

**Licensing Sub Committee - Tuesday 29 March 2022**

**Application for a new Premises Licence**

**Headlands Farm Coffee Shop, Romsey Road, West Wellow, Romsey SO51 6BG**

**Copies of letters of support submitted by the applicant**

To whom it may concern

As a neighbour to the coffee shop I would like to offer my support for the alcohol license Headlands Farm Coffee Shop has applied for.

We see the coffee shop as a benefit to the community as there is no where locally to enjoy a fresh barista coffee in such a tranquil environment. The business is also supportive of other local businesses which is key in todays economy.

The introduction of being able to enjoy a glass of local ale and prosecco whilst eating lunch can only be a positive one. The coffeeshop does not have a pub ethos of a place to go and drink copious amounts, but instead to have a glass of locally produced alcohol with a handmade luncheon on a sunny afternoon. At Christmas we were able to enjoy a glass of mulled wine with other members of the community which just added to the relaxed ambience of the coffee shop and did not have a negative impact on the community or local residents at all!

The coffee shop shared with the local community their plan to hold small functions such as food themed events which will help bring the community together. We attended a floral workshop in November in the evening and it was well run and again there was no negative consequences to neighbours or the local community.

The owners of the Coffee Shop have been supportive of local events, the immediate environment and of the local community. As above they have shared their vision for the coffee shop and taken into account us as neighbours in these plans. There is nothing in the plans that would make me concerned about any negative impact on the community.

Sincerely

Dear Headlands Farm Coffee Shop,

I just wanted to write a few words of support for your alcohol license that you have applied for.

As a local resident who lives a stones throw away from the site just the other side of the recreation ground I was a little apprehensive when the license was first put forward as we moved to the area to be in the peace and quiet and I wondered what it might mean. However, having looked in to it further and realising what the license would be used for I am fully appeased that there will be no drunken hooligans walking past my property late at night and I think it will add to an already friendly atmosphere created by the Headland's Farm Coffee Shop team and I wish you all the luck and look forward to visiting on a warm summer's evening to taste the menu on offer!

Kind regards,

To whom it may concern

This email is to support the recent application of the Headlands Coffee shop for an alcohol licence. I am a regular customer of the coffee shop and a local resident (I live in Tutts Lane which is less than a mile from the coffee shop). I feel an alcohol licence will provide a casual environment in which to enjoy a drink with friends, over lunch. With so many public houses shutting, it is important that the locality has a mix of offerings to support the local community and a license will only go to support the business and local residents.

The ambiance of the coffee shop is relaxed, high quality and professional. I have no concerns that an alcohol licence will change that. I will personally enjoy going to the coffee shop to have a glass of wine with lunch; as will many others in the local area.

I fully support this application and really hope it is granted.

Kind regards

**In support of an alcohol licence for Headlands Farm Coffee Shop**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write in support of the Headlands Farm Coffee shops application for an alcohol licence which I understand had led to a few reservations being expressed by a handful of neighbours who fear rowdy get togethers at the coffee shop (somewhat unlikely). I have read some of these concerns because these were posted on Wellow Facebook group. In response to these reservations the coffee shop met with interested parties and proposed limitations to the licence so that neighbours could be assured that there would be no creeping development of a late night drinking venue.

I am a regular at the Coffee shop and was delighted when it opened since it fulfilled an unmet need in the community for somewhere pleasant and convivial to enjoy freshly ground coffee, smoothies and other drinks along with locally sourced light bites and indulgent cakes. There really is nowhere comparable in Wellow , (I appreciate that there is another café / ice cream parlour, but it caters to a different customer base and offers more 'traditional' fare), and it is lovely that the coffee shop is bringing locals together. Clearly my positive experience of the coffee shop is shared by many given that it has become highly successful withing months of opening. It is also good to see the coffee shop employing local people and forging mutually beneficial relationships with local businesses.

I fully support the alcohol licence – not because I want to get sloshed over my sour dough, avocado, and pomegranate breakfast, but because on an occasional visit with friends to celebrate a birthday for example, it might be pleasant to raise a toast and wish many happy returns with a glass of bubbles. I am sure this is how the alcohol licence will pan out for customers – an infrequent desire for an alcoholic drink when the occasion warrants it, perhaps some mulled wine at Christmas? It is abundantly obvious that an alcohol licence would not present any risk of anti-social behaviour and late night drinking and carousing – the coffee shop is just not that sort of venue and has no intention of trying to be a pub or wine bar. Even if the coffee shop organises the occasional one off evening event I can't imagine – given the distance from the road and other properties – any risk of noise and disturbance. I have experienced living near a venue with an alcohol licence because I live next to the Wellow golf club – yet despite their alcohol licence and members bar, I have never once been disturbed by noise. I am confident that neighbours of the Headlands Farm Coffee shop similarly will not suffer from noise disturbance

Hopefully Test Valley will grant the licence and will recognise that any objections are based on groundless fears.

