

Field End
The Dene
Hurstbourne Tarrant
Andover
Hampshire
SP11 0AG

Licensing Manager
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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Premises License Application for Coopers Barn, The Dene, Hurstbourne Tarrant, Andover, Hampshire, SP11 0AG

We are writing to strongly object to granting Mr Mark Betteridge a Premises License to sell alcohol in casks and bottles, conduct brewery tours, beer tastings and events from his home premises of Cooper's Barn, The Dene, Hurstbourne Tarrant, Andover, Hampshire, SP11 0AG.

The reason for this objection is that the premises are wholly inappropriate for additional visitors at any time of day or night, being located directly on the A343, in the heart of the village and amongst residential homes, including ours that is opposite (Field End). This creates a huge safety issue whereby the road is not wide enough to allow for any parking along it, which would inevitably happen at times when the restricted parking facilities at the premises would be inadequate. If cars were to be temporarily parked along the road (where parking is not allowed anyway due to the road, A343, being marked with a white line), then traffic would need to overtake by using the oncoming carriageway. This would cause extreme danger for us and others exiting our drives as visibility along the road is difficult and one needs to pull out a little first to see if it is safe to exit. The A343 has already been identified by Hampshire County Council as part of the "Safe Routes to School" scheme and by the "Action Against Speeding" group in the village as having safety issues in the vicinity of where Mr Betteridge's drive exits. This is almost opposite our drive and public footpath (number 11). People use this as a crossing point at any time of the day or night. Mr Betteridge's driveway is also just before the 'S' bend where people cross the road at any time of the day or night to access the village school, church, Post Office, shop, pub and recreation ground along with residential homes and footpaths. The increase in traffic coming and going at the premises along with the additional numbers of people buying bottles and casks may also have an adverse impact on noise levels.

There are more appropriate premises in the village for this type of commercial activity such as the commercial units located behind the garage at the end of the village. Here there is more room for parking and there is already commercial activity that these premises are appropriately set up for.

Whilst we wish Mr Betteridge well with his commercial endeavours, the residential location of such a business (selling alcohol in the heart of the village in the middle of residential properties and the resulting safety issues on the road along with increased noise levels) is wholly inappropriate and alternative premises for such activity should be used.

Many thanks for your attention.

Kind regards