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The Licensing Department
Kettering Borough Council

Premises License Application 15/04142/LAPNEW

Dear Sirs

I write on behalf of Cranford Parish Council with regards to the above application, who wishes to make the following observations know to the Licensing department. The Council have been in discussion with representative of Cranford Farming Company (The Company)

- We would like to support The Company's' proposition that the licence they would now like to apply for, would cover a maximum of three music events within the year-this we see as a reasonable compromise.
- We fully support the need for Environmental Health to sound monitor these events to see what the impact will be on the village and Cranford road residents, and for noise abatement measures to be put in place to reduce noise entering people's homes late at night.
- Whilst supporting the charity work undertaken by the Company on behalf of Cransley Hospice, we would like noise control measures/reduction to be in place for residents post 11.00pm, and feel that an adequate music event can be achieved whilst allowing residents of both areas to enjoy an undisturbed sleep-given the distance to both communities, there should not be a need for residents to hear music after this hour, whilst allowing those going to the music venue to still enjoy their evening.
- Whilst the Company states there is sufficient parking for both visitors and taxis, this issue need to be verified by the licensing authority.
- We would also enquire as to whether a one year license is available, rather than a permanent one

We are happy to discuss any of these issues with you further

Kind regards



Claire Tilley
Parish Clerk

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The Licensing Department
Kettering Borough Council
By email

6th January 2015

Dear Sirs

Premises License Application 15/04142/LAPNEW Cranford Farming Company

Having had further discussions, I write again on behalf of Cranford Parish Council with regards to the above application. The Council wishes to make further observations to the Licensing department.

1. We would request that noise control measures do need to be in place for residents of the village and Cranford Road for the duration of the events- People in the village and along Cranford road are not be disturbed by music noise late into the evening so that they can rest and go to bed with their windows open and not be disturbed by music noise. This may mean that open performed music may need to go inside, and that noise transgression beyond the site is curtailed by the barn building being modified so that it is a proper sound controlled music venue.
2. It is the view of 'non interested' parish councillors that the event licence be restricted to 3 events as the Company has indicated in its e mail response to the parish council that it is willing to undertake, and so accommodate the concerns of local residents.
3. From a traffic management and disturbance point of view for party leavers, it is desirable that the licence should be restricted to a 12.30am-1.00am, given the sensitive location of departing party goers to residents along Cranford Road and the village-the main and only points of road access to this site. This is also more important now that any subsequent events may accommodate more visitors than a temporary licence has done previously. This accommodates and balances the needs of all interested parties.
4. Although previous events have not received complaints, the council feels this is due to the current reporting system to Environmental Health. There is an out of hours contact answer phone, and therein lies the problem, people wanting to sleep want a solution to the noise as it happens, not a discussion in the morning when they are trying to get on with their lives. Comments were made following events last year but as residents thought they were a one off event-and wanted to support charity fund raising, did not take it any further. They however do not want to be disturbed by potentially frequent events for private commercial gain. Residents in the local community are tolerant of developments and highly supportive of Charity events-though they are also entitled to have undisturbed rest in their community.

The council understands that there may be a later opportunity for discussion of these matters and are happy to be available for these

Kind regards

Claire Tilley
Parish Clerk

16 DEC. 2015

**12 The Green
Cranford St John
Northants NN14 4AB**

The Licensing Department
Kettering Borough Council
Bowling Green Road
Kettering
NN15 7QX

15th December 2015

To whom it may concern:

I am registering my strong opposition to the Notice of the Application for a Premises Licence by the Cranford Farming Company at the Music Barn. My reasons for this are:

