

Dear Nicola,

Re: Chapple Farm licensing, Wellow

I'm writing to register our objections to the new proposed licensing at Chapel Farm. We live at Stag Cottage directly opposite the entrance to Chapel Farm. David Chapelhow and Morgan Gair Kettles have a long history of running lettings and events from this site previously, which have caused no end of stress for us and all the surrounding neighbours. A few years ago, they used to have hen and stag dos and late night parties running most weekends. The local neighbours are all elderly around here, and both my husband and I suffer health problems and sleep disorders, and endless parties made our lives a misery. Guests would party in the farm front garden, often spilling on to the green, making noise, shouting, swearing and blasting music until the early hours and leaving a trail of rubbish on the toft holder's land, which would have to be cleared away by the neighbours. Signage put out for the events would never be cleared away by the applicants, but again, would fall to the neighbours. The limestone tracks leading up to the farm, are full of pot holes and can barely stand the small volume of traffic they currently endure. Party goers and visitors would very regularly speed up and down these paths, kicking up clouds of dust and rendering the tracks unusable. Ourselves and our neighbours on both sides have young grandchildren visiting regularly who are exposed to very unsavoury behaviour of stag and hen do guests, including my very young granddaughter once seeing "butlers in the buff" serving at a hen do. The young children are also affected by speeding cars down our quiet tracks.

My objections to the new licensing are as follows:

*Noise - 2am is wholly inappropriate for a cut off point in a small village of elderly residents. Many of our neighbours go to bed around 9pm. The continual disruption to our lives would be immense.

*Litter - as we already have a history with Chapel Farm running almost identical events, but without licensed alcohol, we can be safe to assume the litter problem will be as bad or worse.

*Safeguarding children - raucous hen and stag dos, which inevitably spill on to toft holders land, and can be heard from the farm itself are wholly unsuitable environments for children. The parties can always be heard from our front lawn, and we should not have to keep children indoors. In addition people driving fast on unsafe tracks (which have blind corners) poses a real danger.

Mr Chapelhow and Ms Kettle put on Wellow Fest once per year. Ourselves and our neighbours endure this, at volumes for which the police have come out several times, we put up with festival goers urinating on our hedges and the village cricket pitch, parking on unsuitable village common-land, huge volumes of litter and noise until the early hours. My husband and I have never complained about this despite the huge disruption, because it is once per year, and only for a weekend. We appreciate that people need to have fun, and that sometimes comes at the cost of local residents. However, we cannot bear the thought of noise and disruption every week, and the impact that would have on our health.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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