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Subject: APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE - Hilltop Country House, Flash Lane, Prestbury
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APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE: LICENSING ACT 2003
Hilltop Country House, Flash Lane, Prestbury, Cheshire, SK10 4ED.

I am a long-term resident of Butley Town, and I wish to object to the granting of a licence for the above premises, for the "Provision of live music (indoors and outdoors) Wednesday to Sunday 12.00 to 00.00 each day", for the reasons below:-

Planning Conditions

On 22 July 2015, a Planning Application, Reference No. 15/2802M, for the Demolition of existing stables, change of use of existing stable and garage, erection of marque (Retrospective) was submitted, for Hilltop. This Licencing application would contravene the Planning Conditions granted to this property at the time. (See attached documents)

The Environmental Protection Report recommendations include;

"NOISE MITTIGATION of amplified music (live bands and discos/amplified DJ)

All amplified music shall be restricted to be played within the converted barn building only – as a contained environment. At no time should amplified music be played within the marquee.

Reason: For protection of residential amenity."

These recommendations were adopted as a condition of planning permission; the Decision Notice clearly states:-

"All amplified music shall be restricted to be played within the converted barn building – as a contained environment. At no time should amplified music be played within the marquee."

Reason: For protection of residential amenity. "

This application does not afford any protection for residents against noise nuisance, and the protection of this residential amenity is still essential.

Butley Town Conservation Area

Hilltop stands at the top of a hill and from this elevated position, any amplified music outdoors has the potential to cause noise nuisance across the entire Butley Town Conservation Area, which at its farthest point, is only 500 meters from Hilltop. (Map attached) Based on my personal experiences, I know that at 500 meters, amplified music can still be a very intrusive and an annoying nuisance.

Part of the unique character of the Butley Town Conservation Area, is its tranquillity. This is due to its location and its history. It is set back from the A523 and has been a No Through Road, for over 150 years. The only traffic is that serving the 21 properties in, or beyond, the conservation area. When visiting the Conservation Area for the first time, people always comment on how quiet and peaceful the area is. It is this special characteristic that is under threat by this application. Our local residential amenity needs to be preserved and protected.

In my opinion, live outdoor music at Hilltop Country House is unreasonable, unwelcome and unneighbourly. It is also in contravention Planning Conditions and is a threat to the peace and tranquillity of the Butley Town Conservation Area. I am asking for this Premises Licence Application to be refused.

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