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Hi Laura - I've been told it's you I should contact regarding my concerns about the Blue Welly Licence Application. I've lived in Sutton Poyntz for 15 years and while I'm wholly supportive of local businesses - which includes our village pub - I am dismayed at the application for a Mon-Sun 10a.m. -11p.m licence by the Blue Welly Company – a private company that could, if this licence is granted, hold events every day of the week if it so wished which would comprehensively disrupt the lives of everyone in this small village.

I'm very supportive of the events already being held – the Sausage Festival for one which is a fun day out for families . And while even that can be disruptive – residents can't park and its difficult to move around and get in and out of the village - I, for one, don't want to stop that.

As for the weddings – Jo from the Springhead has e mailed us all to tell us that an increased number of people have been asking to hold their weddings in the field behind the pub. I am supportive of the few already being held there (and which the current licence allows) but any more I feel would be the wrong decision for the village. Not least because the pub isn't big enough to cater for large numbers and so something in the form of a kitchen would have to be erected outside as would extra toilets. In the past my experience of these weddings and late night events is that the partying- and the noise - goes on long after 11p.m. And last year there were occasions where people were shouting and fighting in the main street after midnight. And while myself and other residents want to be reasonable and accept this happening on the odd occasion, it would be disastrous for our work/life balance if they became a regular events.

The idea of more regular events upsets and frankly frightens the older more vulnerable residents in the village of which there are many. Some have already been in touch with me in my capacity as a journalist and broadcaster to ask if there is anything they can do to stop this. I have obviously told them to contact you. But they are worried the increased activity in the village would affect their mental health, even their safety.

Also parking is already at a premium in the village – many residents find it difficult to park outside their homes already. It would be impossible if a

regular slew of events brought in scores more people every week. It simply wouldn't be fair.

Jo from the Springhead e mailed us all en masse to tell us she won't be doing anything different, won't be staging any more events(although its not her applying for the licence it's her husband Steve who presumably owns the private Blue Welly Company.) That doesn't make sense. Why does she need a licence with no limitations when the one she has – a 28 day licence to operate events - caters for everything she's telling villagers she wants to do.

It's one thing for villagers to be supportive of a local business. Its quite another for a small village to be used as a pretty backdrop for daily parties, live music and weddings which is what this licence, if granted, would allow.

Also I was very uncomfortable with the fact the blue sign giving notice to villagers to object to this application was strategically placed so that it could only be seen by people leaving the pub overflow car park . Why there when there's a notice board outside the field next to the road where village notices are regularly placed.

Because this notice was put where it was many villagers didn't see it and only found out about the application when a villager texted having seen a notice in the Dorset echo.

I reiterate that I support the pub and some of the events it already runs but any more I feel would be wrong for the village and its residents.

Thank You for your time....

Kind Regards

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Hi, i Object very strongly to the venue licence application Springhead Pub Blue Welly licence application for the as it will affect the peace and tranquillity of this traditional English village and it will make the already limited parking a very big issue and the potential drunken anti social behaviour i live very close to the planned location at Sutton Road, Sutton Poyntz, South Dorset DT£ 6LW

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Hello Laura,

I am writing to wholeheartedly object to the Blue Welly licence application in Sutton Poyntz.

I have been a resident of the village for 15 years and while I have no objection to Springhead Pub's current activities I really would have an issue if they were granted a licence to have parties, weddings and live music Monday to Sunday 10am till midnight.

This is a small village and most of us are willing to deal with the current amount of disruption in the interests of fairness and co-operation but if they were to get this licence it would give them the right to do whatever they wanted on any day of the week.

In the evenings we already have a lot of traffic going through the village at high speed and as the main road is narrow, with cars parked on one side and no walkway, it becomes quite dangerous for older pedestrians and dog walkers. This danger would increase considerably were this licence to operate every day 10am to midnight be granted.

After hours it is not unusual to hear shouting and brawling on the main street. This causes me a lot of uneasiness as my house faces the main road. This is mostly a quiet village so experiencing this kind of behaviour at night causes stress. I dread to think what would happen if we had this every day and night.

