through Cranwich and Northwold is known as one of the fastest roads in the surrounding area - as can be judged by the amount of accidents that have happened on this road over the last few years - there are no speed restrictions in effect anywhere near this venue - there is no Public transport within 5 to 8 miles, no local taxi services and the local buses will not stop on this stretch of road due to the fast moving traffic, which means that all means of access to this venue will have to be by private transport, causing a massive increase in traffic on this dangerous road!.

### 3- To prevent public nuisance .

There was an illegal rave held at this venue within the month or so, cars pulling in the lay by near the local cottages looking for the venue entrance - music blasting out ALL night, people were still leaving in the morning of the next day!.

We have also had young people stopping at the house (on foot) from raves in Thetford Forest asking for help to get to somewhere with no public transport!.

Bringing a large amount of young people together in today's climate in the middle of nowhere is not a good idea, social distancing, the rule of 7<sup>1</sup> etc!.

It almost sounds like this application is being made with the view to legalising raves at this venue!.

4- Protect children from harm.

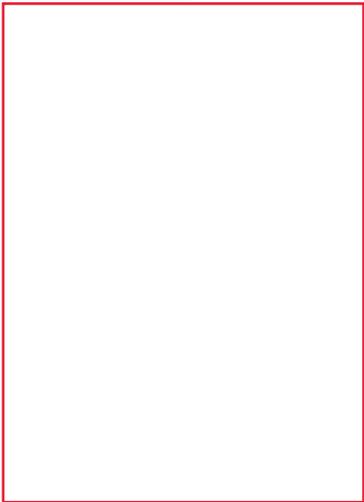
Outdoor entertainment with alcohol available is a big draw for our younger generation. Which in today's Pandemic Coronavirus crisis would not be a good thing, infections are quickly spread amongst the young, as seen by students at universities.

We do not believe that it is in the best interests of the Borough Council Licensing Dept. to approve this application, especially in the light of the present climate.

Signed.



Dated 12/10/20



-----Original Message-----

From: welshces <>  
Sent: 14 October 2020 19:32  
To: EH Licensing <[EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>  
Subject: Objection to planning application

Ref 20/01093/LA\_PRE DOVE BARN MEADOW, THETFORD,NORFOLK, IP26 5LU

Dear Sir, I would like to formally register my opposition to the above planning application for several reasons:

Firstly the site is very close to my home and the potential noise levels are completely inappropriate or our tiny little hamlet. We experienced this during the recent legal rave held the site. During that event residents had people climbing into their gardens and urinating which is unacceptable behaviour anywhere.

Secondly there is an established local business, Tipi Wedding Venues, very close to the proposed site which would be ruined by raves and events.

Thirdly, the area mentioned has a large, nationally important, resident population of frogs and toads whose habitat would be destroyed by regular, intrusive events.

Fourthly, I believe the application has been made by a company from Cambridge which has no links to the area. I think this indicates a lack of awareness of the rural nature of the area and the local residents.

Yours



Sent from my iPhone

**From:** John H. Martin [redacted]  
**Sent:** 14 October 2020 21:05  
**To:** EH Licensing <[EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Licensing application for Dove Barn Meadow 20/01093/LA\_PRE: attn. Ms Marie Malt

Dear Ms Malt

As a resident of Northwold and an Interested Party I write to object to this application on **Public Safety** and **Public Nuisance** grounds listed below:

### **Public Safety**

Access to the application site is by a track leading directly off the A134 (Thetford Road), a principal route within Norfolk's Route hierarchy. NCC Highways Department have in previous years objected to planning applications for residential development that access directly to the A134.

I refer in particular to a (rejected) application for construction of two houses at the nearby Pooly Farm Barns on the A134. In his letter of 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016 to Claire Dorgan at KLWNBC, Mr Richard Smith (NCC Highways Development Management Officer) stated:

*The A134 carries a high volume of traffic at high speed and I consider an approval of this application would lead to increases in conflict and interference with the passage of through traffic on this principal route, ultimately caused by additional vehicles, slowing, waiting and turning into this site within a fast traffic stream.*

*The proposed development, if permitted, would lead to right-hand turning movements across the opposing traffic stream of a busy traffic principal route which would interfere with the free and safe flow of traffic and cause danger and inconvenience to highway users'*

[https://online.west-norfolk.gov.uk/online-applications/files/02C1C65F4E2FD724F92F272357FE6841/pdf/16\\_01510\\_F-NCC\\_CORRESPONDENCE\\_-\\_HIGHWAYS-3804416.pdf](https://online.west-norfolk.gov.uk/online-applications/files/02C1C65F4E2FD724F92F272357FE6841/pdf/16_01510_F-NCC_CORRESPONDENCE_-_HIGHWAYS-3804416.pdf)

The plan in support of the licencing application shows parking for some 84 cars on site. Each event could easily generate 150 private car movements to and from the site over, one assumes, a two-day period. Further commercial and support vehicle movements would be required for set-up and tear-down, catering and bar supplies etc. Let us assume, however, 75 movements per day as a conservative estimate, though these will be concentrated in specific periods. In rejecting development plans at Pooly Farm Barns, NCC Highways assumed only 12 vehicle movements per day, some 15% or less of what would be generated during an event at Dove Barn Meadow.

Though this is a licencing issue rather than an application for development, I cannot see that different logic should be applied in assessing road safety issues. Access will be inherently unsafe. I shall also therefore forward these concerns to NCC Highways Department, as a Responsible Authority.

## Public Nuisance

The stated aim for this site is as *'wedding reception event'* but also refers to *'special occasions'*. It is a matter of public record, however, that the applicant is a *'festival founder and curator'* of *'one of the region's biggest musical festivals'*.

<https://www.elystandard.co.uk/what-s-on/hifi-fields-festival-2019-line-up-revealed-1-6106599>

The same team promoted the three-day September 'Hifi-fields Magical Meadows 2020' event on the application site, which was advertised as a *'mini-fest experience'* at which *'attendees can expect to hear a range of dance music, including house, disco, garage and drum'n bass'* <https://www.elystandard.co.uk/news/hifi-fields-cambridgeshire-mini-festival-1-6802006>

This was plainly audible from Northwold village. As a one-off event held under a temporary event licence I did not regard it as a noise nuisance, but I would certainly do so if similar events were to be a weekly occurrence or, as per the licence application, liable to take place more frequently. The applicant notes an intention to restrict events to one per week, but is applying for a seven-day licence, from 11.00 to midnight. Clearly there is an intent to hold additional events.

The application refers to live music being performed indoors. Yet the application plan shows an outdoor 'entertainment marquee'. Inevitably, amplified music performed outdoors (as it was during the recent event) has a far greater potential to cause nuisance than it would if indoors.

The application states that up to 4,999 people are expected to attend the premises at any one time. Though this may be the result of selecting a 'drop-down' option on the application pro-forma, or merely be an error, this is a ridiculously high number considering the location and size of the site and the facilities which are to be provided.

I trust that the KLWNBC Licencing Sub-Committee will take steps to ascertain the full intent of the application and the nature, frequency and size of events intended.

## Public Hearing

I understand that a public hearing is likely to be held during the week of 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Due to a planned surgical procedure I am unlikely to be able to participate, but I kindly ask that these written comments be taken into account by the Licencing Sub-Committee.

Yours sincerely



**From:** MIRENE WEBB <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 14 October 2020 08:56  
**To:** Borough Planning <[borough.planning@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:borough.planning@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Licensing Application 20/01093/LA-PRE

KLWNBC  
Environment and Planning – Licensing.

Application 20/01093/LA-Pre  
Dove Farm Meadow  
Northwold  
Thetford. IP26 5LU. For Sale of Alcohol Mon – Sun. 1100 – 0000. Regulated Entertainment Mon – Sun 11.00 – 0000.

We wish to object to the above proposals.

Sale of Alcohol. As the site does not have pavement connection to adjacent properties and village, presumably the majority of use will be by drivers of motor vehicles, not by pedestrians. The licensing authority should not be seen to encourage consumption of alcohol by those drivers who will subsequently be using a stretch of the A134 which has been subject to many accidents, some fatal, between Mundford and Whittington.

The hours requested are very lengthy indeed. It does seem to us that the existing hotels / public houses / restaurants in this area are already adequate to cater for refreshment. In Mundford, The Crown, Browns, Lynford Hall. In Northwold The Crown. A little further afield, Brandon, Watton, King's Lynn, already have plenty available.

Regulated Entertainment. There has been previous use of the site for this purpose whether licensed or not. On these occasions very loud music was played from 1900 - 2400, heard over a mile away. Flashing lights accompanied this, covering unnecessary light pollution to a quiet rural environment.

A very occasional party of that type maybe once or twice a year is probably an acceptable intrusion into that rural environment, but the concept of that being day and nightly is not.

