

Licensing

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To the Licensing Committee

We write to comment on Mr Warren's entertainment and alcohol licence application for the Chesil Rocks music festival in June.

The words of the application that cause us concern are: '**...one event in June of each year...**' This differs from the temporary licences that have been granted in previous years. The wording suggests that Higher Farmhouse is to become a permanent entertainment venue.

We are intimately affected by the festival events because we live immediately next to the festival venue. We share a common boundary of approximately 80 metres with the festival field. Our house is built adjacent to that boundary. Our bedroom and lounge are approximately 5 metres from the boundary and adjacent to the single-width gravel driveway that serves Higher Farmhouse. That driveway is the sole public means of access to the festival site and is also the sole, shared means of access to our house.

When Chesil Rocks first took place, it was a one-off event for charity, for one day, with a limited number of ticket sales. By gradual accretion the festival has become three days with two alcohol outlets on site.

Our sincere worry is that Higher Farmhouse is on a trajectory that could lead to the property becoming a permanent entertainment venue with alcohol. If that were to happen, we could be gravely concerned for our privacy, for our security and for our amenity in using the shared driveway.

We have spoken at length to Mr and Mrs Warren who assure us that the impetus for a full licence this year (rather than a temporary licence as in previous years) has come from the Council. They have kindly confirmed that they have no intentions of expanding the festival in years to come or make Higher Farmhouse into an events centre. However, they are alert to the possibility that should Higher Farmhouse pass out of their hands in future, the current application, if successful, might create a precedent for future entertainment development of the property.

The purpose of this message is not to object to Mr Warren's application. It is to put on record that, because of our immediate proximity to the site, we wish to be heard about any new application or to extend significantly the entertainment function of Higher Farmhouse. We do not wish to affect the festival in its present form as a charitable event organised by Mr and Mrs Warren.

Please let us know if the Committee needs any more information from us.

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