

To
Dorset Licensing Authority
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DORSET COUNCIL
25 AUG 2023
Digital Mail Room

Ref: Licensing Permission sought by Sherborne House Enterprises Limited in respect of Sherborne House, Newland, Sherborne, Dorset

*curiously there is no licensing application number on the notice as I would have expected

Dear Sir/Madam

I am responding to the posting of a licensing application by "Sherborne House Enterprises Limited" on the gate of what was once Sherborne House, a few doors away from my home.

I've gone to the Dorset Council website to better understand the application. To begin with the facility describes itself as an 'Events and arts exhibition venue with a cafe, restaurant and other flexible office, studio and workshop spaces.' If so it's hard to imagine these entities requiring anything more than an 11.00 pm drinks licence at most. The information I have though is that it is also most importantly to operate as a significant wedding venue. Does the wording of this application disguise and obfuscate this fact and with it all the potential problems of noise relating to it? I think it does. Should the application be in the name of and constitute an application for extended licensing for wedding parties?

The application is difficult and elusive to make sense of. Although it says "there shall be no regulated entertainment provided outdoors after 23.00" I am concerned that the wedding party activities which are there somewhere in the brief will come under the heading 'pre-arranged or private function' and these may be allowed if this goes through to go on until 1.00 am. It is this prospect I am writing to object to in the strongest possible terms.

As regards the distinction between outdoors and indoor regulations does this make any sense when the design of the new dedicated covered entertainments area is designed to maximise the flow between inside and outdoors and I'm not even sure the new build at the back of the main building has a roof structure in any way impervious to noise. With climate change all windows in the summer will inevitably be open.

In no way, if my interpretation of how things might be in the worst circumstances, do residents like myself wish to be exposed to unreasonable noise, loud music or the noise of any parties disbanding in the street after the 11.00 deadline. Newland, Sherborne is a quiet purely residential street and looking at what might be arriving on our doorstep makes one feel very vulnerable. It is a fact that noise from very occasional events within the town carry across the town and do carry some nuisance value. I am referring here to Pageant garden music events being audible and even events as far away as the Castle. Sherborne House is only a few steps away.

I strongly suggest that noise levels even before any 11.00 pm cutoff will be a very big issue when the development gets up and running on wedding days let alone taking on all the potential extreme consequences of a license that allows noisy partying until 1.00 am.

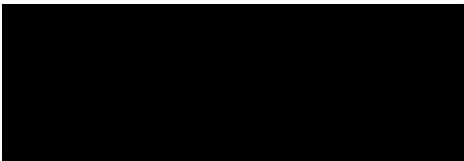
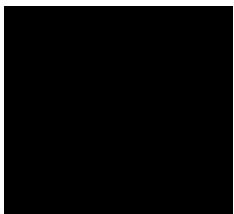
The question of potential noise pollution and with it the degrading of the ambient aural environment with the development of the site, has never been properly addressed since the inception of the plan. Now the issue presents itself large scale and urgent and not postponable in front of Dorset Council, it's a bit of a monster that needs cogent interrogation.

In this application before it Dorset Council must use its power to do the right thing and de-limit the licensing which relates to all activities at The Sherborne to an 11.00 pm cut off, this just the same as were it a pub or night club making an application in the residential Newland area. The narrowest business interest must not be allowed to override community values.

This is a resident's point of view and it is a resident's point of view that needs to be brought to the fore on this matter at this time.

I do not know how the licensing committee is constituted or how geographically remote it is from the problem I'm describing but I very much hope Dorset Council members involved in the licensing decision might come to Sherborne, see for themselves where the new development sits in the community and see how quiet the area is of an evening as of now and understand why this letter has been written.