I am also extremely unhappy with the way that the Blue Welly Notice of Application has been displayed to the public. It was put in the pub overflow car park, a place where the locals never go to. We only found out about the application when one of the villagers noticed it in the Dorset Echo. There is a Village Notice Board where all the notices regarding village life are displayed - why wasn't this one?

While it is great to have a village pub where village can congregate, it would not be fair or right that the fabric of the village changes for no other reason than the financial gains of Blue Welly company. And the licence it is applying for would do exactly that.

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Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to object to the licensing application submitted by Blue Wellie events to have music and alcohol permitted in a field at the Springhead pub in Sutton Poyntz.

I am a full time resident of the village and I do like having a pub in the village. With that I accept that I must experience some noise and disruption resulting from the activities at the Springhead pub .

Currently from my prospective it has already reached its absolute tolerable level . The pub already hosts many events in its large grounds , in addition to the main pub it has a separate Blue duck bar at the rear which is in regular use for events ,it has a separate outdoor pizza bar area with seating , a very large gazebo to the rear used to host events such as weddings/ comedy nights etc, along with a children's play area.

We already suffer enough noise, anti social behaviour and random acts of vandalism .

Adding a large field with licensing and music up to 11pm to attract a much larger crowd on a regular basis in this already very busy pub located in a narrow road in a quiet residential village would result in a large increase in disorder and disruption .

There is very likely to be an increase in crime and public safety would be affected It goes without saying that the protection of children may be an issue by increased rates of traffic as well as being affected by music late at night.

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Dear Sir,

An application has been made by Blue Welly events for a premises license in respect to the field adjoining the Springhead pub for live and recorded music to be played alongside the sale of alcohol between the hours of 10:00:23:00 Monday-Sunday.

As residents of Sutton Poyntz we object to this application. Sutton Poyntz is a beautiful village and attracts many tourists to the area. It is set in an area of outstanding natural beauty and is one of the most peaceful villages in our wonderful county.

The Springhead already holds outdoor events in the summer. They have weddings at the weekends and this causes no harm noise wise and the music is finished at 11pm promptly. Rarely have anti-social behavioural issues been reported. However, outdoor music events are extremely loud and the soundwaves reverberate throughout the village bouncing off houses in all directions and across the South Dorset Ridgeway. The serenity of the Ridgeway and village would be destroyed and the effect on wildlife palpable.

We object to this application with regards to it predominantly being a public nuisance. We are additionally concerned about the setting off of fireworks at outdoor functions. There are many pets and farm animals in the area and fireworks are very disturbing to them.

We have a number of caravan parks close to the village which have their own entertainment areas set up. We do not need Sutton Poyntz to be an extension of the parks.

The Springhead already has a 'Ska' music festival in the summer and holds a cider festival in August. However, despite having to listen to some varying standards of music during these events, we would not object to this application strictly on a one a month basis or for further one off events.

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Dear Sirs,

It has come to my attention that an application has been made to yourselves by Blue Welly Events Limited in respect of the playing of live and recorded music alongside the sale of alcohol between the hours of 10:00 to 23:00 Monday to Sunday in fields adjacent to the Springfield Public House in Sutton Poyntz, Weymouth DT3 6LW.

I wish to object to the approval of this this "blanket licence" for the following reasons:-

I live [REDACTED] from the Springhead Public House and during the summer months I already experience noise nuisance from the Springhead Public House when they are staging wedding receptions or other events involving live or recorded amplified music.

The applicant states that "for music festivals professional sound engineers are employed to properly guide and control audio levels" What are these levels? who is responsible for the monitoring of the noise levels? how are they monitored? who is responsible for the enforcement of the approved sound levels?

I have already tolerated the previous noise nuisance caused by the occasional annual dog show and cider festival which were mainly day time family events, this application implies we are to expect an increased frequency of events extending into the evening / night which would be quite unreasonable.

Vehicular and pedestrian traffic along Sutton Road is greatly increased when the Springhead stages events, this becomes a real nuisance after the event when the attendees leave, despite the applicant stating signage is erected regarding respecting our neighbours regarding noise when leaving the premises, we have been awoken and kept awake by groups of revellers walking out of the village along Sutton Road, the morning after an event we often find bottles and cans in verges along Sutton Road and broken glass in the road & verges.