- **Character of village:** Although the address of the property is given as Barton Seagrave, the barns are extremely close to the village of Cranford. The impact of permitting licences to this venture will negatively impact the village with noise and litter pollution and social implications. Cranford is a small rural village and allowing a 'party club' to be set up so close to this conservation village is totally out of keeping with the character of the village and a very high proportion of its residents. This is a quiet, residential, rural community.
- **Noise:** The barn is less than 0.3 miles from the nearest house in the village of Cranford St John and it is south of Cranford St Andrew. There are no physical barriers to prevent the noise from the live and recorded music directly impacting houses in both these villages which will be exacerbated by the prevailing southerly wind direction. Previous parties at the barns have proven that this is indeed the case with music heard throughout the village.
- **Anti-social hours:** The application requests for the venue to be allowed to remain open and continue to sell alcohol and play music until 2 am on both Friday and Saturdays nights throughout the year and from 12 pm to 8 pm on Sundays. I think it is totally unacceptable for villagers to be expected to endure this level of intrusion and the consequence of sleep deprivation. If this application were approved, it would give the potential for this to happen every single weekend of the year.
- **Transport to and from venue:** There is no public transport to the venue and therefore people will need to get to the venue by car/bike, taxi or walking. The first

method will mean that parking spaces will have to be provided and drink driving monitored carefully. If people hire taxis, this will substantially increase the night traffic in the village which will have noise implications. If people walk, it is likely people will be walking around the village late at night as has happened after previous events at the barns.

- **Anti-social behaviour:** Previous parties at this venue have resulted in people walking around the village in the early hours of the morning being drunk, rowdy, defecating on people's property and leaving litter. Previous events both at the barn and late licenced events at the Red Lion Pub (eg 12th December 2015) have also resulted in 'boy racer' antics down Cranford High Street with screeching tyres between 2 and 3 am thereby keeping awake residents in the village.

Overall, I think it is entirely irrational proposal to put a 'music barn' in a field on the outskirts of a small, rural, conservation village. It will have a detrimentally negative impact on the village through noise pollution well into the early hours of the morning potentially two nights every week and the subsequent anti-social behaviour that comes hand in hand with late night venues that sell alcohol until 2 am. The vast majority of people that would use the venue will not come from Cranford and thus sadly will potentially have little or no regard for the residents of Cranford and the impact that their late night and often drunken antics will have on this community.

Yours truly

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Sarah Simeons

21 DEC 2015

To whom it may concern.

I would like to object to the application being made for a licence to hold regular large events at a barn adjacent to the village of Colbold.

My objections for regular use do avoid the issues in respect of noise from an sand proofed building to risk of anti social behaviour from the vast amount of people likely to attend such an event.

My property is on the right hand side as such a railway (track) runs passed the rear of my house to the music barn. I have observed people wandering along said path on the night of a recent event held.

I do not object however to the occasional use of the barn and am aware that on an annual basis it is used to raise money for the crowley hospice. This event is mainly attended by local people and security is such that I have not felt vulnerable or at risk. Sadly this was not the case when a subsequent event was held where by emergency support was required in respect of Anti social behaviour.

Given the proximity of the barn it is very difficult to see how appropriate security and noise management can be arranged.

Noise from the barn is of a droning nature and on occasions one can live with such noise, especially if a drinkable and however I feel very strongly that I should not be made to live in a rural village that is disturbed at the weekends by the thudding of a base from any event held.

It is also of concern that the full extent of the proposed use of the barn is not fully known to the residents of the Village.

I would ask that my concerns are registered as an objection to said planning application, in respect of "The Music Barn".

Yours sincerely,

Tracy Beattie
18 High Street
Corford
Keele
KW14 4AA

23 DEC 2015

Mill Barn,
High Street, Cranford St. John,
Kettering
Northamptonshire. NN14 4AA
Tel 01536 [REDACTED]

21st December 2015

The Licensing Department
Kettering Borough Council
Bowling Green Road
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NN15 7QX

re- Application for a Premises License by Cranford Farming Company
Address - Music Barn, Cranford Road, Barton Seagrave NN14 4DZ

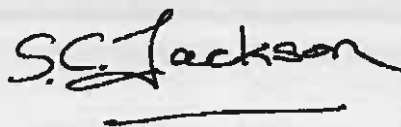
Dear Sir or Madam,

I wish to oppose the above application for the following reasons,

- 1- Noise: I believe that the barn is only partially sound proofed as on previous occasions the noise has been loudly heard from my property.
- 2- Nuisance: On previous occasions, when the barn has been used for events, drunken people have been wandering around the village of Cranford this is unpleasant & makes me feel very vulnerable as my property is very close to the site.
- 3- Location: There is no footpath to the site & vehicle the access is unclear.