We consider that such entertainment is better suited to the urban areas where night clubs and bars exist to cater for such need. There the noise and light pollution is contained within the buildings, not in the open air, and of a more limited nuisance to neighbouring residents.

Yours sincerely  
Mr. And Mrs. M. Webb.

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**From:** Linda Dolan [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2020 3:10:36 PM (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London  
**To:** EH Licensing  
**Subject:** 20/01093LA\_PRE

To whom it may concern,

I would like to strongly object to the application for a licensed entertainment venue at Dove Barn, Nortwold, ref: 20/01093LA\_PRE.

The village of Northwold is relatively small and already has a pub and a social club. The social club also has ample space for people to socialise distantly, inside and out. Northwold does not want or need another licensed entertainment venue. A grocery shop maybe but not the above. In addition, I believe this would become a magnet for unsociable behaviour, noise, drugs and all that goes with it and as we have a relatively high number of elderly and vulnerable residents, this without doubt would pose a threat to their peace of mind and wellbeing. This would be totally unacceptable for those who have livestock and the many horses that are kept on the land surrounding. Local businesses will be affected by what basically equates to "Legal Raves". We are a very close knit community and our elderly and vulnerable have been carefully protected during this pandemic but hoards of drunken, drug fuelled revellers, will without doubt, threaten this. And finally, the traffic flow. We already have thousands of vehicles passing our village each week. We have a accident hotspot on our doorstep as it is. A 17 year old boy sadly lost his life at this hotspot, just a few weeks ago. We do not want to lose any more of our residents to lose theirs due to intoxicated motorists.

I sincerely plead with you to reject this application.

Kind regards

L Dolan

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**From:** Trevor Silvester [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2020 2:36:18 PM (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London  
**To:** EH Licensing  
**Subject:** {SPAM}ref 20/01093/LA\_PRE dove barn meadow

Hi,

I'm writing to object to the above application.

I'm a member of the Northwold Toad patrol, and that land is part of the toads hibernation area. I fear that increased human activity will have a negative impact on their numbers. We go to considerable effort to help them across the road to their breeding ponds, and the numbers are healthy. It would be tragic if this project affected that.

Also, the exit onto the A134 is small, and the thought of large numbers of people leaving a party/festival fills me with dread.

Finally, the Wellington Lodge have put so much into building their wedding venue business. A festival site next to it would be disastrous.

Best wishes,

Trevor Silvester

[redacted]



14<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk  
King's Court  
Chapel Street  
King's Lynn  
PE30 1EX

Licensing Ref: 20/01093/LA\_PRE. Dove Barn Meadow, Thetford Road, IP26 5LU Licensing Act 2003 Application.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to you concerning the New Premises License Application for Dove Barn Meadow, Thetford Road, Northwold, Thetford, Norfolk, IP26 5LU and request that you lodge my full objection to the application.

In September, the site was the location of an outside event with highly amplified music which was so loud it could be heard miles away and was consequently assumed to be an illegal rave. It was subsequently discovered that it was a temporary licensed event and the music did stop at 10pm, which was quite late enough for the residents exhausted and troubled by the noise.

I did not write to the council to raise concerns following the September event because I understood it was a one-off. Such was the disturbance I would have written had I known there was a plan to utilize the site more regularly or permanently.

I am writing on behalf of Gamekeepers Cottage, Northwold. I strenuously object to the license application. I was at the property part of the day in September when the temporary licensed event took place. The noise was unbearable for all but a short time, especially outside. Presumably because it's an older building, when inside, you could actually feel the vibrations from the bass. The noise was excessively intrusive and would have a large enough impact on living at the property that it would significantly change how individuals could live there. It has always been a location that provides people with a certain level of peace and quiet, which would be stolen by the granting of the license.

I also have concerns about antisocial behavior that could be generated from the site. The license application is for 11am – midnight seven days a week. It would not be unreasonable to imagine a percentage of attendees having their normal behavior adjusted by alcohol or other substances and I think there is a risk to the properties nearest the venue. Gamekeepers Cottage is to the side of a public footpath, probably the nearest to the venue, so I'm fearful of behavior of an antisocial or criminal type. In addition, I would expect extra littering especially on the local stretch of the A134, its gateways and laybys.

The premises of Dove Barn Meadow is located in a residential area but it is characterized by almost open rural countryside with blocks of woodland to the south and eastern sides with residential properties close by. This means that noise generated onsite tends to travel and be reflected, hence the fact properties could hear the noise miles away during the recent September event.

However, there are homes within meters of the venue, which is an outdoor venue. I am not one of the residents living in those properties, but I think the license should be declined purely on the basis that the venues activities would prove to be unbearable to those properties. They would be impacted not only because of the noise and event lighting but also because of the level of public nuisance and disorder I would expect to emanate from the type of venue that is providing alcohol and outdoor entertainment (therefore no soundproofing) between 11am to midnight seven days a week.

From the proposal for Dove Barn Meadow it is clearly not intended to be a quiet family centric rural countryside camping site. For those very close to the venue living, working from home, or just enjoying normal activities in their houses or gardens would be so extensively impacted if the venue were to be allowed it would be wholly untenable. As an outside venue I doubt there is any way the applicant can mitigate any element of their activities to make their activities acceptable. The living conditions of the residents nearby should be protected by the Licensing Department and council by declining the application.

To conclude I strongly object to the application primarily on the basis of unacceptable noise and light nuisance to Gamekeepers Cottage and properties even as far away as a few miles but more specifically within a closer distance. Because it is an outdoor venue it is impossible for the venue to mitigate the severe negative effect the residents within proximity to the venue would suffer. I believe it is an inappropriately sited outdoor entertainment venue and I would hope the Licensing Authority and council agree and decline the application.

Kind Regards

Louisa Knapp

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From: Teresa Squires

Sent: Saturday, October 17, 2020 10:20:09 AM (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London

To: EH Licensing

Subject: 20/01093/LA\_PRE Dove Barn Meadow

Dear Sir,

I would like to express my concern about the above application, on several counts as follows:

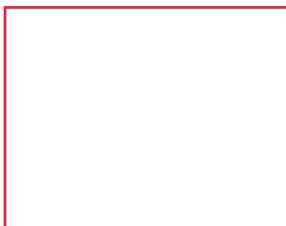
1. The noise from this venue can be heard in the village of Northwold, as evidenced by an apparently licensed "rave" which took place there overnight in August (with no notice given). The sound was extremely disturbing for those trying to sleep. My husband and I run a holiday cottage in Northwold and are concerned about the effect on the holidaymakers and our business, as well as ourselves.

2. The amount of traffic which will be generated turning off and onto the A134 main road from the site will be considerably more than at present. This road has proved dangerous on many occasions, with a fatality of a young person just recently. The road stretch has now been designated a 50mph rather than 60mph area, but recent traffic monitoring by the Northwold and Whittington Parish Council has shown that speeding is still taking place, with one vehicle travelling as fast as 80mph. Encouraging further traffic to turn on/off the road will potentially create further traffic accidents.

3. The application is disingenuous in that it is for 7 days a week, 11am to midnight. It may be that the intention is to cover any eventuality and the actual events taking place will be far less than this, but if the application is allowed it also potentially allows for an almost 24/7 constant stream of entertainment and alcohol sales. If such a thing is really necessary, it is more suited to an urban than a rural setting.

4. Finally, during the current and worsening climate of Covid-19, it seems irresponsible to encourage a venue of this sort which will be the antithesis of social distancing and personal safety.

Yours sincerely,



Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: Nija Morgan   
Sent: 17 October 2020 20:58  
To: EH Licensing <EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk>  
Subject: Dove Barn Meadow licence objection

I am writing to object to the application for Dove Barn Meadow IP26 5LU 20/01093/LA\_PRE.

The position of this land is not appropriate for these type of events for the following reasons. The application has incorrect information about the boundaries of this land. It is not surrounded by trees as stated but actually surrounded by the neighbours land that live there.

The amount of people and cars expected will cause increase danger and congestion on the A134 which already is an accident hot spot which has caused the speed limit to be reduced recently. Damage to the surrounding environment and wildlife is a great concern especially as this area has a huge amount of toad and newt movement which has significant voluntary input from the local community along with the ecologist and conservation teams at Forestry England, to ensure the safety of the toads.

This land is right next to the Fossditch Linear Earthworks which is a scheduled monument dating back to the Saxon times and protected in law, with the amount of people expected to attend and the lack of parking for so many cars, I am worried that damaged will occur to this ancient site.

The noise pollution will be too great for the surrounding wildlife and to the neighbours next to the site, as well as residents of Northwold and Cranwich.

To my knowledge, there is no planning permission on this land but it seems that there will be a change of use, of a field, to an events venue.

