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The Licensing Department
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Ref: Wicksteed Park Ltd – Premises License Application

In response to the above notification (displayed 8th July 2017) my comments are:

“Charles Wicksteed created a park for children and adults alike to have fun”.

The park is regarded as a family pleasure park where children, adults and animals come and play, enjoy the attractions and have fun. The trust, I’m sure would rather continue this legacy than replace it with the selling of alcohol in the early hours and encourage the risk of drunk and disorderly behaviour.

The park has already received public complaints regarding the drunk and anti social behaviour of teenage children on and around the lake / bridge area. This causes a nuisance and risk to public confidence and safety. The local Police have written to schools in the area in an effort to eliminate such behaviour.

Increased availability of alcohol will further increase the exposure of such behaviour to the public, children and families who use the park.

A recent example of this was on Saturday 8th July 2017 at approx. 7:30am where a number of campsite users were clearly behaving in a drunk manner. This is not an experience adults or children should be subjected to in a pleasure park.

There is also regular evidence of broken glass and metal cans which have been cut by grass cutting machinery which is a danger to children and animals.

The welcome introduction of the animal enclosures near to the campsite will be put at risk with the increased availability of alcohol which can potentially cause harm and or death of an animal.

During the summer periods the use of barbecues increases, which burn the grass and more recently caused a bin to catch fire. Allowing increased access to alcohol on site has a high potential to increase the risk of fire which during dry spells can cause a major fire, damage to property on site, animal enclosures and nearby properties.

Discarded bottles are evident in the lake which is not only an eyesore but causes harm to birds and wildlife in and around the lake.

Inadequate security and fencing allows drunk and disorderly people to short cut through the park late at night along Spinney Lane and Paradise Lane. Extending the finishing time for the supply of alcohol to 2am and music will cause a public nuisance to local residents due to noise from the event and people leaving in the early hours of the morning.

There is a perception that current "policing" in the park is inadequate. Allowing extended periods for the sale of alcohol and extended opening hours could therefore become unmanageable.

There is a growing concern a member of public will be put at risk as a result of drunk and disorderly behaviour and it is very likely this will increase should permission be granted to sell bottled alcohol between the hours of 7am to 11am, 4pm to 8pm and extended to 2am.



Yours Faithfully
SJ Wright