

ANNEX 3

Maple Ridge
The Dene
Hurstbourne Tarrant
Hants
SP11 0AG

21st December 2014

Dear Mr White

Further to my email of 17th December we are writing to register our objection to the application for a premises license by Mark Betteridge for Betteridge's Brewery, Coopers Barn, The Dene, Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hants, SP11 0AG.

In addition to our objection, we would also like to confirm whether Mr Betteridge has satisfactorily completed the necessary advertising process.

- Although there is a blue notice advertised at the property it is not very prominent – it is on a side window as opposed to one facing directly to the pavement and is therefore not easily seen by passers by.
- Mr Betteridge has advertised a copy of the notice in the local parish magazine but we do not believe he has done so in the local newspaper, namely the Andover Advertiser as there is nothing on the Andover Advertiser website. A website search does, however, list other license applications around the same date. I have checked by searching here - <http://www.andoveradvertiser.co.uk/search/?search=license>

I am concerned that this does not constitute the appropriate advertising as it has come to our attention that many villagers remain unaware of this application.

Coopers Barn is located in the midst of a residential area within the Hurstbourne Tarrant conservation area and we object to the license application on the basis that enabling the premises to sell alcohol would be detrimental to public safety, potentially to children, and would undoubtedly create a public nuisance to neighboring properties.

Granting a Premises license to Coopers Barn would be detrimental to public safety due to the impact it would have on highway safety. A Premises license would lead to increased traffic flow to Coopers Barn, which does not have the necessary space for commercial parking. This will potentially impact in two ways:

- Firstly, there is the likelihood of people leaving the cars outside the property on the main road.
- Secondly, for vehicles that do enter the property, it is very unlikely that Coopers Barn has the maneuvering space to allow vehicles to leave the property in a forward gear.

For both of these reasons the granting of a license would have a negative impact on highway safety and, therefore, public safety. The pavement outside Coopers Barn is

the main pedestrian thoroughfare through the village and is particularly busy during the school drop off and collection times of day. Therefore, the addition of commercial traffic will increase the risk that children will come to harm.

As an immediate neighbor with young children we are very concerned about the prospect of having a fully licensed premises at such close proximity in a quiet part of the village. We are concerned that this poses a risk to my children. Firstly our children will be exposed to the noise and behavior of a fully licensed establishment, which they will be able to hear from our garden. Secondly, there is an isolated public footpath that runs behind Coopers Barn and adjacent to my garden. We are concerned about the likelihood of people using this path after they have consumed alcohol at Cooper's Barn. This may lead to inappropriate behavior towards our children.

As an immediate neighbour to Cooper's Barn we are already suffering noise nuisance and odour issues at all hours of the day and night due to brewing activities that are currently being undertaken without planning permission. Granting a Premises license will lead to an increase in brewing activity and increased public nuisance due to the sale of alcohol in a small residential community. Mr Betteridge recently held an evening event for the Conservative Party candidate and, despite it being winter and the event being held inside the barn, the noise could be clearly heard from neighbouring gardens. I have no doubt that such an event in the summer would entail outdoor activity thus creating a greater disturbance in a quiet residential area of the village.

I ask you to consider these concerns, along with the fact that Mr Betteridge does not have planning permission for what is clearly a commercial venture. If the council planning department has yet to consider whether his barn can be converted to commercial use then I do not believe a license application should be even considered.

In view of the above, we would urge the Licensing Authority to refuse the application.

Yours sincerely

William Loden & Caroline Loden