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The Licensing Manager
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27th April, 2023

Dear Licensing Manager

Licensing Act 2003 – Public Notice
Keepers Lodge, Whinwhistle Coarse Fishery, Whinwhistle Road, East Wellow,
Romsey SO51 6BE

We are writing to register our strong objection to the application received from Woodington Fisheries (2020) Ltd for a new Premises Licence in respect of Keepers Lodge, Whinwhistle Coarse Fishery, Whinwhistle Road, East Wellow, Romsey SO51 6BE. The premises are an existing café/bistro on a fishery and camping site. The application also includes the external beer garden area.

The application seeks:

- Provision of live and recorded music from 0800 to 2300 hours daily indoors and outdoors
- Sale of alcohol for consumption both on and off the premises from 0800 to 2330 hours daily

As one of the nearest neighbours of Whinwhistle Coarse Fishery and a long term resident of the area, we wish to inform you of the severe disturbance and possible lawlessness that approval of this application would create to the immediate locality, several neighbouring residential properties and St Margaret's church.

The Blackwater River valley in this area is a tranquil rural space well suited to quiet country pursuits such as fishing, and very limited low key camping connected with fishing activities.

As it stands, these activities do not disturb the amenity of neighbouring properties. However, both the "*Provision of live and recorded music from 0800 to 2300 hours daily indoors and outdoors*" and "*Sale of alcohol for consumption both on and off the premises from 0800 to 2330 hours daily*" are completely inconsistent with the current use and will be severely detrimental to our locality as well as the wider locality.

We are very concerned about the noise disturbance to this tranquil rural area of countryside bordering the Blackwater River where, apart from neighbours, much wildlife depend on peace and peace & darkness at night. The sale of alcohol and music until late at night would encourage lighting, traffic, noise, perhaps drunkenness, possibly drugs and most likely rubbish pollution in the river. Usage could also creep towards outdoor music events and festivals.

The access to the site is narrow with restricted visibility on a difficult road junction, known locally for it's high rate of traffic collisions. Indeed the front wall of the Fishery remains

unrepaired since the last RTA collision. Regarding Woodington Road, it is definitely matter of public safety – dog walkers, cyclists and horse riders (we are all three) already risk their lives on that national speed limit section of road. It is often wet, flooded in spring/autumn and icy in winter.

There are already dangerous tailbacks here whilst waiting for the site to open in the mornings. It will create a public nuisance through overspill from on-site activity and from noise pollution to neighbouring properties and St Margaret's church.

We live close to Whinwhistle Coarse Fishery and note there has been no associated Planning Application for the change of use or additional facilities that would clearly be needed.

This application should be refused.

Yours sincerely