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To: LICENSING (Cheshire East)
Subject: Hilltop Country House, Flash Lane, Prestbury, Cheshire, SK10 4ED

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Dear Sirs

Objection to application in respect of Hilltop Country House, Flash Lane, Prestbury, Cheshire, SK10 4ED for a premises licence to provide the following licensable activities:

- Provision of live music (indoors and outdoors) Wednesday to Sunday 12:00 to 00:00 each day.
- Provision of recorded music (indoors only) and supply of alcohol (consumption on the premises only) Monday to Sunday 12:00 to 00:00 each day.

As residents of Butley Town, we live approximately 0.3 mile from the subject premises and write to object to the above licensing application.

This objection is based on a concern that this new licence may increase the possibility of public nuisance for residents in the vicinity, specifically noise nuisance which already (save for the past year due to the pandemic) results occasionally when an event is held at the premises.

Because of the elevated position of the premises and the 'tented' nature of the marquee, noise carries very easily. As this nuisance has previously only happened occasionally, more frequently at times of the year when these things are expected (Fri/Sat/Bank Holidays/Christmas/New Year) we are prepared to tolerate it and have not previously objected. However, it is apparent that the premises are under new ownership and that there is a clear intention to expand activities at the premises, to intensify the use and to hold more frequent and varied events both inside and outside and not just at weekends. There is nothing to limit the type or number of events, nor the nature of the events that may take place. Already the venue hosts weddings, wedding fayres, school events, charity events and balls. The current number of events where amplified equipment is used, where the music beat and announcements over microphone can be clearly heard, is tolerated by residents. However, potential multiple events in the same week, week after week is not acceptable with the level of noise generated in buildings inadequately acoustically designed for musical events or in the gardens of the premises with no soundproofing at all. The capacity of the premises (Terrace (Capacity 120) Marquee (Capacity 160) Garden Room (Capacity 68)) could arguably permit more than one event to take place simultaneously. As such, we consider the noise nuisance would not be tolerable on such a scale if left unrestricted. With more of us working from home these days there is likely to be more opportunity for noise from daytime events to cause disturbance.

The premises is subject to planning conditions (Planning permission ref: 15/2802M (retrospective) which restrict the hours of operation (to 08.00hrs - 12.30hrs Monday to Sunday) due to the potential for noise disturbance to local residents and for the protection of residential amenity. These conditions also prohibit the playing of amplified music within the marquee. Whilst the planning regime is separate, the local planning authority is a responsible authority and should be given the opportunity to make representations on this licensing application.

In the event the licensing team is minded to grant a licence and in accordance with the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy we respectfully request consideration of the imposition of restrictions to any licence, mirroring those of the planning conditions and potentially restricting the number of events that can be held in a year, restricting the days/hours that amplified music may be played, prohibiting the playing of amplified music above a certain dB in the gardens and marquee for example. Noise monitoring could be undertaken to ascertain if noise

levels can be kept at an acceptable level and appropriately restrict and manage the generation of any noise within the premises and from activities associated with the premises.

We would be grateful if the Licensing team would consider this objection.

Yours faithfully

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