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Dear Mr Bryant,

Thank you for reply,

Please could I submit the following which is relevant to the following licensing objective;

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

As residents of Hazelwood which is located some 50m from the Fox we are one of the closest houses to the Fox and are therefore well placed to comment on whether the running of the pub has caused a public nuisance. We have experienced no issues apart from the first instance of outdoor live music this Summer which was quite loud. The following live music events were much quieter and none finished at a late hour.

Apart from this one event we do not consider that the running of the pub over the past few years has caused a nuisance to us, rather it has been run in a way that we have been able to enjoy having this amenity so close to our house.

Many thanks,

Dr Joy Bannister

Capt. Alan Bannister

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**From:** [licensing](#)  
**Sent:** 17 September 2021 15:50  
**To:** [JB email redacted](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Alcohol licence the Fox West Hoathly

Dear Dr Joy Bannister and Capt. Alan Bannister,

Thank you for your email in respect of the application for a new Premises Licence at The Fox, West Hoathly. To be clear, the Premises Licence that is currently granted to the premises is not under consideration. This Licence remains in existence and is not affected by the application under consideration. The issues surrounding the current licence is a matter strictly between the pertinent parties and not a matter for the Licensing Authorities involvement unless particular issues affect either the promotion of the 'Licensing Objectives' or impacts on the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003.

The application currently being considered is solely for the grant of a new Premises Licence for the current Leaseholder.

In respect of applications made under the Licensing Act 2003 relevant representations can be made in opposition to, or in support of, an application and can be made by any individual, body or business that has grounds to do so.

The issues that you have raised may be considered in other types of applications. However, in Licensing Applications a representation is only “relevant” if it relates to the likely effect of the grant of the licence on the promotion of at least one of the Licensing Objectives.

There are four Licensing Objectives which are of equal importance. They are:

1. The Prevention of Crime and Disorder
2. The Prevention of Public Nuisance
3. The Promotion of Public Safety
4. The Protection of Children from harm

Therefore, to be accepted in licensing applications a representation must be relevant to one or more of the objectives. I am not permitted to accept any representations that are not relevant under the Act. I appreciate that there is a strong groundswell of support for the current application, however I can only put before the Panel the specific comments that are related to the Licensing Objectives. Obviously, I will advise the panel in generality of the number of emails etc that have been received in support of the application.

Under the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 I also require the full address of any persons making representation.

Therefore unfortunately, I am sorry that I am currently unable to accept your email as a valid representation at this time. However, please could you contact me with if there is any further information that supports your representation in respect of the actual application for a new Premises Licence and the promotion of the licensing objectives.

Kind regards

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We are sending this to support the licence application for Claire Kacy for the Fox pub in West Hoathly.

We are one of the nearest properties to the pub and, as such, are one of the most affected by issues such as parking and noise.

We have lived here for over 30 years so we have seen several landlords come and go over the years. All have been awful apart from Claire and Tim. This couple have transformed a run-down drinking pub with awful food into a pub that is now much loved for both its food and its friendly atmosphere.

Their first outdoor music event this year was, admittedly, quite loud and no doubt prompted some complaints but the subsequent events were much quieter and ended early in the evening. I understand they have committed to not having amplified music outside so this should avoid any future noise issues.

Many community groups meet here such as local sports teams, music clubs, art clubs and many more hold meetings here. We have thoroughly enjoyed their music events and quiz nights, some of which have been for charity.

Their support for the community throughout the lockdown by offering food delivery and then a shop was hugely appreciated.

There are always going to be people who are not happy with living near to a successful business but this has to be weighed up against the benefits to the community which, in this case, far outweigh any minor inconveniences.

I cannot imagine more hard-working and welcoming landlords. As a community we all fear that the loss of an alcohol licence will put them out of business and we will lose this much loved and valuable community asset.

Yours faithfully, Dr Joy Bannister and Capt. Alan Bannister

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