I do not object to occasional events but request that the Licensing Department listen to concerns & reject this application.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Stella Jackson

14 DEC 2015

The Old Woolpack, St Andrews Lane, Cranford,
Kettering, Northants. NN14 4AQ

Telephone: 01536 [REDACTED]

11th December 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to express our concern regarding the application for a Premises Licence under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003 for Cranford Farming Company at the The Music Barn, Cranford Road, Barton Seagrave, NN14 4DZ.

While we are very happy for an annual music event held for charity, our concerns are that a full licence will permit more and larger events which would have an enormous negative effect on Cranford because of the following reasons;

1. NOISE

The event is held partly in a non-sound proofed barn and partly in the open air.

During previous events held at this location, noise has travelled easily and could be heard loudly by many houses including those in St Andrews Lane, Top Dysons and Rectory Hill among others, and it has continued until 2am which is disruptive for local residents.

1. LOCATION

We do not believe the site is suitable for more than 500 people and their cars.

During previous events, the gate onto the main road (directly from the barns) has been fenced off and locked preventing people

leaving the event and potentially creating a hazard if any emergency vehicles need to get to the barns.

Previous events have resulted in drunken attendees wandering round the village during the night.

When the site has been hired out to a third party this last summer, it has resulted in an incident involving a knife which was well publicised in the local press.

Cranford is a relatively small village with residents enjoying quiet village life and while a single, fund raising event is a great idea, this is a totally unsuitable site for any further noisy, large music events.

We hope that the Licensing Department will understand our concerns and limit the licence for a single event with an earlier finishing time.

Yours faithfully



Roger and Rachel Davis

Mr Russ Howell
Health service manager
Environmental health
Kettering borough council
Bowling Green road
Kettering
Northants
NN15 7QX

Mr M A Askew
2 High Street
Cranford
Kettering
Northants
NN14 4AA

21 December 2015

Tel. 01536 [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Howell,

I wish to lodge my objections to the proposed granting to licence "The music barn "Cranford road, Barton Seagrave to allow the sale of alcohol also live and recorded music.

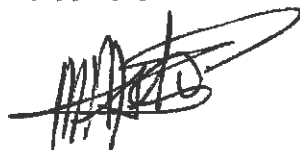
The barn is closer to Cranford than Barton Seagrave and is a small quiet village and we would like to keep it that way, if we wanted to live near to a nightclub we would move to a town.

On the occasional times when the barn has been used I have experienced the inconvenience of music late into the night causing loss of sleep , coupled with the extra road noise caused by increased traffic and pedestrians being noisy and disruptive. The granting of a licence would only increase the problem to most weekends until at least 0200 hrs in the morning.

The barn is in a rural setting with no pedestrian pathway except along the Cranford to Barton Seagrave main road, so could cause problems with people walking along an unlit main road in the middle of the night coupled with an increase in traffic not to mention late night drink driving could cause.

In my opinion Cranford does not need a "rural nightclub" because that I'm afraid is what it could become.

Yours sincerely Michael Askew.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Askew', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

22 DEC 2015

Mr Russ Howell
Health service manager
Environmental health
Kettering borough council
Bowling Green road
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NN15 7QX

Mrs G Askew
2 High Street
Cranford
Kettering
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NN14 4AA

21 December 2015
Tel. 01536 [REDACTED]

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On the occasional times when the barn has been used I have experienced the inconvenience of music late into the night causing loss of sleep, coupled with the extra road noise caused by increased traffic and pedestrians being noisy and disruptive plus the extra litter it would create. The granting of a licence would only increase the problem to most weekends until at least 0200 hrs in the morning.

The barn is in a rural setting with no pedestrian pathway except along the Cranford to Barton Seagrave main road, so could cause problems with people walking along an unlit main road in the middle of the night coupled with an increase in traffic not to mention late night drink driving could cause.

