

## ANNEX 9

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

An application has been received from Woodington Fisheries (2020) Ltd for a new Premises Licence in respect of Keepers Lodge at the above-mentioned address. The premises are an existing café/bistro located on a fishery and camping site. The application also includes the external beer garden area. The application seeks:

- 1) **Provision of live and recorded music from 08:00 – 23:00 daily indoors and outdoors.**
- 2) **Sale of alcohol for consumption both on and off the premises from 08:00 – 23:30 hours daily.**

Dear Licensing Manager,

As a neighbour of Whinwhistle Coarse Fishery and a long-term resident of the area, I 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 limited camping connected with fishing activities. It is consistent with this that the site also provides a fishing tackle shop and a café to serve its customers.

As it stands these services do not disturb the amenity of neighbouring properties. However both the "Provision of live and recorded music from 08:00 to 23:00 hours daily indoors and outdoors", and the "sale of alcohol for consumption both on and off the premises from 08:00 to 23:30 hours daily" **are completely inconsistent with the current use and will be severely detrimental to the immediate site and wider locality.**

I am concerned above extreme noise disturbance to a tranquil area of the countryside bordering the Black water river. Sale of alcohol and music until late at night would encourage drunkenness, possibly drugs and pollution of the river. The noise pollution would be horrendous for the local residents and wildlife. Usage could also creep towards outdoor music events and festivals.

The access to the site is narrow with restricted visibility on a difficult junction, known locally for its high rate of traffic accidents. Regarding Woodington Road, it is a matter of public safety – cyclists and horse riders already take their lives in their hands on that section of road.

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

I live very 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

Constantinos Kyriacou