Yours faithfully

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Licensing

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 August 2023 19:15
To: Licensing
Subject: Objection to Licensing Application for Sherborne House, Sherborne, Newland DT9 3JG

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Dear Sir or Madam

I wish to **object** in the strongest terms to the application from Sherborne House Enterprises Limited for a new premises licence. Refusal of the licence would prevent a considerable public nuisance. Sherborne House is adjacent to dense residential housing, including the Magna Housing Association properties for many elderly and infirm people adjacent to the site. I object on the following grounds:

- The opening hours of 7am to 1.30pm from Monday to Sunday are totally unacceptable and unnecessary in a densely populated residential area
- Hours for the sale of alcohol (for on & off sales) & regulated entertainment (indoors and outdoors) seven days a week from 10am until 1 o'clock in the morning are totally unacceptable and unnecessary in a densely populated residential area
- Hours for provision of late night refreshment (indoors only) 7 days a week between 11 o'clock at night until 1 o'clock in the morning are totally unacceptable and unnecessary in a densely populated residential area
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I note the application asked for 30 minutes after the end of the licence period for customers to disperse so there would be the noise of the clientele and slamming of car doors beyond the period of licensing.

Moreover **I do not believe the Notice was properly served** in a timely fashion. The blue notices were attached to the wire gates to the west and east of Sherborne House itself. When the east gates are open in the day time from 8am onwards, the gates open inwards, at right angles to the pavement and the notice is therefore within the grounds of Sherborne House so daytime passers by cannot see it. Tonight, the wire gates to the west of Sherborne House were open and again, at right angles to the Newland pavement alongside the boundary wall of Sherborne House, so the Notice was on the drive leading up to Mackintosh Antiques, and not on the boundary wall of Sherborne House. Furthermore for some considerable time, probably 2 weeks, **the pavement which runs along the north side of Newland, between the east and west wire gates, has been denied access to pedestrians** because of the builders repairing the boundary wall and other workmen, nothing to do with Sherborne House I don't think, have been digging up the pavement beyond the drive at the side of Sherborne Council Offices which leads to 1 and 2 Manor House Stables and some of the Manor Court properties.

My neighbour and I discovered this application by accident yesterday. Because access has been denied to the pavement passing in front of the two blue notices, I very much doubt if the elderly residents from Manor Court are aware of the considerable noise nuisance that is about to descend upon us all if the licence is granted.

Please note I have a photograph of the location of the notice attached to the west gate taken on my mobile phone today but sadly the file is too large to attach to this email

Yours faithfully

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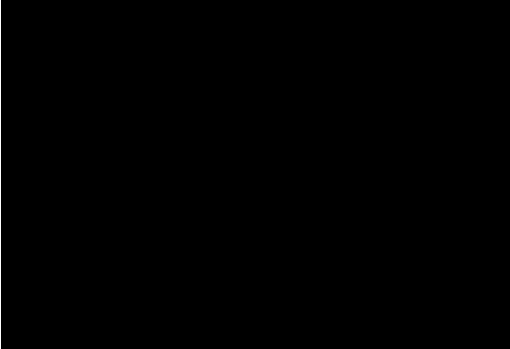


Licensing

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 August 2023 14:35
To: Licensing
Subject: Objection to Sherborne House Licensing Application

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I would like to object to the licensing application for Sherborne House, Sherborne

“Reason of objection” is “the prevention of a public nuisance”.

My objection relates to all the licensing objectives – opening hours, hours for the sale of alcohol and regulated entertainment (indoors and outdoors), hours for the provision of late night refreshment.

There seems no good reason why an “Events and Arts Exhibition “ centre would be open until 1.30 in the morning . Sherborne House is surrounded by residential houses and nobody wants music, entertainments, alcohol, car door slamming, people talking at 1.30 in the morning. It would very much be a public nuisance.

The application for the licence states that local residents will be consulted but we have not been consulted. Furthermore, the licence notices were placed on gates that nobody passed during the week because the footpaths were closed (due to building work at the House). I doubt that many residents would have seen it. Definitely not displayed in the spirit of giving local residents 28 days to respond.

Yours faithfully