This is a rural quiet area with local businesses not causing any disturbances outside of their boundaries but this will cause many disturbances and it will destroy a local business which holds weddings, right next to this land. The local wedding businesses is respectful and enhances the environment around the area. If this license was to be granted, the local environment would suffer with noise, increase traffic, litter and damage to surrounding protected sites.

These people were given a temporary licence, a few months ago, to show case their business. This event proved to be disruptive and a public nuisance with noise and disgustingly desecrating on the neighbours land. It's clear there is no intention to respect and protect the surrounding environment. This type of activity will also draw the younger surrounding generation who will be exposed to alcohol and possible drugs. Our younger generation must be protected and kept safe and such a threat to them, their health and future.

I am also concerned about increased crime levels by bringing so many people to the area especially with so many people drinking and therefore the effects that alcohol causes.

I hope my points are seriously considered and this license is refused for the good of the surrounding environment and all the people that live near by.

Many thanks  
Nija Morgan





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To whom it may concern.

As a resident who lives right beside the entrance to this proposed event site and whose back garden backs on to it, I object in the strongest possible terms to the granting of a licence to sell alcohol and provide any sort of entertainment at Dove Barn Meadow-ever.

At the event in September my life was seriously disrupted by countless cars coming in my drive way mistaking it for the entrance to the event. We had not been told that this event was happening, nor was anyone in the neighbourhood, nor the police. The organisers cannot have any thought for local people as the noise started at 10 am and went on for 12 hours. It sounded like it was in my back garden. I cannot believe that the Borough Council would approve an application for events like this right beside where people live and this is the main reason I object.

As the day progressed and more alcohol was consumed, there were people urinating against the hedge at the back of my property which is unacceptable and disgusting and others having drunken arguments. There did not seem to be any way that this disgusting behaviour was being controlled so I can expect this anti- social behaviour is likely to continue if the licence is granted. If this licence is granted is this what I will have to put up with?

There were several near -miss car accidents on the main road, the A134, outside my house which, if a licence is approved, could be a serious problem to road users.

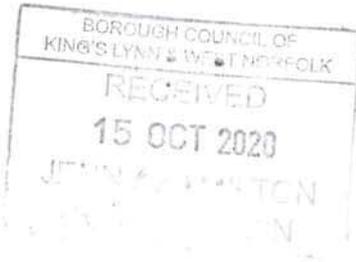
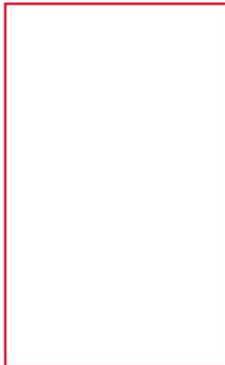
There are musical events at High Lodge (between Thetford and Brandon) but the site there is not right beside where people live. Even so we can sometimes hear these. This application is right beside several other houses. We had to put up with the sound from three illegal raves in Thetford Forest over the summer which was bad enough. These were much further away yet disruptive. I cannot believe that the Borough Council will approve a licence for regulated entertainment right beside me and my neighbours especially when the applicant is not from Norfolk and unlikely to help the local economy in any way.

I appeal to the Licensing department not to grant this application.

Yours sincerely,

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(ADAM PARKIN)



12<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Sirs,

We would like to object to the application for an Entertainment and Alcohol Licence for Dove Barn Meadow, Thetford Road, Northwold, Thetford, Norfolk, IP26 5LU, reference 20/01093/LA\_PRE

The village is in a quiet and peaceful area, with no street lighting or any other night time shops or public houses.

We feel such a business would be unsuitable at that location, bringing unwanted late night noise and parking along the roadside and the small layby used by the residents.

The A134 is a very fast and dangerous road so much so that our local bus service and the school buses refuse to stop for passengers in the village.

So we feel an increase in people not used to this area, turning off and pulling out into the road would cause a very real hazard.

Yours Sincerely,

Wayne Shropshire



Vicky Shropshire



Keith Shropshire

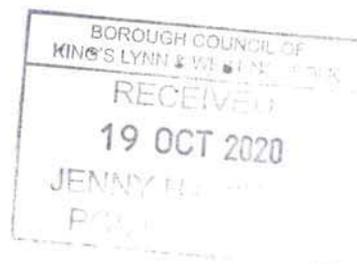


Ann Shropshire



# NORTHWOLD AND WHITTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Environment and Planning- Licensing  
Borough of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk  
kings Court  
Chapel Street  
Kings Lynn  
PE30 1EX



15<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Reference: 20/01093/LA PRE-Dove Barn Meadow

Dear Sir/Madam

I have been instructed by the Councillors of Northwold and Whittington Parish Council to put forward their objection to the above Licence Application.

Their reasons for the objection are as follows:-

- The entrance/exit on to the A134 which has a 60mph speed limit is very narrow.
- There will be a potential noise/disturbance seven days a week from 11.am to midnight affecting the adjacent bungalow and residents along the A134 and in Northwold.
- Concerns about adherence to Covid-19 regulations and guidance.
- Concerns about drinks and/or drug related incidents especially leaving the venue by car on to the A134.
- Potential disturbance to the nature reserve opposite.

We sincerely hope that the above concerns are taken into consideration when making the final decision regarding this application.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Pauline Angus  
Clerk to Northwold & Whittington Parish Council

-----Original Message-----

From: Tina Gedney [redacted]  
Sent: 20 October 2020 14:59  
To: EH Licensing <EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk>  
Subject: Drove Barn Meadow 20/01093/LA-PRE

F.a.o: Ms Marie Malt

Dear Marie

I would like to submit a strong objection to the the above proposed license.

I regularly use Wellington Wood as it's such a beautiful ancient woodland full of nature and wild animal/species, peaceful and a very special tranquil place.

I'm a florist and use this venue for workshops which include making natural traditional Christmas door wreaths. Floral crowns Workshops either Mayday or Weddings.

This areas attraction is that the peace and tranquility it offers my customers/Guests at Wellington Wood.

I shudder at the thought of a loud festival at this beautiful place, the music just in its nature is going to be loud and vibrating with added nuisance and litter also the road is very dangerous for such a volume of traffic to be turning off, never mind the traffic congestion it's going to cause.

I would like it noted that I Strongly Object against this license. The owners at Wellington Wood have worked very hard to work with nature and the natural surroundings and I fear this would be the end to a magical venue who supports local business, who intern support the local community.

I cannot see how granting this license especially in Covid times is going to help West Norfolk at all, people will just drive there for the festival leave all the litter and mess then go home????

Kind Regards

Tina Gedney  
[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** James Webb <[redacted]>

**Sent:** 20 October 2020 15:41

[redacted]

**Subject:** FW: Dove Barn - Premises Licence Application

Dear Sirs/Madam

**Dove Barn, Northwold IP26 5LU- Premises Licence Application**

We own farmland directly adjoining the western side of the proposed licence premises. We OBJECT to the application on the following grounds:

- A) The activities will cause a nuisance to our property through noise, litter and inevitable physical impact to the land and our farming activities
- B) Such venues/events frequently causing the police and emergency services to attend putting unnecessary additional burden on public services
- C) The activities will cause road traffic hazards with vehicles and people entering from/onto the A134, close to a close to an accident black-spot, causing the inevitable accidents and potential fatalities, therefore such a site location is unsuitable and incompatible with alcohol sales and crowd entertainment
- D) The application site adjoins or is very close to the Forest England SSSI and the Devils Dyke SSSI, which will be put at risk due to people ingress, fire risk and direct damage- have Forest England and Natural England been consulted? Such fire risk would inevitably cause damage to the residential properties adjoining the site
- E) The proposed site is not large enough to safely hold such events and given the points above should not be licenced

Kind regards James Webb



**From:** sidney Randell [redacted]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 20, 2020 4:18:04 PM (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London

**To:** EH Licensing

**Subject:** Ms Marie Malt Dove Barn Meadow 20/01093/LA\_PRE

Dear Ms. Marie Malt, As a long time now resident from South London of Northwold now living at 44 Methwold Road for some 33 years, I first of all I would like to point out that over the years we have had on our door step raves within a few miles radius of where we live here in Norfolk even recently here in Thetford Forest whilst under Covid-19 lockdown in which the eventually the Police got involved to remove from the site and we know how much this cost in clean-up operations, but on Saturday 19th September I stepped outside my bungalow and immediately thought Oh No another rave during lockdown, but it turns out to be this company based in Cambridge that organises open air festivals similar to a Glastonbury meet, as a person who embraces our local environment I find it very worrying and disturbing for this to be even considered as a viable permanent site for such gigs specially every weekend except two every year, why on earth do we have to put up with yet more noise pollution, in a beautiful part of Norfolk and inflict mayhem on the very local residents (human) who's building back onto this field and then the most important our local day and night animal wildlife, not forgetting our local farmers and their livestock ie: Cattle, Sheep, Pigs, Chickens, Pheasant etc, I also know that all the surrounding area is also registered as a SSI and these fields are the habitat for large populations of toads and newts that move each spring and autumn, then of course you have the only entrance and exit on one of the most busiest and dangerous roads on the A134 in Norfolk and Suffolk and Essex named among the most dangerous roads in Britain by a motoring company a league table compiled by Regtransfers, I'm sure you do know the death rate and amount of vehicle accidents that have occurred on this road and I can assure you it's not a pretty site to be the first on the scene to find somebody has been killed all over speed, or taking your eye off the ball, texting on your mobile, even changing channels on your radio whilst travelling at the speed of an express frieght train, and we see it every day on our TV drivers who either fall to sleep at their wheel and go off the road and plough into verges all along the A134 from Stoke Ferry to Mundford and just thank God that there were no pedestrians at that same place, so my plea is to ask you to vote a resounding NO!!! to this application and make it a public announcement for all our sakes and lives...regards SJ Randell...

