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Hi Laura

Thanks for your latest e mail and for sight of the additions from Dorset Police Licensing.

However I'm even more dismayed now because my understanding is that with the four ticketed events this licence allows every year there could be more than 1,000 people descending on the village for what is in essence a party. The village just doesn't have the infrastructure to cope with such huge numbers of people. The only access to this field is the one narrow road that runs through the village which on a normal day can be congested with just residents. Adding hundreds more people and cars to that mix would completely disrupt village life. It would also pose a danger to all residents - but especially children and the elderly. Is Dorset Council going to take responsibility, if God forbid, there is an accident thanks to the hugely increased numbers coming in to the village?

Also at evening events we already have to cope with a huge influx of cars and taxis arriving late at night to collect vocal partygoers. Worse these taxis often use residents drives to turn around which of course wakes them up. And frightens them as they don't, at first, know who it is.

At last year's Sausage festival I couldn't get out of my drive for four hours because traffic was stacked up bumper to bumper right outside my gate. Ditto for my neighbour who shares the drive. And it was the same for other residents.

The granting of this licence would be an unthinkable invasion on the village and on the movement of residents. The cars, the footfall, the noise, that goes with such events would be intolerable.

And while Blue Welly insists these events will be contained to the field the noise( and the music?) emanating from them

travels throughout the village - as we know from bitter experience.

Laura, people choose to live in Sutton Poyntz because it is a quiet village. This licence would change that and would allow parties, events and gatherings seven days a week if Blue Welly so wished..

And while the police have imposed certain conditions they will not be at these events to police them or to see that the conditions are adhered to. Blue Welly says it wants to retain control these events. Well, it's going to be hard to control 1,000 people and what they do.

I have seen the missive from Jo at the pub. But these events are nothing to do with the pub – which we essentially all support - as the licence is being applied for by Jo's husband who owns a separate company, Blue Welly Events Ltd. And an increased number of events would, without question, damage the fabric of village life. As I said earlier I'm a supporter of the village pub but that's not what this licence application is about. It's about a private company utilising the pub and its environs for financial gain.

And forgive me if I'm not buying Jo's insistence that they have always taken the village into consideration with everything they do. This licence application and what it will allow them to do is NOT taking the village into consideration.

Jo insists " We are not doing anything or increasing anything that we do not already do."

In which case why isn't the licence they already have not enough? Why apply for a licence that gives her husband permission to stage events Monday to Sunday 10a.m.- 11pm. seven days a week?

The wedding part of the licence means weddings can be held between Mar and Sept – that's on any day of the week for the

whole of the summer when the village is already inundated with holidaymakers and caravanners. So our entire summer will be dominated by party goers, wedding guests and holidaymakers.

Is that really fair to the people who live here?

I don't believe it is. Nor do I believe it will be safe.

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Hi, my main concerns were potentially very loud music until 11.00 pm at night spoiling the Peace of the traditional Village keeping my family awake a real lack of parking which we really struggle with in this Village as people do not seem to realise there is a pub car park and Drunken and anti social behaviour potentially outside the pub and children witnessing it the roads are extremely narrow and therefore not suitable for big heavy cars and lots of them, many thanks,  
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Hello Laura,

Thank you for the update.

This new information has certainly not alleviated my concerns, in fact it has exacerbated them.

No one seems to be asking how are all the cars going to come to the village? The fact that Dorset Police have not noted this as a possible public safety concern does disturb me. As you know there is only one road - Sutton Road - with no road markings and no walkway and cars being parked on either side as there are - rightly - no restrictions on parking, leading to the village. There is no right of way and the road is used in both directions. So we have pedestrians, animals, parked and moving cars all on one narrow road? I think this would be an accident waiting to happen. My question to you is - is Dorset Council going to take responsibility, having now been informed of possible dangers, of anything that might happen as a result of it granting this licence? If there is any concern for public safety surely this issue should be at the top! The road leading to the venue can not possibly accommodate hundreds of people arriving in their cars.

Where will cars park as the current overflow car park will not be enough? What happens if an ambulance has to come, either for the party goers or residents? How long would it take to get to

the field with all the access pretty much blocked by traffic? At the last festival I could not leave my driveway for more than 5 hours. I know it was the same for others. the traffic tailback went all the way to Preston Road.

Also I would like to reemphasise that I have nothing against the pub, it's at the heart of the village, but I do not understand why is Dorset Council connecting this new application, by an independent company that has nothing to do with Punch Taverns, to Springhead Pub? Why is Dorset Council using the operating hours or the business model of the Springhead Pub to justify the application by Blue Welly Events? They will do everything they will be allowed to do according to the licence they are applying for otherwise they would not apply for a licence that allows them to work Monday to Sunday 10am to 11pm plus additional ticketed events.

Please notify me of any public meeting to discuss this as I would like to make my concerns known to Council representatives as well as Directors of Blue Welly Events Ltd.

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Good afternoon and thank you very much for the update.

I'm even more concerned as a result of reading its content. Sutton Poyntz is a beautiful village, but it's roads are small and narrow with lots of on-street parking and no pavements. This presents a real health and safety issue for people whether they be local or visitors, young children .

Over the years I've noticed that there has been verbal abuse , threats of violence as well as road rage incidents coinciding with events at the pub. Simply put, the village does not have the infrastructure .

I cannot see how a substantial number of potential visitors, whether it be a ticketed event of up to 300 or a ticketed event of over 300 and potentially over a thousand with all of the issues and traffic that this would bring can be considered.

My interpretation is that if their application is granted, it gives them the opportunity to have far more events than they have had in the past. Is this correct ?

The applicant states they wish to have no more events so why not put this restriction as a specific number ?