I feel this antisocial behaviour is already at an unacceptable level and any potential increase would be intolerable.

I trust you will take my objection into account when considering this application.

Should you require clarification or further information regarding the points I have raised please do not hesitate to contact me.

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I wish to object to the proposed license application in Sutton Poyntz . I live [REDACTED] the Springhead [REDACTED] [REDACTED] the River Jordon. I am already affected by the live music events, weddings, Dog shows and Cider festivals which are regularly held at the Springhead, in the summer, when it would be nice to sit peacefully in my garden.

To have yet more music and drunk people in the field next to the pub is going to cause more nuisance, more traffic and parking problems in our beautiful village.

Please do not allow this extra disruption, Sutton Poyntz is a peaceful place and is not right for more nightlife .

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Dear Sir / Madame

I would like to object to this application on the following grounds.

Sutton Poyntz is a sleepy beautiful village enjoyed by both residents, locals and tourists. In the past The Springhead Pub has used this field to host the Sausage, Dog and Cider festival much to the disapproval of most residents. This festival brings many hundreds of people and cars into the village. Sutton Road is one way in some parts and there are no pavements making it very hazardous to pedestrians and means the road is completely blocked not to mention residents having nowhere to park.

Sutton Poyntz has suffered many incidents of vandalism as a result of events hosted by The Springhead such as car vandalism and garden vandalism, the duck pond being the favoured place to throw our garden ornaments.

An events venue such as this with licensing would be a public nuisance with regard to late night noise of sound systems and people leaving the venue or waiting around for taxis. There is a high risk of anti social behaviour and crime from an event serving alcohol so late into the evening.

Events such as this attract excessive alcohol consumption, we are a quiet beautiful village with a high population of elderly residents.

Please respect this residential area and totally reject this preposterous application.

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Good afternoon,

I am emailing you in respect of the recent application by Blue Welly for functions in the land by the Spring head pub in Sutton Poyntz . I live in [REDACTED] and it's great to have a local pub. There have been events organised by the publicans and these have been invasive, particularly the previous years dog and Cider festival. I could not leave my house for 6 hours or sit out due to the fumes as well as the loud music. .

I do appreciate that small occasional events are reasonable, but I'm very concerned about the application being put forward by the Blue Welly company. What the landlady is telling local residents is they expect to have no more events than they do now. But I have very strong reservations about this as the application appears to suggest almost unlimited events if this application is approved.

What the village needs is a local pub for locals and not an events venue. This is an area of outstanding natural beauty and a conservation area which is enjoyed by visitors because of its location and solitude..

Most of the residents in the village are middle-aged to elderly and the noise of events such as weddings is intrusion and could be detrimental to there mental health and quiet enjoyment. .

I therefore strongly suggest that this application is rejected.

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Whomever it may concern

We are writing in support of the application from Blue Welly in respect of the field adjoining the Springhead Pub in Sutton Poyntz.

We understand that the owners are expecting to continue with the main events that they do now, Ska Fest, Dog Show, village events such as the Victorian Street Fayre and weddings, christening, birthday's, anniversary, funerals etc. We support the license being given up to a maximum number of days, say 100 days over the year.

This should allow them certainty when booking events and avoid having to apply each time which we fully support.

Attention of Laura.

Hi Laura further to our conversation yesterday I would like to raise my concerns regarding this application.

While I want to make it clear that I want our village pub to be successful, and organising a few advents each year like the sausage festival seems like a good idea for the pub to raise revenue and provide a fun day out for families.

My concern is that the licence application does not make any reference to the annual number of, or type of events that will be held and in fact would give permission to Blue welly events to hold a large event every day of the year, and while I am sure this is not the intention it does give them the permission to do this if they wish.

While I understand that access and parking are not under review with this application access has to be considered as this has caused problems in previous years.

I understand that the company are currently allowed a 28 day licence to operate such events surely this is enough days a year for a small village. If the current licence isn't working for some reason ie numbers or hours, surely the best solution would be to be specific on an event by event application,

In conclusion I very much support our pub and there current number of events but granting a permission with absolute no restrictions would be the wrong decision for the village as a whole.