

17<sup>th</sup> September, 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Grant of Premises Licence Application ~ Bridport News 3<sup>rd</sup> September

We wish to make representations regarding the above application. Despite being very aware of the need for land based businesses such as the fruit farm to explore new and innovative ways to maximise income from their property and other assets in this particular case we have serious concerns regarding public safety in general, the safeguarding of children and public nuisance.

The general terms of the application mean that it is unclear as to the nature, scale and frequency of the activities proposed for the site.

What is clear, however, is that access to the facilities at Hincknowle – unless alternatives are part of the plan – will be from single track lanes, both the farms' private lane and the public lanes - Mapperton and Twinways. Mapperton Lane has no passing places from the junction with the A3066 and the cross road turn into Hincknowle. Vehicles avoid each other by entering the driveways of houses on the lane. This traffic has caused private entrances to be badly damaged with repair costs falling to householders. Passage down Twinways is restricted by parking.

I have been hit by the wing mirror of a passing vehicle while cutting my hedge and I know of one other neighbour who has been struck by vehicles as he walked his dog along Mapperton Lane.

The current volume of traffic on Mapperton Lane has caused the main water pipe to fracture on a number of occasions, most recently on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020. The attending Water Engineer identified vibration, caused by traffic, to be the source of the problem.

The exit from Mapperton Lane onto the main road at Corner Garage has very poor visibility of traffic approaching from Beaminster. There have been several near misses as vehicles exit the lane at this point.

The cross roads at the junction of Mapperton Lane, Twinways and Hincknowle is blind to traffic turning left and right into the lane. Again several near misses have happened at this point.

Local children have constructed a den on the corner of the field at this crossroads and regularly walk along Twinways to gain access. Children regularly play in the lane on bikes and scooters. Given the safety concerns at current levels of traffic any increase will magnify these risks.

Our other concern is the prevention of Public Nuisance. Without clarification of the number of occasions on which recorded or live music can be played until midnight we would argue that the playing of such up to seven nights a week could create disturbance that constitutes a public nuisance.

Therefore we feel if this application is granted in current form without conditions to ameliorate the concerns we have raised then an unspecified number of events, for up to 500 people plus staff, entertainers and all the associated vehicle movements would add significantly to public safety and child safety risks along with constituting a public nuisance.