The Licensing and Enforcement Section Newark & Sherwood District Council Castle House Great North Road Newark NG24 1BY



The 616 (Chapel Farm) Wellow, Newark Premises License (November 2020) Application

27th November 2020

Dear NSDC,

Please find attached my objections to the granting of the License application described above.



I have no idea who is responsible for these acts, but nevertheless I do not wish to be identified in connection with this matter, although I hope you will be able to include my thoughts in your deliberations,

Yours Sincerely

Wellow resident and toftholder

Subject; The 616 (Chapel Farm) Wellow Newark. Premises License (November 2020) Application.

I would like to record my objections to the granting of the application specified above.

Broadly these fall into the following categories;

- 1. <u>Environmental impact</u>; the site is bordered by common (toft) land and by an SSSI. The toft land includes an ancient fishing dam and an historic dyke. The Lord of the Manor and the Toftholders (holders of grazing rights) are currently engaged in a project to re-establish, in 2021, ethical grazing to the common land. It is difficult to see how this Licensing arrangement could operate without serious detriment to the common land and it's reintroduced livestock, and to the SSSI.
- 2. <u>Safety</u>; by its very nature the toft land is rough and unfenced, including the dam and the dyke; the application mentions consumption of alcohol <u>both on and off the premises</u>, and any access/egress to and from the 616 (Chapel Farm)on foot or vehicular necessarily crosses toft land. The combination of the landscape as described at 1. above, darkness, and alcohol seems to be a recipe for injury if not worse.
- 3. Access: The holder of the title 'Lord of the Manor' (Challenge Ltd) submitted a cogent objection connected with the recently- rejected application for additional accommodation at the site (Ref; 20/00593FUL); this concerned proposed access from the Rufford end of the commons; there is no reason to suppose that their view has changed in the short interval since then, and I would suggest reference to that submission as part of your deliberations. This leaves a second access/egress point on Billet Lane off Newark Road. Newark Road is not only a busy main road at all times, it is also the relief road when there are problems (closures for roadworks/accidents) on the A1. At these times often at night there is a massive increase in heavy traffic and the access to Billet Lane becomes even more hazardous than at normal times.
- 4.Effect on the residents; There is potential for greatly increased disruption within Wellow by virtue of noise at unsocial hours, increased traffic on an already busy road, and the possibility of overspill parking /unsocial behaviour around the village. The presently-authorised parking of 30 vehicles on the site does not chime with the 300 people referenced in the application, increasing the probability that cars would end up parked either on toft land or around the village (which already has parking issues).

Wellow Resident and toftholder