Ms Marie Malt Dove Barn Meadow 20/01093/LA\_PRE

**From:** Neil Aldridge [redacted]  
**Sent:** 20 October 2020 16:27  
**To:** EH Licensing <EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** ATTN Ms Marie Malt OBJECTION TO Dove Barn Meadow 20/01093/LA\_PRE

I am a local resident to Dove Barn Meadow and am writing to object to any application for permissions made regarding any 'enterprise' that seeks to exploit this part of Norfolk to the detriment of local communities just to fill the pockets of a few Cambridge inbreds.

I am from London originally and appreciate that young people love to visit the country, get drunk, take drugs and generally make a lot of noise for attention-but not at my expense-NOT every weekend. I did not move to the Norfolk countryside to have each and every Saturday spoiled by being subjected to someone else's music. Personally I will do whatever I can, hopefully in organisation with many other community members to cause as much disruption should these events go ahead.

I live in a hamlet called Brookville, 3 miles from the proposed site and I could hear the music from the last event all day, and as much as I can tolerate it every now and then, I am not going to listen to it every week, not every other week or every month.

By issuing this licence you will bring misery to the inhabitants of the surrounding villages.

By issuing this licence you will be starting a war-every single weekend.

Can I ask if there is any association between yourself, the licence applicant or the land owner?

Sincerely

Neil Aldridge

Brookville

**From:** michelle dolman <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** 20 October 2020 16:39  
**To:** EH Licensing <EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** attn Ms Marie Malt Dove Barn Meadow 20/01093/LA\_PRE

Good afternoon, although I live in IP26 4DP I feel I should object to this planning application as it stands, because it seems to me to constitute a not inconsiderable potential threat to human life and road safety.

The road A134 Thetford Road is a major highway in this part of the county. Traffic speeds along and is consistent, there have been many accidents on the A134 and along this road, in the area of the proposed application, I think as recently as September 2020.

As noted in a recent communication "There is no pavement, no street lighting, no verge, no stopping for coaches & taxis and in bad weather and darkness, there is a grassy muddy entrance & exit straight onto the fast principal road that (us) locals know full well, accepts NO room for error.

Surely common sense and the safety of the road must be considered and this application is not approved.

Michelle Morris

[redacted]

**From:** Georgie Cross [redacted]  
**Sent:** 20 October 2020 21:28  
**To:** EH Licensing <EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Dove Barn Meadow 20/01093/LA\_PRE

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For the attention of Ms Marie Malt

I am writing to you with my concerns over the over the planning application 20/01093/LA\_PRE at Dove Barn Meadow, Northwold

I am a horse owner and keep him at Wellington Lodge on as DIY basis which abuts Dove Barn Meadow. On the day of the event in September my horse was extremely distressed by the music from 10am to late which caused me to move him to a different field. Unfortunately, he was still upset and took a long while to calm down which is not surprising given the continual repetitive beat and that his stabling actually shook. The music could be heard from all corners of Wellington Lodge and on approach from my home near Methwold, 4 miles away. This volume and level of music must be classed as a public disturbance.

Wellington Lodge itself is teeming with wildlife including Buzzards, Roe Deer, Muntjac and many different bird species. The approval of this planning application would force the wildlife off the estate to find a quieter more rural location.

Further to the above I also regularly travel the A134 between Stoke Ferry and Thetford and cannot see how the entrance to the site could be deemed safe for entry and exit of several hundred if not thousands of cars bearing in mind this is already quite a busy road. I would liken this to trying to get into a festival or showground but without the road infrastructure in place, not forgetting this is not a one-off event but allows for an event every week. In addition to this, the extra traffic movement possibilities with the proposed 7-day licencing. This would result in massive tails backs which would not only affect individuals but the wider business community trying to operate a business using this road.

I appreciate you reading my concerns and I ultimately fell that a quiet, peaceful and rural part of Norfolk would be shattered if this proposal were to be allowed. The effects on the wider community would be grave.

Yours sincerely.

Georgina Cross

-----Original Message-----

From: Tom Webb   
Sent: 20 October 2020 21:12  
To: EH Licensing <EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk>  
Subject: Dove Barn Meadow 20/01093/LA\_PRE

Dear Sir/Madam.

We wish to make two objections to the planning application for Dove Barn.

Firstly Noise Pollution..

Whilst being a good half mile from the venue the 'boom, boom, boom' from their event a few weeks ago was bad enough that we had to increase the volume on our tv to compensate. We dread to think what it was like for the residents adjacent to the site.

Secondly, and more importantly, the access to the A134...

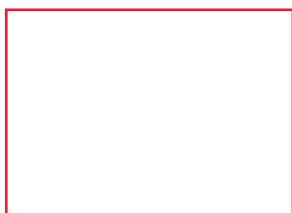
This stretch of the A134 is allegedly a notorious stretch of road, to which the council/highways agency have recently reduced the speed limit to 50mph (which is completely ignored by most drivers !! ), ending just before the venue (from K. Lynn). Exit sighting at the site entrance, onto the A134, is not particularly good at anytime of day and is a disaster waiting to happen, especially after a 'good night' out.

We don't want to be thought of as NIMBYs, as we would generally welcome any facility that would enhance the locality, but this doesn't seem the right, safe, place for this.

Hopefully commonsense will prevail with this planning application.

Regards.

Tom & Dee Webb.



**From:** davidgolder <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 20 October 2020 20:40  
**To:** EH Licensing <[EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Attn:Ms Marie Malt - Dove Barn Meadow 20/01093/LA\_PRE  
**Importance:** High

Dear Ms Malt,

I wish to convey my strong objections to the above licensing application. The site/location is entirely inappropriate for the purposes submitted in the application. The proposed 'venue' and the nature of business intended will adversely affect the quality of life for the wildlife and residents alike. In addition, the access is wholly inadequate and would be dangerous for motorists on the A134.

yours sincerely

David Golder

**From:** Hayley Judge [redacted]  
**Sent:** 20 October 2020 19:45  
**To:** EH Licensing <EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Licensing application for Dove barn Meadow 20/01093/LA\_PRE

Dear Sir/Madam

I cannot help thinking that more information needs to be provided on this application before a decision can be made.

The music from the previous event could be heard from Brookville so I dread to think how loud it was for the more local residents. If this licence allows events at any date this could be very unfair to local residents and the wedding business next door.

It would not seem appropriate to allow them to hold loud parties on dates of weddings already booked at the neighbouring venue. If the application were to go ahead could there be a clause in place where the neighbours can discuss dates so they do not clash, one business having the ability to destroy another or spoil something as important as a wedding just doesn't seem acceptable.

I also wonder about the local highway being able to cope with large events and is there enough room for parking or would party goers park dangerously on the road.

Kind regards

Hayley Judge-Grief

**From:** Anne Sherman [redacted]  
**Sent:** 20 October 2020 19:36  
**To:** EH Licensing <[EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Application 20/01093/LA-PRE. Dove Barn Meadow, Thetford Road, IP26 5LU

FAO Ms Marie Malt.

I am writing to you to advise that I object to the application made in respect of the above location for a license to sell alcohol from Monday to Sunday 11.00 - 00.00, and for live entertainment from Monday to Sunday 11.00-00.00.

The applicant's intention is for up to 4,999 people at any one an event. I question whether the field is large enough for the number of people proposed and vehicles involved.

My reasons for objecting are set out below.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

The field at Dove Barn Meadow is accessed directly from the A134 Thetford Road. The speed limit is the national limit.

There are no footpaths/pavements, no street lighting, and no verge.

There are no stopping places for any vehicles along the road including for coaches or taxis

The entrance is a grassy, muddy field entrance, it is not splayed and traffic pulls straight out onto this fast principle A road. The amount of traffic pulling off and onto the A134 will be considerable with large numbers of private cars, plus heavier goods vehicles transporting equipment on and off the site. The entrance is not safe or equipped to deal with this without accidents occurring.

