

ANNEX 4

Dear Mr White,

My name is Mr Jeff Smith and I live at the Squirrels, The Dene, Hurstbourne Tarrant, Andover, Hampshire, SP11 0AG, which is situated only 35 meters from the Coopers Barn Micro-Brewery. I would like to take this opportunity to lodge an Objection against Betterage Brewery's obtaining a Licence to sell any alcohol or hold guided brewery tours from his premises.

The owner informed me back in April 2014, he wanted to start brewing in his barn as a hobby, which he stated didn't require planning permission, due to the low level activities etc. Since then he has changed his approach to a full commercial operation, brewing for six local pubs with a large commercial van for deliveries. This operation now requires a full time brewing cycle, with suppliers coming and going to his property and is a nuisance to his neighbours.

The Brewery at Coopers Barn is presently in breach of planning control, which has been investigated by the Enforcement Office at Test Valley Borough Council, who have informed the owner to stop brewing beer until he has achieved planning permission. Since this was enforced by the council, the owner has disregarded their request to stop brewing, with me complaining again to the council to stop him from breaching their enforcement. This has resulted in further discussions with the Council and the owner. This is a clear breach of the law with the owner showing total disregard to his neighbours and the laws of the land.

We presently have a new refurbished pub (The George) approximately 80 meters from the Brewery at Coopers Barn, we also have a garage at the end of the road who sell beers and spirits, in addition, we have a Royal British Legion 200 meters from his premises. Therefore, we already have three venues already supplying social requirements and various selections of alcohol to the community within a very small village. There is no further requirement for another office licence or to do brewery tours/pub in the village, which is a cover for his own private drinking den in an old stable block at the back on his garden.

The owner is man not to be trusted, who has not followed the appropriate planning permission, who has not obeyed the Enforcement officer to stop brewing and told his neighbours a pack of lies. Therefore, I must plead with you not to authorise a licence to Brewery at Coopers Barn, as it will be a nuisance to our small quiet hamlet of Hurstbourne Tarrant.

Their property entrance opens straight onto the main road, which is very busy and can be dangerous for children walking to and from school and church. There is no parking area for visitors to the front of property, again, developing into a dangerous situation for people walking along the pavement and car trying to pass parked cars on a dangerous part of the main road.

The noise of cars coming and going with the addition of loading and unloading kegs of beer, brewing supplies and not forgetting the smell it generates during the brewing phase, will be a total nuisance for the local neighbours. There is also the matter of potential drunks coming from his property at all hours causing a nuisance, through noise and behaviour. Last but not least, where is the health and Safety for an operation of this sizes and what about the trading standards of the product, who is testing it to ensure it is fit to drink?

Therefore I request that the Licensing Authority refuses Mr Betteridge's application for a premises licence.

Please Acknowledge Receipt of this Objection

Kind regards,

Jeff Smith