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From: Helenker [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 February 2025 13:05
To: Licensing e-mail address
Subject: License to sell alcohol at Harry's Meadow SP62RE.

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Dear Sir,

My Wife and I object to the selling of alcohol at Harry's Meadow, Monday to Sunday from 17:00-22:00 hrs, from 1st.July to 31st. August 2025 for the following reasons.

We bought Home Farm,(opposite Harry's Meadow) in 1979 and have run a herd of Rare Breed White Park Cattle here since 1982, employing local labour.

The farm was extremely rundown and we have made a considerable investment In it over the past forty five years.The area was quiet and Hale Lane was only used by local traffic.Indeed we could safely move the cattle and sheep up and down the Lane sometimes without the worry of meeting a single vehicle.

At that time the Forest had lots of areas like this.We would have called them the Quiet Areas of The New Forest.Over the past 20years or so with the advent of the internet we are now overrun with home deliveries by delivery vans. Gone are the days of the Postman delivering just about everything once a day.

The New Forest National Park is now under ever increasing pressure by our ever increasing population to use the Park as a place of recreation.The traditional pony riding and occasional dog walker has now been joined by the mountain bike rider, the road racing cyclists, the orienteer, the professional dog walker (which some car parks have now had to be closed during the breeding and nesting season) as ground nesting birds numbers are beginning to plummet.

On top of all this pressure we now have certain land owners who need to diversify.

We agree with this in principle for small farms and small holdings but not for the large country house owner in such a sensitive area as The New Forest.Camp sites should be kept to official New Forest Designated sites only.

The site at Harry's Meadow has been an on going dispute with the Hale Parish Council and local Rate Payers for several years now.The owners and organisers do not appear to have the slightest interest in the feelings of local people.

Once again the feelings of 90% of local Rate Payers was not taken into account with the camping decision that was passed for Harry's Meadow on 21st. May 2024.We do not as yet know what percentage of objections there will be to the application for an alcohol license, but we can be confident that any will be overruled by the Licensing Authority. The worry is that once Harry's Meadow becomes established the owners will keep coming back for more.Also does the granting of Planning Permission to Harry's Meadow open the door to a favourable application for camping at Home Farm, SP62RE, for a similar venture?

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So we appeal to you to to at least let us keep back a few quiet areas in our Beloved New Forest National Park because we can see in the not to distant future one will have to have a timed Permit just to walk within the boundary's of The New Forest National Park.

Yours sincerely, Mark and Helen Clark.

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From: Neil Cruden [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 February 2025 19:40
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Subject: FW: Formal Objection to Alcohol License Application – Harry's Meadow (SP6 2RE)

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Dear Licensing Authority,

We write to formally object to the application for a license to sell alcohol at Harry's Meadow from Monday to Sunday, 17:00–22:00, between 1st July and 31st August 2025. This application presents serious legal, environmental, and public safety concerns that directly contradict the planning conditions set by the New Forest National Park Authority (NFNPA), the Licensing Act 2003, and other relevant regulations.

1. Public Nuisance – Violation of Licensing Act 2003 & Planning Conditions

Under Section 4(2) of the Licensing Act 2003, the Licensing Authority must uphold the four licensing objectives:

- Prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- Prevention of public nuisance
- Protection of children from harm

The NFNPA's planning conditions explicitly prohibit noise disturbances, including:

- Condition 10: *"No music shall be played in conjunction with the use of the land as a temporary campsite. Reason: In the interests of the tranquillity of the area and neighbouring businesses."*
- Condition 7: *"No external lighting shall be installed on the site. Reason: To protect the amenities of the area."*

Permitting an alcohol license in a site with an explicit ban on amplified noise contradicts the very purpose of these restrictions. The likelihood of increased noise, disorder, and late-night disturbances from alcohol consumption directly undermines the planning conditions intended to protect the surrounding community.

2. Environmental Impact – Contradiction to Conservation Safeguards

The New Forest National Park Local Plan 2016-2036 (August 2019) enforces strict environmental protections. The NFNPA's planning approval for Harry's Meadow is conditional upon compliance with key environmental safeguards, including:

- Condition 3: *Ecological mitigation must be agreed and implemented before development.*
- Condition 9: *No barbecues or wildfires shall be carried out at the site without prior approval.*

Alcohol consumption increases fire risks and environmental damage, particularly in a site that already has restrictions on open flames due to its location in a protected landscape. Adding alcohol to this environment escalates risks of non-compliance with safety and conservation laws.

3. Road Safety & Inadequate Infrastructure

The NFNPA's conditions restrict vehicle access for safety reasons, including:

- Condition 5: *No new access routes shall be formed outside the approved plan, in the interest of highway safety.*

The only access road to Harry's Meadow—Hale Lane—is a narrow, single-track road with blind bends and limited passing places. It already suffers from:

- Severely eroded ancient wildflower banks due to traffic overflow.
- Blocked culverts and ditches, causing rainwater damage and potholes.
- Unmaintained roadside hedges, creating additional hazards.

Allowing alcohol sales would increase vehicle traffic—including intoxicated drivers—on an already unsafe route, directly contradicting highway safety measures.

4. Economic Misrepresentation – No Benefit to Local Businesses

The licensing application claims to "boost the local economy," yet the NFNPA's conditions clearly limit the commercial activities of the campsite:

- Condition 6: *No goods, plant, or machinery shall be stored on-site without express permission from the Local Planning Authority.*

This reinforces that the campsite is not intended as a commercial hub but rather a restricted seasonal operation. An alcohol license benefits only the operators of Harry's Meadow—not the local community.

5. Escalation to Environmental Health & Licensing Review

As one of the closest affected residents, we intend to escalate any and all breaches to the Local Environmental Health Department and NFNPA Enforcement Officers should this application be granted. Any violation of noise, safety, or environmental conditions will be formally reported, and if necessary, we will pursue a formal review of the license under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003.

Conclusion – Request for License Rejection

Given that this application:

- Directly contradicts planning conditions imposed by the NFNPA.
- Fails to uphold the Licensing Act 2003's objectives of preventing public nuisance and ensuring public safety.
- Poses unacceptable risks to road safety and environmental conservation.
- Provides no demonstrable benefit to the local community.

We urge the Licensing Authority to reject this application in alignment with existing planning restrictions and the overwhelming objections of local residents.

Yours sincerely,

Neil Cruden,

Hatchett End, Hatchett Green, Hale, SP6 2ND.

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We are writing as neighbouring property owners.

We understand that a variation to the current licence has been applied for.

The current licence states 'no walk-ins allowed'. On previous years local residents from the surrounding area were drinking on site.

The Planning Permission granted on 13/02/25 Application number 24/00102FULL

States: 'No External Lighting'

'No Music'

We ask that any licence you approve includes the same conditions as the Planning Permission as currently they do not With many thanks Hannah and Ian Downie

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