In bad weather or darkness, the risk of accidents increases with poor visibility and light. There is no room for errors.

Northwold parish council have placed a SAMS -2 on the A134 to monitor traffic speeds within the 50mph restricted area near Northwold. In the 21 day period it was in place it recorded 57,165 vehicles. The highest recorded speed was 80mph and 12,298 vehicles were exceeding the speed limit. The SAMS-2 can only measure approximately 200 yards of road and drivers have been observed to increase their speed when out if it's range.

These figures highlight the volume of traffic using the A134 and the failure of drivers to adhere to speed restrictions along this road.

The recent fatality on the A134 at Northwold highlights how dangerous this road is and in my opinion using Dove Barn Meadow as proposed with its siting and access issues places both attendees at an event and other road users at unacceptable risk of harm.

#### NOISE NUISANCE

The applicant held an event at Dove Barn Meadow on 19th September 2020. I live in Northwold and could hear the music and feel the vibrations from it the whole day and into the late evening when it finished. This was an unwanted intrusion into my life whereby i had to remain indoors with my windows and doors shut for the entire time. I understand that if the application is approved, the applicant is intending to hold 50 such events per year, one a week. The impact upon individuals and the community is unacceptable. The application says the site is surrounded by trees when it is in

fact surrounded by direct neighbours and neighbours land directly on all sides. The access track to the meadow runs alongside residential properties and the residents are subjected to the traffic and noise.

Wellington Wood, is an eco-friendly wedding venue, situated a very short distance from Dove Barn. This business employs local people and will be negatively affected if the licenses are granted. Weddings cannot take place with loud music events in the adjacent field. The likelihood therefore is that this established local business will fail.

#### NUISANCE BEHAVIOUR

It is reported that during the event on 19th September, one of the properties next to Dove Barn Meadow had partygoers in their garden, who were urinating there. There is a strong likelihood of future such behaviour associated with alcohol and recreational drug use.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

There are two sites of special scientific Interest in the immediate vicinity with one being situated opposite the meadow on the other side of the A134. The fields around Dove Barn are known to be the habitat for a large population of toads and newts. There is therefore the potential for disturbance of these and of the nature reserves.

Running along one boundary of Dove Meadow is a heritage site, fossditch linear earthworks. This is from saxon times and is a scheduled monument so protected by law.

Kind regards

Anne Sherman



-----Original Message-----

From: Lesley Goodall <>

Sent: 20 October 2020 21:33

To: EH Licensing <[EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>

Subject: attn Ms Marie Malt Dove Barn Meadow 20/01093/LA\_PRE

Dear Ms Malt

I strongly object to this Licensing Application.

In the application, it states the applicant intends to limit events to one per week (it is written for up to 4,999 people) as well as a 7-day opening license from 11am – midnight.

Above all else, the objection that really hits home is the Public Safety onto the A134 Thetford Road. There is no pavement, no street lighting, no verge, no stopping for coaches & taxis and in bad weather and darkness, there is a grassy muddy entrance & exit straight onto the fast principal road that us locals know full well, accepts NO room for error. Bad enough for the cars and vehicles who have to try and get in and out, but let this not be one of our own walking home from an event here: a friend, a relative, a son or daughter.

And what about the new wedding venue right next door, that will ruin any wedding day!

Please do not grant this application.

Kind Regards

Lesley Goodall

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** tarn76 {

**Sent:** 20 October 2020 21:51

**To:** EH Licensing <[EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Licensing application Dove Barn meadow

Dear sir/madam,

I would like to Express my objections to the planning application for licensing application Dove barn meadow 20/01093/La\_Pre.

I believe that this would bring a noise disturbance and traffic noise to a rural area. It would not be a rightful fitting to this area. Also, I believe it would have a very negative impact on the surroundings g area and a local business Wellington Wood wedding venue.

Please take my objections into view.

Yours Faithfully

Mrs Tanya Copeland

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

**From:** Kala Choaty [redacted]  
**Sent:** 21 October 2020 01:27  
**To:** EH Licensing <[EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** attn Ms Marie Halt Dove Barn Meadow 2-/01093/LA\_PRE

To Ms Marie Halt

I am e-mailing with my concerns over the application for Dove Barn Meadow 2-/01093/LA\_PRE

I live in one of the rented bungalows directly linked with this land and am writing with my objections to this application.

My objections are;

- The noise levels, being so close to residential buildings, the noise levels are unacceptable to a point where it is unbearable to be in my home. I have attached 2 screenshots of noise levels, one is taken on a normal day, with 32Db being recorded and on the event day/evening 76Db. This is more than double the sound levels and comes under the noisy neighbours issues 'statutory nuisance' (covered by the Environmental Protection Act 1990)- as this unreasonably and substantially interfere with the use or enjoyment of a home or other premises AND injure health or likely to injure health. Having this on a regular basis will make me deaf as this has already aggravated my tinnitus and made being home unbearable to be in. It was so bad that I had time off from work sick to recover form this.
- The noise level will impact on my work- I currently remote work for an IT department and provide support to a group of local schools. If this goes ahead and the events happen in the week, then I won't be able to provide this level of support. I don't want to lose my job, due to poor communication from the event organisers and the local council not taking locals situations in terms of key worker roles. I haven't had time off work in this current climate and this to deal with is just another inconvenience and annoyance in my being able to action my job in the best working environment possible. This would really hinder that.
- The event when finished left a bottleneck of congestion of traffic, which caused anti-social behaviour in the middle of a very busy main road (A134)- This wasn't 'policed' correctly by anyone from the event. This poses many dangers, especially as the highway's agency have this section of road an accident high spot. I, myself have been involved in an accident along this road, which has left me with long-term issues. This WILL become more of an occurrence with the poor organisation of these events.
- The end of the first event ended with anti-social behaviour in the form of climbing over the fence into our garden- They didn't have time do anything as the dog barking scared them back over the fence. IT is private property and classed as breaking and entering.
- If the first event was 'licenced' why wasn't this brought to our attention from the beginning. This would have brought up the issues of unacceptable noise levels and contact details of the 'owners' should anti-social behaviour occurs. I would also go as far to say, there should have been some form of letter, to formally let us know of this and the possible disturbances. I have just googled the temporary events notice and

have just seen that they NEEDED to DISPLAY THE NOTICE where it can easily be seen and this hasn't, so isn't this failure on the TEMPORARY EVENTS NOTICE conditions. Also, it says for up to 500 people including staff – In Ely Standard news it stated that there were 500 ticket holders- If this is true, they have broken another condition of the temporary events notice, and this is written proof. This points out the lack of understanding of a temporary events notice, I question their responsibility of ANY future events which they may hold.

- This poses risks to children, those that are family and regularly visit us and those that stay in the holiday home, which is besides us, if there are repeated anti-social events occurring at the end of these events.
- This poses many risks to the public, as there are no paths/ footpaths and safe parking, drop off and pick up points. The entrance and exit is a single muddy field, no actual formal entrance/exit to the property.
- I moved to the countryside to get away from this, not for this to become an “acceptable part of country life” I had several knocks on the door, with people wanting to collect their cars in the early hours of Sunday- as early as 5AM being expected to have keys to the gate. When we replied with NO and politely told them to get off the property and leave us in peace before we call the police, the abuse verbal abuse we got was disgusting. We may live a few yards away from the gate, but we don't have access. Yet again, no-one to complain to. There are plenty of other areas, that aren't feet away from residential areas, for this to take place.

The shoddy non-existent communication with immediate locals in regards from this matter, has led no faith in the event 'organisers' in looking out for the community as a whole and the impact of these matters in in terms of environmental, anti-social and resident's general health and wellbeing. With this current application, I feel uncomfortable in my home and homely surroundings, with fear of the impact on my health and well-being. I hope I am not forced out of another property due to unbearable noisy neighbours/facilities nearby.

The questions which I would like to pose are;

- Can the event organisers pay me for lost work?
- Can the event organisers pay me for being off work due to sickness directly linked to constant loud noise exposure?
- Will the event organisers pay for transfer, removal of property and security deposit should this require us to leave the property?

I would expect these to all be paid for, due to their application being accepted. This application would suggest that they can pay these fees with no problems and this would apply to the local businesses in the immediate area. I have worked hard to get to where I am and I am losing the will to pick myself up from these losses will send me down this path. After all a loss of income, will result in a loss of my home. I don't want to be jobless and homeless again.

I hope the right decision is made and this application is declined and that the temporary license issues are also looked into at the same time.