In my opinion Cranford does not need a "rural nightclub" because that I'm afraid is what it could become.

Yours sincerely, Gail Askew.



21 DEC 2015

MR & MRS ROBINSON
Top House
1 Grafton Road
Cranford
NN14 4JE

18th December 2015

The Licensing Department
Kettering Borough Council
Bowling Green Road
Kettering
NN15 7QX

Re Notice of application for a Premises Licence

Name of applicant: Cranford Farming Company
Address of premises: Music Barns (2 No.), Cranford Road, Barton Seagrave

Dear Sirs

With regards to the above application for a premises licence. We would like to object to the application on the grounds of public safety and prevention of nuisance.

In past years, when these event were held at the Cranford Hall grounds it was very noisy. The weddings that are currently held in the same original venue finish at 10.30pm so has not to disturb village life.

A premises licence for Friday - Sunday would cause problems not only for Cranford villagers but for home owners along Cranford Road, Barton Seagrave. You will have the same problems that Pychley Road, Kettering residents had when a nightclub was situated at the end of their road.

The music barn is in effect a disused cow shed that is set in 2 acres of agricultural land with no footpaths to the venue and outside of the 30mph speed limit. Surely public safety concerns issues are prevalent?

The venue is also directly situated next to the A14 not a great mix with alcohol fuelled patrons.

When the charity events were moved to this new venue we found numerous cans and bottles littered in our neighbouring field. This had the potential of causing harm to our livestock and horses.

Our horses have been let out in the past, we think maliciously, and the police spent a lot of time securing them.

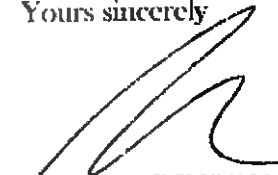
Locking the gates to this field is not an option as it is a public footpath. There is an added hazard to the public who may decide to walk home, as a large lake is situated at the bottom of this field.

We question how the venue would be policed? 3 nights a week would take valuable policing from the town centre.

At past events there has been a sea of people wandering around waiting for lifts or wondering how they were getting home. The road is very dark, winding and the visibility on the road is poor at times so an influx of people milling around would cause a hazard to not only themselves but to passing motorists.

Your consideration in this matter would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely



MR D ROBINSON



MRS J ROBINSON

21 DEC 2015

36 High Street
Cranford
Kettering
Northants
NN14 4AA

20/12/15

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to strongly object to the granting of a licence to Cranford Farming Company to allow the sale of alcohol and playing of live and recorded music at the Music barn on Cranford Road, Barton Leagrave, Northants NN14 4DZ.

I was born in Cranford and have been a permanent resident here for the last twenty five years, choosing to live in a quiet rural village setting.

My property backs onto the old railway line, along from the location of the music barn.

I believe the barns to be unsuitable for the proposed purpose of loud music and alcohol sale, with numbers exceeding five hundred people attending.

Firstly, the barn is not soundproofed and my greatest concern is the frequency of potentially an event being held every weekend in the year, which is preposterous. The noise pollution is obviously a worry, along with the inevitability of drunkenness, antisocial behaviour and drug use that realistically go hand in hand with such occasions.

We live in a small village and I personally do not want to be invaded by hundreds of party goers potentially on many weekends in the year.

Secondly, the access to the Music barn is either through the village or along the Cranford Road; both minor carriageways

Hundreds of vehicles would arrive at the location using these routes which are unsuitable for heavy traffic flow.

There has been one event staged at the music barn in the last few months and emergency services needed to be called. If this is typical, then it will put even greater pressure on our already stretched ambulance service and first responder medics.

Also if antisocial behaviour is reported, then police would be taken from their night safe duties in nearby policing, leaving the town vulnerable.

I would not necessarily object to up to four well managed music events in one year, but to exceed this I do believe would negatively impact on Cranford residents, especially those most affected by the noise.

We do have many elderly residents in Cranford who may be untested or intimidated by the influx of such large crowds.

I trust that the licencing officer will take ^{note of} my concerns and objection to this application.

