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Mr Norman Stanley  
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Your Ref

Dear Mr Stanley

**Re: Premises licence application: The Great Barn, Ruiship**

On behalf of the Commissioner of Police I wish to make a representation to the application for the grant of a premises licence at the above venue.

Our representation is in support of the licensing objectives. The Prevention of Crime and Disorder, and Nuisance.

The police identify that this is an unusual application where the full extent and style of the usage of the building is not clearly identified in the application. I have spoken to the applicant and noted that the application albeit vague is to support the venue in its promotion of a mainly cultural site and that bookings outside of this will be selective, other premises in the borough where the borough hold licences have generally been well run.

Police have concerns over the term stewards being used and have contacted the Security Industry Authority with regard as to whether such actions constitute duties that require a Door Supervisors licence and how this may affect their employ and this application. Further I raised the issue of allowing drinking in the grassed courtyard with the applicant in relation to the boroughs alcohol consumption designated public place order and also the bar being run by non site staff ( contractors or hirers ) and this as a supervision factor.

The term nuisance is considered under the act to incorporate noise if that noise has such, or is likely to have such an annoying effect on local residents. Nuisance through noise is often complained about to the police. This takes the form of amplified musical noise from a given building but most commonly by noise nuisance caused by a licensed premise when their patrons are mainly leaving a premise following the end of proceedings and more recently by patrons using the outside areas for smoking.

Amplified music has been addressed in the application under part F where it is stated that the Environmental Protection Unit will fix the levels and I am given to understand that this level is one whereby no music etc will be audible inside the perimeter of any neighbouring private residence but this level is still not positively agreed between parties.

It must be said that the police feel that the size and accommodation numbers of this building will have a notable effect on some local residents. It is impossible to guarantee the behaviour of any patron using or leaving an establishment. We do see disorder and inconsiderate behaviour at some private and commercial functions across the borough including birthday parties and the like.

Although noise nuisance is by policy the remit of the local authority, the noise caused by revellers often results in disturbance calls to the police especially when the hour is late and the revellers particularly loud or their actions prolonged.

The application is for all activities to end at midnight, both sales of alcohol and music. Experience shows that following the termination of a large function, particularly when the parties are friends and family that dispersion of the patrons in good weather will take some time when parties say their farewells etc.

Some premises having an idea of the time they wish to see the site evacuated end the entertainment earlier to allow this practice to take place more so within the building and not in the adjoining streets. Whilst car parking is generally catered for within nearby local public car parks many patrons will no doubt take advantage of off street parking to be nearer the site.

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