Yours faithfully

Being a wellow resident of many years i would very much support the concept of headlands having a license for small events. Wellow badly needs a caffe facility that is attractive to all ages it is a quiet location that will cause no disruption

I am very much in favour of Headlands Coffee shop having an alcohol licence. The Coffee shop is a very valuable social hub in the village, and as one who does not enjoy the Pub culture, I very much hope the licence will be granted.

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in support of the Headlands farm coffee shop gaining an alcohol licence.

Having lived in the village my whole life, the coffee shop has been a fantastic addition. It's become somewhere I've really enjoyed coming with my children and their grandparents and meeting local friends for coffee and food.

I can see that the addition of an alcohol licence would only add to the options available. A pims on sunny day, an Irish coffee on a cold one or somewhere to hold a baby shower. As someone who lives in one of the nearby houses, I have no concerns that the licence will cause any problems with late night noise or antisocial behaviour.

I hope that any concerns from other people are addressed and the licence is permitted in time for the summer.

Kind regards

Dear Headlands Farm,

I am emailing you with a letter of support from myself and my husband for your plans to have an alcohol license. I think that your business has been a huge asset to the local community, provides a meeting spot and a place to enjoy some really nice food. While Wellow is a large community I have felt that there is not much opportunity to mix and meet other local people, and you have provided this.

The way that you run your business is lovely, your staff are very welcoming, you have made the most of your natural surroundings, and I was particularly excited to see that you have started to stock goods from other local small businesses.

I believe that, should you be given an alcohol licence, you would use it to continue to support the community. The ideas that you have mentioned (e.g. Prosecco with lunches, some live music in the afternoons, book launches etc) would be a real focus in an area which is currently a bit fragmented. It would also be an opportunity to help and lift up other small businesses and people from the community.

You have our definite support in this, I think you will make the most of it and will really add something to this community. We are excited to see what you do!

Please let me know if you need any more information or specific examples from us.

With best wishes,

Hi,

Good luck with your alcohol license application. I believe it will only add to what is already a lovely cafe and benefit the village even further.

Best wishes,

All

I'm writing to give my support for Headlands farm to obtain an alcohol license. I truly believe it will help extend the drinks menu and something I'd like to utilise once the license is granted. Headlands farm is a terrific community cafe and has provided a great meeting place for family and friends which the village lacked. I wish Headlands farm continued success!!

Regards

Hello

I am writing in support of the alcohol license to support the already fantastic menu available at Headlands Farm Cafe.

This will be a welcomed asset to the village.

I live in the village and am a regular customer at the cafe! Good luck with the application.

Lovely setting and I don't understand what people (neighbours) are worried about.

You certainly have our best wishes for a successful enterprise. .

Regards

Hi

I just wanted to let you know I am really Looking forward to chilled evenings with a little glass of something at Headlands farm cafe. I know there has been some negative feedback regarding your alcohol licence but i wanted to let you know that i am in full support of your application and can't wait to join in with some of your future events and even more that it will enable everyone to have a little treat (glass of bubbly) to top the evening off with a sparkle. So please keep your chins up and keep going. I can see only positive things in the future of your lovely business, which I can say I have on several occasions enjoyed every minute of. Thankyou for bringing joy to the less grumpy locals, we appreciate you

I am writing to support Headlands Farm Coffee Shop. You have a lovely setting which supports local businesses. Your clientele will not rival that of the local pub. We love coming to the Coffee Shop and a glass of local beer or wine will finish off our homemade meal nicely.

Mr and Mrs Hoare  
Bottom Lane

To Whom it May Concern

I wish to express my support for the alcohol Licence applied for by Headlands Farm Coffee Shop.

As a local neighbour who frequents the Coffee Shop, I believe it is not the setting for excessive drinking and therefore elevated noise levels. The Coffee Shop has a good number of customers (mostly local) who support the setting and who have requested a glass of local tippie with their afternoon teas and luncheons.

The planning for the initial coffee shop ensured traffic and nature plans were in place and this would not be effected by the introduction of an alcohol licence.

Yours sincerely

To Whom it May Concern

I am writing to express my support for the Alcohol Licence as applied for by Headlands Farm Coffee Shop.

As a local neighbour, I can confirm the Coffee Shop has brought a cohesive feeling to the local community. I don't believe the concerns about excessive drinking and an increase in noise pollution is warranted.