

ATTN The Licensing and Enforcement Section,

I would like to object to the licensing request at the premises of Forest Events Limited at 'The 616', Wellow, NG22 0EJ as it will have a negative impact of the licensing objectives.

The application details that the licensee will ensure that the maximum occupancy of the licensed premises is restricted at any one time to 300, however the application is for a venue that is under an umbrella of a larger group of properties by the same owner that is advertising for events and venue hire. This is mentioned in part 3 of the operation schedule:

"ADDITIONAL GUESTS (OTHER THAN OVERNIGHT STAYS) MAY ATTEND FOR EVENTS SUCH AS MUSIC CONCERTS or THE FESTIVAL or OTHER CELEBRATIONS, SUCH AS A WEDDING or ANNIVERSARY, BUT PRE-BOOKED AND BY INVITE ONLY."

These festivals and other celebrations being held at the same address have been advertised as having a capacity for up to 2,500 patrons.

With licensing of up to 300 patrons in the same area as a 2,500 capacity festival yet only a 26 adult accommodation property results in huge confusion over the capacity at the property. Additionally there is not sufficient information in the application to confirm how the 26 to 300 (?) licensee restriction will be enforced and the introduction of a 24 hour licensed alcohol premises at such a capacity can only have a negative impact on light and noise pollution in the surrounding area and the neighbouring village which is an extremely quiet and rural area, undoubtedly resulting in public nuisance and an increased risk to crime and disorder. This is especially true with respect to the current licensing being for consumption of alcohol on and off the premises, which would create the possibility for a huge volume of people to be wandering around the nearby villages carrying and consuming alcohol in the early hours of the morning.

Even with a limit of 300 patrons, with the venue only having accommodation for 26 adults this is up to 274 additional people that require transport to and from the event. If the venue were able to keep 2 guests per car, it would be over 100 vehicles requiring car parking on site. The 616 does not have sufficient planning permission to accommodate that many vehicles in its car park.

The area which surrounds the 616 is very remote so entry/exit to the event for such a large number of people would also be extremely dangerous. There is no street lighting or pavements, and the only access road is a very narrow track.

On the submitted plans there is also no clear means of escape from the cellar except a single entry/exit way, without a second fire escape there is a clear risk of a significant fire trap.

With reference to the sound report submitted by Cosmic Sound, the report is inadequate as they are not certified acoustics engineers or consultants. A noise assessment report undertaken by a suitable qualified acoustic sound engineer is required. The report should be approved by a senior EHO before any regulated entertainment can take place.

Many thanks,

Mr and Mrs Lomax