

Dear Mr White

Thank you for the attachment.

The reasons for my objection, as set out in my email of 19 April 2023, remain. My concern is also the unintended consequences of any licencing of music and/or alcohol at this location.

There is nothing in place to control a large influx of people knowing of the licencing situation (*ie the sale of alcohol for consumption both on and off the premises from 0800 to 2330 hours daily*) from arriving at the site at any time up to 23.30 at night to purchase alcohol to consume off the premises, and in doing so create a public disturbance. Given the rural location and police response times to current unlawfulness in the countryside (theft, burglary etc), there is no guarantee if a public disturbance or any other unlawful event arose that any 999 call would result in a timely police response.

The wide drafting of the proposed licence permits events (rallies, music festivals etc) where there would be public access. If Conditions can be attached to the licence then there should be a maximum limit of 3 or 4 events per annum. These events should be advised to Wellow residents, particularly close neighbours, and approved on an individual basis in advance rather than authorising an un-policeable number of events with no specified dates.

Noise transmission is another concern and a Condition should be set on the level of noise permitted at any event. I live about 0.5 miles (possibly less) as the crow flies from the location of the New Forest Folk Festival's stage and can hear the music, even inside my house, when the festival is on. There are neighbours of the Fishery who are even closer than 0.5 miles as the crow files who will, without doubt, suffer noise disturbance from any outdoor events at the Fishery. The general amenity of the area (including the peace and tranquillity of the countryside) which Wellow residents currently enjoy must be considered, and Conditions must be set to protect them from noise and crowd disturbance if any licence be granted.

If the current situation regarding the café works well and fishermen and campers bring their own alcohol on site for consumption why is there any need for an alcohol licence? The café's menu itemises hot breakfasts, hot and cold drinks, cakes, confectionery and ice creams etc. The selling of alcohol, with or without meals, at the café suggests that something more than a small café is planned for the site. If it is the intention for a bistro/restaurant selling alcohol at the site wouldn't the restaurant/bistro require planning permission?

The applicant's website is promoting a Fishery in a "*beautiful, mature and natural Hampshire setting*". It is an area of peace and tranquillity within the River Blackwater River Wildlife Corridor, close to SSSI's, a Ramsar site and within the Mottisfont Bats SAC buffer zone. The River Blackwater feeds into the River Test and the Fishery acknowledges that sea trout are known to run through the stretch of the River Blackwater which flows through the Fishery. As well as the major concerns for Wellow residents of the direct impact and unintended consequences of proposed music and alcohol licence, the need to protect the environment also needs to be taken into consideration.

This application should be refused.

Yours sincerely
Donna Savage

Subject: Premises Licence in respect of Keepers Lodge, Whinwhistle Coarse Fishery, Whinwhistle Road, East Wellow, Romsey SO51 6BE

I wish to object very strongly to the application for a Premises Licence by Woodington Fisheries (2020) Limited in respect of Keepers Lodge, Whinwhistle Coarse Fishery to provide:

1. Live and recorded music from 0800 to 2300 hours daily indoors and outdoors; and
2. The sale of alcohol for consumption both on and off the premises from 0800 to 2330 hours daily.

The site is a fishery in natural pastures and flood meadows adjoining the River Blackwater in a rural area. The existing on-site facilities of a fishing tackle shop and a café for the fisheries' customers do not cause any disturbance at the present time, however the proposal for a new licence for live and recorded music from 0800 to 2300 hours daily indoors and outdoors and the sale of alcohol for consumption both on and off the premises from 0800 to 2330 hours daily is totally inconsistent with the current use of the site. The hours proposed for the two parts of the licence (music and alcohol) are excessive for what is a rural, tranquil area.

The new licence will encourage more noise and be a disturbance to neighbours and others in the surrounding area, which includes St Margaret's Church where Florence Nightingale is buried. This licence, if approved, could include outdoor music events and festivals at a location which is incapable of managing and controlling a large influx of people. There is nothing in the licence application to restrict noise levels (eg no maximum decibel level has been set) and there is no restriction on the numbers of events which will be held. Outdoor music events and festivals are often associated with unlawful behaviour such as drunkenness and drug taking, noise pollution and the environmental pollution of the countryside. How will this be policed?

There is also a public safety risk as the site entrance is narrow with restricted visibility. There are often tailbacks in the area with water/flooding/mud on the road, and traffic turning on and off Woodington Road into and from the fishery, Romsey Road and Ryedown Lane. Large lorries use Woodington Lane (often as a short cut from the A36 to the A27) and, if flowing freely, the traffic is often travelling at speeds which are too fast for the road conditions.

When it becomes known that alcohol is for sale for consumption on and off the site, how will the safety of any pedestrians walking to the site, possibly in the dark in winter months, be maintained when there is no footpath?

This licence application should be refused to prevent crime and disorder, prevent a public nuisance, ensure public safety and protect children from harm.

Yours faithfully

Donna Savage