

ANNEX 2

I am most concerned to read the local representations to the licence application for Hatherden Farm.

These detail noise disturbance from music events already held under TENS which were apparently audible inside nearby dwellings. Given the frequency of the events planned, I therefore raise an objection to the licence as it stands.

The applicant sent some information concerning the noise limiter and whilst the local representations were all positive I had no reason to doubt that the limiter had been set so as to restrict public nuisance. It now remains to be seen if the limiter alone might be sufficient to control the problem. It may be that the structure of the building may need to be adapted to better contain music in order for it to be viable for entertainment.

The planning permission granted in 2011 for the change of use required that

“No development shall commence in respect of the function venue proposals until a scheme of noise insulation and management control measures relating to the building containing the function room, including acoustic treatment if necessary to flues/vents/extracts, shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Details of implementation shall be included. The scheme shall be devised by a competent noise control specialist who will need to have first carried out an assessment of noise in relation to the holding of functions for the purposes of determining impact on local residents and identifying appropriate measures to control noise, including live and amplified music and voices. The noise insulation scheme and management control measures shall be fully implemented in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: In the interests of protecting the residential amenities in the vicinity of the site and in accordance with policy AME04 of the Test Valley Borough Local Plan.”

And

“No use of the function venue involving amplified music or amplified voices shall take place except when a suitable noise limiting device is employed, set at a level informed by the scheme agreed under condition 04 and that has been agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. All amplified sound shall be played through the noise-limiting device when set. The level may only be altered with the prior written permission of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In the interests of protecting the residential amenities in the vicinity of the site and in accordance with policy AME04 of the Test Valley Borough Local Plan.”

These conditions have not been discharged, despite the conversions and alterations taking place and the use commenced.