


Prestbury
Cheshire SK10 4

The Licensing Section

Cheshire East Council
Municipal Buildings
Earle Street
Crewe CW1 2BJ

20 June 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

Hilltop Country House – Application for a Premises Licence – Notice of Objection

I am writing to notify you of my objection to the recent application by Hilltop Country House Events Limited (dated 8 June 2021) in respect of the premises known as Hilltop Country House, Flash Lane, Prestbury, Cheshire SK10 4ED.

Of the proposals listed, the proposal for the provision of live music (indoors and outdoors) Wednesday to Sunday 12:00 – 0:00 each day is of significant concern to me. This proposal represents a considerable increase of the permission that the previous owner had in place for two weddings per week, with the music/disco to be held in a sound-proofed room.

I have two small children (aged 4 and 20 months) and one of the primary reasons we chose to buy a house here was due to the peaceful, countryside setting. Hilltop Country House is located approximately 300 metres from my home in Butley Town and, if the proposal is granted, the location of my home relative to the premises (Hilltop Country House is situated at the top of a hill, therefore the sound will carry down to my property) means that we would be able to hear the music being played for 12 hours a day, 5 days a week. I anticipate that this would cause considerable disruption to our enjoyment of our garden and would affect our ability and our children's ability to sleep during the evenings (particularly during the Summer months when windows will need to be left open). We bought the house in January 2021 and, frankly, had we known about this application/had Hilltop Country House had such a permission in place at the time, we would not have bought our house, such is the negative impact that the extended periods of noise would have on my family's day to day life.

I am similarly concerned about the second limb of the application, which extends the supply of alcohol and the provision of indoor music from 12:00 to 0:00 seven days a week. As mentioned above, the previous owner was only permitted to hold two weddings per week, with music played in a sound-proofed room. The proposal to extend this to seven days a week and to allow music to be played in any indoor setting (irrespective of sound-proofing) means that we, in light of our proximity to the premises, could be subject to the resulting noise pollution every single day of the week, with no right to object.

Had we elected to live in a city centre property or on a busy road, I would have been less concerned by these proposals but our decision to live here and bring up our children here was motivated by how peaceful and tranquil it is. I would strongly recommend that a representative from the licensing section visit Butley Town in order to see for themselves just how much it would disrupt the residents' way of life if this application is granted.

Yours faithfully