Kind Regards

Michaela



20<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk  
King's Court  
Chapel Street  
King's Lynn  
PE30 1EX

Licensing Ref: 20/01093/LA\_PRE. Dove Barn Meadow, Thetford Road, IP26 5LU Licensing Act 2003 Application.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to you as trustee of Watermill Broad Nature Reserve, which is situated to the north of Dove Barn Meadow and would like to lodge a formal objection to the above license application.

Watermill Broad is a site that is rich in ecological diversity and it hosts some rare and nationally declining species. It is not open to the public specifically to protect and minimize disturbance to those species and the ecology supporting them, although it is used for high level ecological studies and data collection. I am extremely concerned that both individuals and groups of people attending Dove Meadow Barns will use Watermill Broad for antisocial and criminal activities to the detriment of the site and its ecosystem and I imagine there would be an increase in littering. Where normally undesirable it could be fatal to elements of the ecosystem and individual animals at Watermill Broad.

The whole area surrounding Dove Farm Meadow, not just Watermill Broad Nature Reserve, is one high in ecological diversity and density. As stated, Watermill Broad is home to some rare species and is the breeding site for an extremely large number of frogs, toads and newts. Part of their year is spent in the fields and woods to the south of the A134, of which the site proposed for the parking and entertainment area of the application is included.

Such was the noise from the 19<sup>th</sup> September temporary event at Dove Barn Meadow that I cannot imagine anything other than the ecology of Watermill Broad Nature Reserve and the surrounding area being negatively impacted by it. I am hugely concerned that the light pollution produced by an almost 24/7 entertainment venue would cause the nocturnal species such as the toads and newts a devastating

blow. In addition, the amount of human waste and pollution produced by the site and its proposed activities is also potentially damaging to the wider ecosystem if mitigation is not put in place.

I appreciate that the majority of my objections for Watermill Broad are of an environmental nature, which is not commonly in the scope of the licensing department. However, I believe that the proposals for Dove Barn Meadow have the potential to be devastating to elements of the ecosystem there, and local to it, and as such I believe the application should be declined or delayed until the full extent of the impact to the ecosystem can be determined.

Kind Regards

Louisa Knapp



20<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk  
King's Court  
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King's Lynn  
PE30 1EX

Licensing Ref: 20/01093/LA\_PRE. Dove Barn Meadow, Thetford Road, IP26 5LU Licensing Act 2003 Application.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to object to the above license application. During a recent temporary event in September 2020 the levels of noise emanating from the proposed permanent venue were incredibly high, even as far away as Home Farm, Didlington.

I would find my home life and day to day living impacted negatively by such levels of noise. I enjoy spending as much time as possible outside in the more clement months. Such was the noise from Dove Barn Meadow in September that the enjoyment of my own property would be impacted to the point I would feel unable to continue my life there as before.

Kind regards

Louisa Knapp

**From:** Tina Mullins [redacted]  
**Sent:** 21 October 2020 11:05  
**To:** EH Licensing <EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** FAO Ms Marie Malt - Objection to Planning Application - Dove Barn Meadow 20/01093/LA\_PRE

Dear Ms Marie Malt,

My objections against the Licensing Application for Dove Barn Meadow (applied for by an owner behind one of the region's largest electronic dance music festivals). In the application, it states the applicant intends to limit events to one per week (it is written for up to 4,999 people) as well as a 7-day opening license from 11am – midnight.

I use this Road a lot & Public Safety onto the A134 Thetford Road is dangerous. There is no pavement, no street lighting, no verge, no stopping for coaches & taxis and in bad weather and darkness, there is a grassy muddy entrance & exit straight onto the fast principal road that us locals know full well, accepts NO room for error. It is bad enough for the cars and vehicles who have to try and get in and out. Also there is the noise levels to be considered as residents have to get up for work and for some of that 5am. Also not everyone has double glazing either to block some of the noise but not all. Not the place for festivals & events, it is bad enough when we get unauthorised raves in the area and the noise travels to other villages, just not far on any of the residents who moved to the villages in the area for peace and quite. Also consideration should be given to all the wildlife and pets in the area.

I strongly object to the application

Kind Regards

Tina Mullins

**From:** Patricia Murray <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 21 October 2020 13:33  
**To:** EH Licensing <[EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Ref 20/01093/LA\_PRE Dove Barn Meadow, Thetford, Norfolk IP26 5LU

Dear Licensing Team

I write to object to the planning application 20/01083/LA\_PRE.

The proposal for a licensed music venue is entirely inappropriate in the 'middle of nowhere' rural Norfolk and is better suited in a large town or city. The impact on residents in terms of noise, lighting, traffic, litter, potential disorder etc. would be significant.

The road to the entrance to the site would need to be altered. It is a fast road and I believe there have been a significant number of accidents.

There is the environmental impact to consider ( I believe it is a habitat for a large population of toads and newts) as well as the fact there is a large number of livestock in the area. It would also impact on existing businesses nearby.

Isn't it time the council took into account residents' quality of life when making decisions?

Yours faithfully  
Patricia Murray

-----Original Message-----

From:   
Sent: 21 October 2020 14:11  
To: EH Licensing <[EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>  
Subject: 20/01093/LA\_PRE

To whom it may concern.

I would like to object to the above on the grounds that the site is the habitat of thousands of toads, frogs and newts, which could be adversely affected by this.  
It also exits onto the very busy A134, which is a dangerous stretch of road with current traffic levels.

Regards  
Tina Camfield (Mrs)

Sent from my Huawei tablet

**From:** Graham Cassey <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 21 October 2020 14:54  
**To:** EH Licensing <[EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Attention of Ms Marie Malt Dove Barn Meadow 20/01093/LA\_PRE

Dear Ms Malt

Further to reading about the above application at Dove Barn we are horrified to understand what is proposed in this quiet part of North Norfolk.

I know all about electronic dance music etc. It is exceptionally noisy and evasive. On a weekly basis this is just not acceptable.

The proposed venue is by far very unsuitable as access is off the very fast and dangerous A134. As us Northwold residents only know too well, friends and colleagues have lost loved ones due to road accidents on A134.

We OBJECT most strongly to this application, we do not want noise, extra traffic and many more additional often drunk out of control people in the area close to our village.

I hope you take notice of all our objections and refuse the application,

Kind regards

Graham & Sue Cassey

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From: Sarah Patrick

Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 4:37:14 PM (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London  
To: EH Licensing  
Subject: Attn. Ms Marie Malt. Reference 20/0193/LA\_PRE

Good afternoon

I wish to raise my concerns over the license application for Dove Barn Meadow.

I live only two miles away from the location. On the weekend when they held an event this year I could hear the music clear as anything from my garden.

It would not be a problem if it was once every now and then but for the new application to be for a premises license I fear sitting in my garden will be disturbed by the loud music every weekend.

I'm sure you can appreciate that living on the edge of the forest the sound of the birds, deer and swish of the trees does not need to be hindered by the loud thudding of music, not to mention the increased traffic on the roads.

Which, leads me on to the fact that the location of the venue is on the busy A134. A road which is notorious for road traffic collisions. I can foresee people trying to get into the venue will be a huge hazard.

I have a horse kept at the field nearby the venue and I am concerned for the noise disturbing her and causing unnecessary stress.

I await your decision.

Regards,

Sarah Patrick

Sent from my iPad

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Brenda Pettitt <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** 21 October 2020 17:22  
**To:** EH Licensing <[EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Application 20/01093/LA-PRE. Dove Barn Meadow, Thetford Road, IP26 5LU

Attn of Ms Marie Malt

I am writing to express my objection to the application made regarding the above location for a music & alcohol license.

I object on the grounds that the location intended:

- 1) Would be a danger to the public and venue visitors. The entrance to the field and leads directly onto the A134, which is already an extremely busy road on which the traffic speed. There have already been numerous deaths at the Brandon Rd crossroad & Methwold Rd cross road. The entrance isn't splayed it leads directly on to the A134. There are no pavements, street lighting or verges. Queues for entrance would cause considerable traffic congestion, and would in my opinion be very dangerous.
- 2) The application for live entertainment Monday to Sunday would be a considerable noise nuisance for local people. I live in the designated conservation area of Northwold, there was a music festival last month and even with windows shut, we could hear the constant thumping of the music and feel the vibrations for the duration.
- 3) The fields around Dove Barn Meadow are a known wildlife habitat for a large population of Toads & Newts. There is the potential for the proposal to disturb this.

Thank you for your attention.

kind regards,

Brenda Pettitt

[redacted]

Northwold

**From:** Doug Pettitt <[\[redacted\]](mailto:)>  
**Sent:** 21 October 2020 17:32  
**To:** EH Licensing <[EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Application 20/01093/LA-PRE. Dove Barn Meadow, Thetford Road, IP26 5LU

Attn Ms Marie Malt

I am writing to express my objection to the application made regarding the above location for a music & alcohol license.