With many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

B. R. Jones.

Dormitory Cottage
4 High Street
Cranford
NN14 4AA

22 DEC 2015

21st Dec 2015

Regarding planning application for licencing under section 17 licencing act at 'Music Barn' Cranford Road Barton Seagrave NN14 4DZ

We oppose this application.

Besides adversely affecting us personally as we live so near, we also feel that it would make no positive contribution to the life of the village and indeed, think it would significantly degrade it, were permission to be granted.

Village life tends to start early and finish early. People enjoy the peace and tranquility from dawn to dusk. Socialising involving loud music and drinking is occasional and limited to certain ad hoc events, such as may be organised at the village hall, the pub or rarely, as in the case of our biennial music festival, on the grounds of Cranford Hall. I can think of no occasions when events have exceeded 11 o'clock at night.

The proposals for music and drinking at the Barn along the Cranford Road do not fit in with current village life. It may possibly suit the tastes of a very limited number of residents but largely I imagine it would rely on the custom of those coming in from a much broader area, from Kettering and beyond.

While it won't probably bring too many people on to the streets of Cranford, those that it will bring will likely to have been partying and drinking for several hours, and in view of the licencing hours being applied for, this is likely to be in the early hours of Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Litter is always a problem in the village and I do try to help clear it when I can. I imagine that having a drinking venue will mean a few more empty beer cans being flung out of car windows because these days it is common practice for many to ease the costs of a party night out by supplementing drinks at the bar with supermarket supplies. In the same way increasing numbers of empty pizza boxes and takeaway boxes will be added to our streets.

Traffic has increased enormously both in speed and volume since we moved here 5 years ago. Mercifully this tends to tail off in the evening and through the nights. A music and drinking venue will mean extra vehicular traffic possibly including some drink-drivers late at night and into the early hours of

the morning.

And then there is the noise from the venue itself. I was actually away on the night of the party last year but my wife could easily hear it.

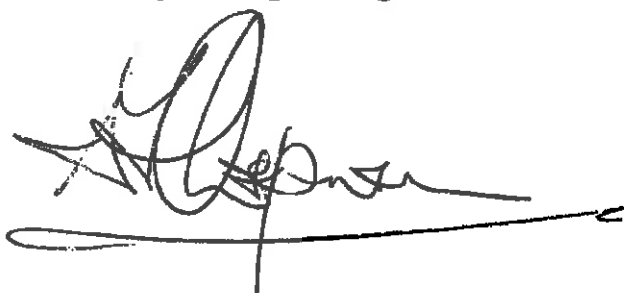
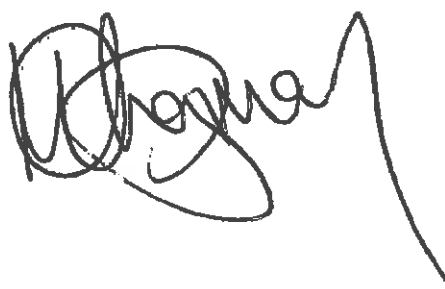
If permission were to be granted then we shall have to tolerate the music noise and the increased traffic on a regular basis. Additionally we shall be subject to other inconveniences and unpleasantness that this type of late night drinking establishment is bound to bring. Those that litter may be in the minority but if the numbers are big enough (and the size of the barn could well accommodate large numbers) then this minority will constitute a considerable number of litterers. Similarly inconsiderate and anti-social behaviour may not be the norm but even a minority will cause adverse effects to us and other Cranford residents. (I believe there was an 'incident' on one of the occasions a party was held there this year)

We are truly not against development and believe that there needs to be growth and changes in the village, but a late night drinking establishment will add nothing positive to those living in Cranford (and little to the lives of those visiting such an establishment) were permission to be granted. Far better to have night life in areas which can sustain it properly and provide some balance: somewhere there are additional venues nearby, restaurants, cinemas, theatres shops....all the 'bright lights' together not an isolated night club in the countryside bordering a small village.

We ask therefore that you reject the proposal.

Andrew and Maria Chapman

Dormitory Cottage 4 High Street Cranford

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