I object on the grounds that the location intended:

1) Would be a danger to the public and venue visitors.

The entrance to the field and leads directly onto the A134, which is already an extremely busy road on which the traffic speed.

Northwold parish council have placed a SAMS -2 on the A134 to monitor traffic speeds within the 50mph restricted area near Northwold. In the 21 day period it was in place it recorded 57,165 vehicles. The highest recorded speed was 80mph and 12,298 vehicles were exceeding the speed limit. The SAMS-2 can only measure approximately 200 yards of road and drivers have been observed to increase their speed when out of its range.

The entrance isn't splayed it leads directly on to the A134. There are no pavements, street lighting or verges. Queues for entrance would cause considerable traffic congestion, and would in my opinion be very dangerous. There have already been numerous deaths at the Brandon Rd crossroad & Methwold Rd cross road.

2) There would be considerable noise pollution/nuisance for local people.

The application for live entertainment Monday to Sunday would be a considerable noise nuisance for local people. I live in the designated conservation area of Northwold, there was a music festival last month and even with windows shut, we could hear the constant thumping of the music and feel the vibrations for the duration.

3) Environmental impact.

The fields around Dove Barn Meadow are a known wildlife habitat for a large population of Toads & Newts. There is the potential for this to be disturbed.

Kind regards,

Doug Pettitt

[redacted]

**From:** William Patrick <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 21 October 2020 17:39  
**To:** EH Licensing <[EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Attn Ms Marie Malt Dove Barn Meadow 20/01093/LA\_PRE

Dear Ms Malt

20/01093/LA\_PRE Dove Barn Meadow Northwold New Premises Licence Application

I have my own business and have worked on several projects for Wellington Lodge over the time the current owners have been here. Most recently I have been involved in the design and construction of the buildings for the wedding venue, for these I have used locally sourced timber which I have cut and prepared myself. I am working on more projects for the wedding venue and if this premises licence application is permitted and it has an impact on the wedding venue it will have an effect on my business. I also live locally and feel there is no need for such event in the area.  
Yours sincerely

William Patrick

**From:** Sarah Patrick [redacted]  
**Sent:** 21 October 2020 17:40  
**To:** EH Licensing <[EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Attn. Ms Marie Malt Dove Barn Meadow 20/01093/LA\_PRE

Dear Ms Malt

[20/01093/LA\\_PRE](#) Dove Barn Meadow Northwold New Premises Licence Application

We are writing to ask you not to grant permission for a premises licence at the above site.

For several years now we have kept our horses at Wellington Lodge Farm which neighbours the Dove Barn Meadow site, this has always been a beautiful peaceful part of the forest and we have always felt very fortunate to have such a secure, calm and quiet place to keep our horses. On September 19th when the recent music event (advertised as Hifields Magical Meadows on Facebook) was held at Dove Barn Meadow we experienced what things might be like if the proposed licence is permitted and we find this is very worrying, the noise from the event even in the afternoon was extremely loud rave music, even when we were stood in the barn it was very difficult to have a conversation.

Our horses graze in a field close to the proposed site but the level of noise unsettled them and because by nature horses are flight animals we were concerned for their safety in case they took fright or if anyone came over from the site into the horses field and we had to move our horses to a field on the other side of the premises but even then the noise from the event was still very loud.

During our time at Wellington Lodge we have watched the Owners Paul and Vicky work very hard to build up their beautiful wedding venue where the whole ethos is about nature, peace and calm, they have employed local craftsmen to build the venue and a lot of hard work, time and effort has been put into making Wellington Lodge a special place for so many, how devastating is it that all this could change if this licence is permitted.

Another concern is the use of the main A134 to enter and exit the site, having used this road daily for many years it is a very busy and fast road, there is no room for errors when pulling onto the A134 even when using the crossroads, the application states there could be up to 4999 people at events, is it really safe to have the volume of traffic these events will generate coming and going from the site?

The application states that they intend to hold one event per week with 7 day opening [from 11 until midnight](#) on this site if the licence is permitted, surely there are other better suited more remote sites that could be utilised instead of spoiling this quiet corner of Norfolk.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Buckle and Sarah Patrick

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Di G <[\[redacted\]](#)>  
**Sent:** 21 October 2020 21:52  
**To:** Marie Malt <[Marie.malt@west-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:Marie.malt@west-norfolk.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Dove Barn Meadow 20/01093/LA\_PRE

fao Ms Marie Malt

RE: Licensing application Dove Barn Meadow, **20/01093/LA\_PRE**

We wish to lodge a strong objection to this application for licenced premises with entertainment at Dove Barn Meadow. The premises are situated on a notoriously dangerous section of the A134, where accidents occur with depressing regularity. Despite the recent introduction of a 50 mph speed limit here, traffic still thunders through this stretch of road. Barely a week ago, we had the funeral of a 16 year old boy who was cycling along the road, which lacks footpaths and lighting.

The site is demonstrably unsuitable for an entertainment venue on grounds of road safety, with vehicles slowing down and stopping on arrival at the address; vehicles pulling out of the premises into the paths of oncoming traffic travelling at 50 mph, in both directions; and pedestrians on the road edge. People walking on the road at night to Dove Barn from Northwold and Cranwich will be especially in danger.

An out-of-town venue like this, conveniently situated on a main road, is likely to attract non-local rowdy and opportunistic persons seeking unrestrained 'fun', while causing misery to those who live nearby. Similarly, such a venue will attract young and vulnerable people, susceptible to drug suppliers who are likely to target the premises for their drug dealing. In the last two years, there has been a noticeable appearance of strangers, trudging solemnly through the village and lanes, wearing urban clothes, who are suspected to be 'county liners'.

Until Covid-19 is brought under control, it could be deemed reckless to consider granting a license for a new entertainment venue.

Diane Gibbs and  
Dr Warwick Rodwell



**From:** KATE DIMOCK [redacted]  
**Sent:** 21 October 2020 22:16  
**To:** EH Licensing <[EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:EHlicensing@West-Norfolk.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Licensing application for Dove barn Meadow 20/01093/LA\_PRE

Hello Borough Council of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk

I am sending this email to express my objection and concerns regarding the Licensing application for Dove barn Meadow 20/1093/LA\_PRE

I am a local resident who has concerns due to the location. There are a number of reasons for my objection. These are listed below.

- Safety. The only access to Dove Barn Meadow is from the A134. This is a fast major road, also, unfortunately already know for the number of accidents along this stretch of said road.
- Location. Dove Barn Meadow has residential properties and land forming parts of its borders. I am 5 miles as the crow flies from the location and at the event held earlier this year I could easily have mistaken the noise for a garden party two doors away.
- Social impact. Proposed licensees have no direct interest in the local community. They do not live locally so do not care about the impact this will have. I am presuming that they have made the application for this site as it is not on their doorstep. And nor would they want it to be. They bring all needed resources with them so will not be bringing anything towards helping the economy in the area. There is a wedding venue adjacent to Dove Barn Meadow who employ numerous people and businesses local to the area. Should this application be passed I believe it will be detrimental to Wellington Wood functioning as it currently does which in turn will have a massive effect on businesses and livelihoods with in the community.
- My final point is, as an experienced festival and event goer, and local to the location in question, this site is not suitable. It is far to small for the requested numbers. Where will the attendees park? Applicants have made no contact with local residents, businesses and anyone who may have an interest for any reason. I believe any event which needs a license as requested to be held at this location is ridiculous. This is a disaster waiting to happen if approval is agreed. Said location should be rented out for grazing. As that is all it would really be useful for.

Please take my points and concerns into consideration when processing the above mentioned application. My thoughts are for no personal gain other than keeping the very good reputation that the area has to offer and to keep people safe. We do alright, we don't need this this in the community to succeed. Pros and cons. Please look closely at what this has to offer and what it could destroy.

Your sincerely  
Kate Dimock

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2020 7:29:54 PM (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London  
**To:** EH Licensing  
**Subject:** 20/01093/LA\_PRE

To whom it may concern,

We are writing to you to object to the application to create the aforementioned site in Northwold, Norfolk into a music festival venue.

We are a local Bell Tent hire company, based only 3 miles away from the proposed application. We have worked hard to establish ourselves (over several years) and have formulated a fantastic relationship with Wellington Wood, that borders the site that wishes to hold the new licence. As a result, Wellington Wood is fast becoming a sought after venue for bespoke weddings (featured in highly renowned magazines) and several local businesses are working in unison to help provide couples with their perfect day. We are proud of the way that local businesses have come together.

However...

the passing of the proposed application will be disastrous for us as local businesses. We are close enough to have 'experienced' the recent event in August. The noise and vibrations were heard and felt several miles away. Also, the behaviour of those that attended later on the night was appalling. Attendees encroached upon the property of Wellington Wood seeking somewhere to 'relieve' themselves.

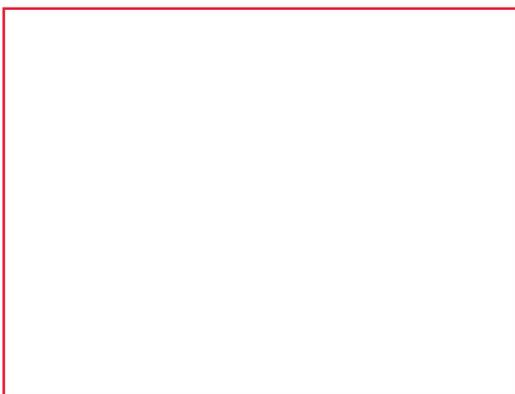
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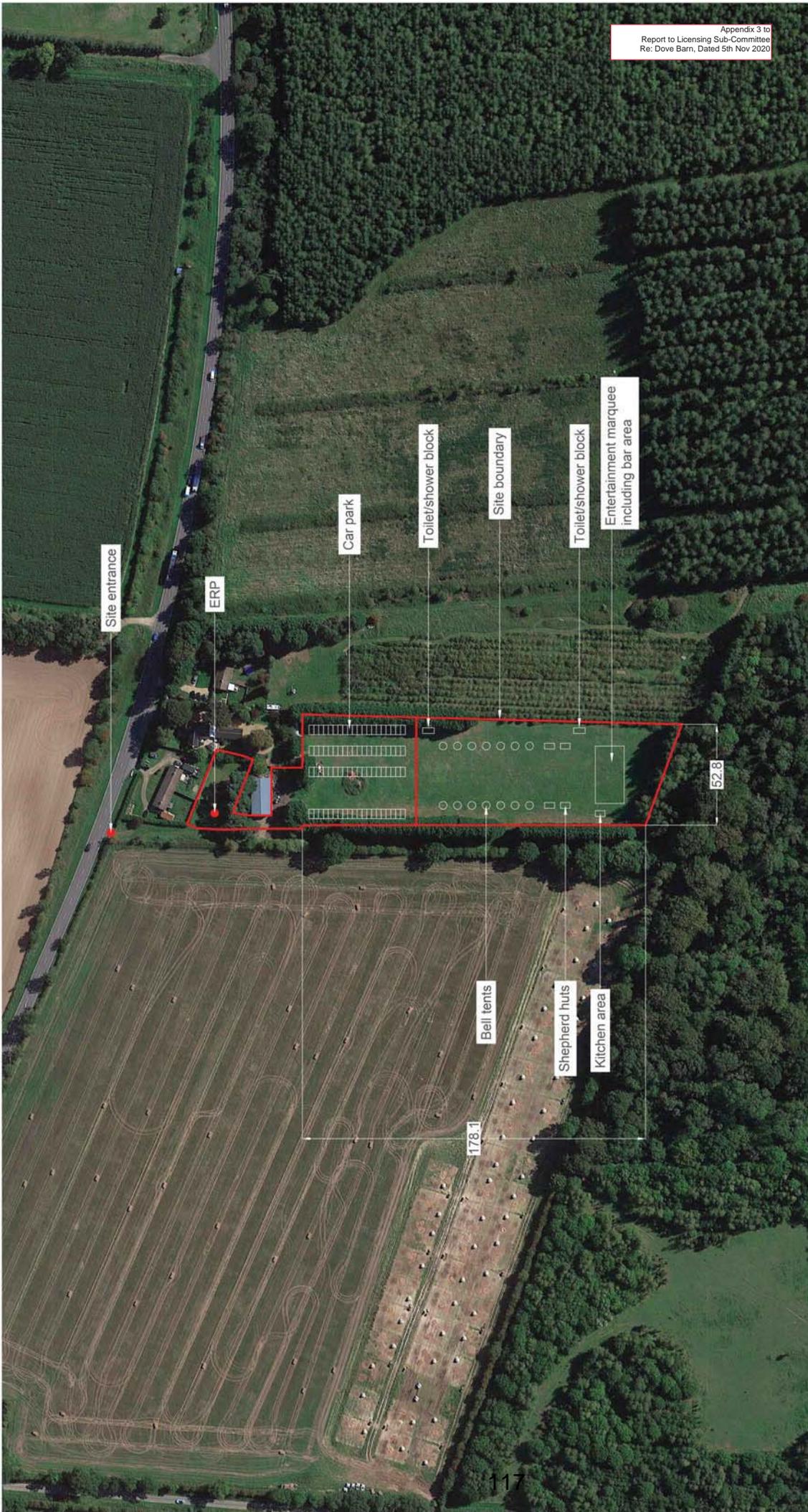
This is not the correct venue for music festivals. We supply many festivals and this does not make ANY sense.

In a time where we should be supporting local businesses (we have suffered enough due to Covid), please play your part and do the right thing.

Kind regards,

Emma and Kate

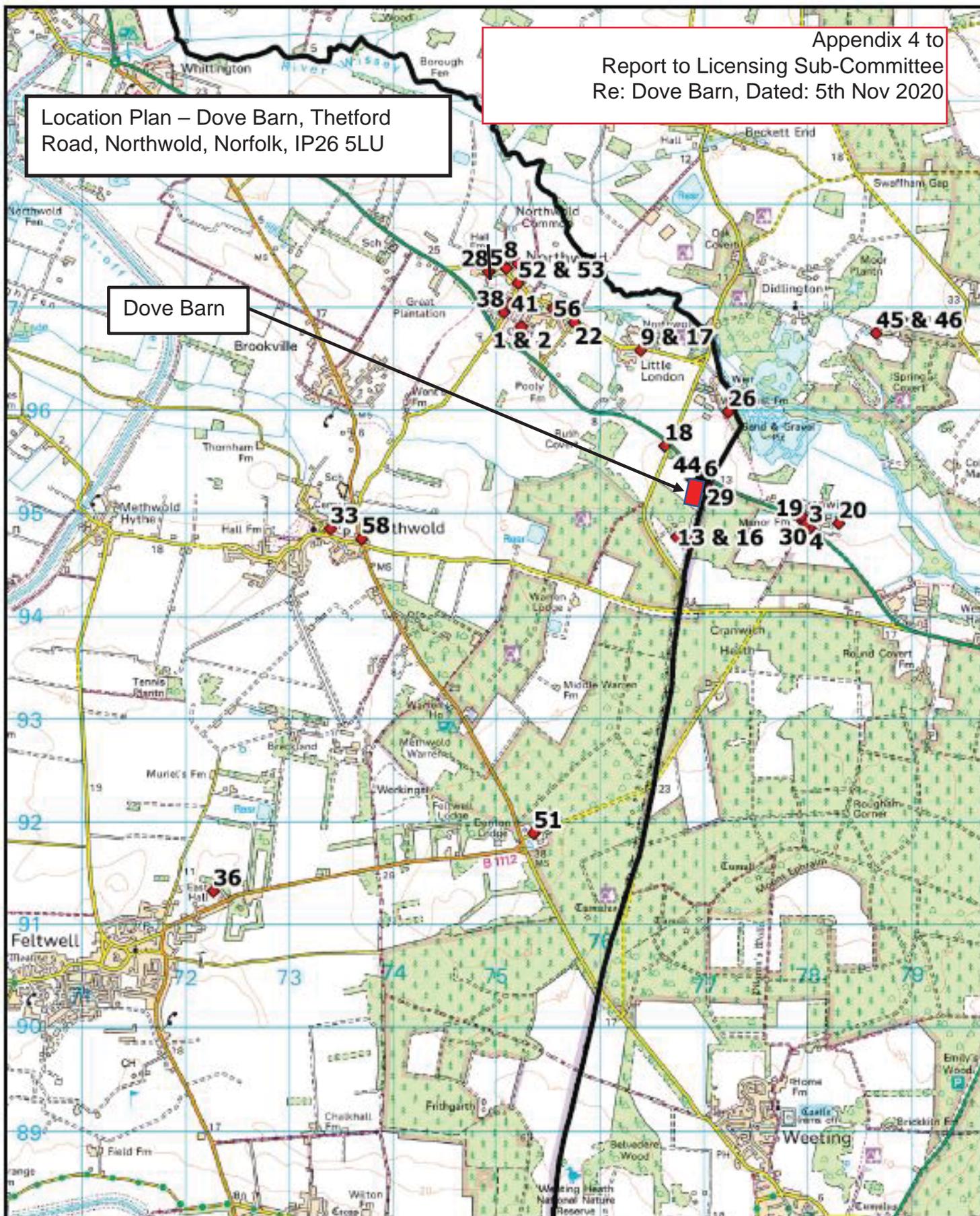




Revision notes:	Rev:	01	Date:	23.09.2020	Notes:	For Premises Licence approval
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