

**From:** [Jon Bryant](#)  
**To:** [Adam Hackett](#)  
**Subject:** RE: LICENSING APPLICATION FROM THE BLUEBELL RAILWAY , HORSTED KEYNES , RH17  
**Date:** 04 May 2022 09:19:00  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)

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Dear Mr Hackett

Thank you for your clarification.

I can confirm that I have accepted your representation at points 1 – 3 in respect of the above application as being relevant.

Your comments at point 4 are not relevant for the purposes of a Licensing application and could not be considered.

I will pass your comments onto the applicant to seek their response to see if they can modify their application or offer conditions which may satisfy your representation.

Kind regards

Jon Bryant

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**From:** Adam Hackett <Redacted>

**Sent:** 03 May 2022 18:24

**To:** Jon Bryant <Jon.Bryant@midsussex.gov.uk>

**Cc:** licensing <licensing@midsussex.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Re: LICENSING APPLICATION FROM THE BLUEBELL RAILWAY , HORSTED KEYNES , RH17

Dear Mr Bryant

Thank you for your prompt reply to our email earlier today and for your helpful explanation.

We accept the Licensing Objectives and that they are separate and different to Planning considerations .

Our representations to this Application are :

- Events in the past 5 years at Bluebell Railway under special licenses have produced excessive and widespread noise
- The application is for a wide area which covers the entire Bluebell Railway buildings at Horsted Keynes Station , nearby field and car parks . This is a huge platform for generating greater noise and disturbance
- A license to 23.00 on every or any day is unacceptable . To allow it at 18 Live Events per year with music and bands is excessive and a nuisance and disturbance of our peace
- This is an area of outstanding natural beauty with unusual animal and bird life ,which is enjoyed by residents , visitors and walkers. Buzzards, kestrels , red kites and hedgehogs will be driven away in fear from their habitat by the noise of music and public address announcements .

With kind regards

Adam and Anthea Hackett  
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On 3 May 2022, at 14:59, Jon Bryant <[Jon.Bryant@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:Jon.Bryant@midsussex.gov.uk)> wrote:

Dear Anthea and Adam Hackett,

Thank you for your two emails making representations in respect of the application by the Bluebell Railway for a new Premises Licence at Horsted Keynes Station.

In respect of Licensing Applications I can only take into account “relevant representations”. Some of 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. I am not permitted to accept any representations that are not considered to be relevant under the Act.

The four licensing objectives are:

1. The prevention of crime and disorder. This relates to any crime, disorder or anti-social behaviour at the premises or related to the management of the premises. A licence holder/applicant cannot generally be held responsible for the conduct of individuals once they leave the premises;
2. Public safety. This relates to the safety of the public on the premises, i.e. fire safety, electrical circuitry, lighting, building safety or capacity, and first aid.
3. Prevention of public nuisance. This can relate to issues such as hours of operation, noise emanating from the premises, vibrations, lighting and litter.
4. Protection of children from harm. This relates to protecting children from the activities carried out on the premises whilst they are there. The law already provides special protections for children under 18 to buy alcohol.

Unlike Planning consultations, comments and representations cannot be considered if they relate to anything else, such as planning permission, the need for the premises, trade competition, the effect on house prices, parking etc. In other words, representations should relate to the impact of licensable activities carried on from premises on the objectives. You need to give as much detail as possible so that the Licensing Authority can assess the relevance of your representation

You may be aware that there is a Premises Licence currently granted at Horsted Keynes Railway Station which does allow for the sale of alcohol and also regulated entertainment. You will see from the new application that the new Premises Licence being applied for is to expand the current licensable area and increase the number of times events could potentially be held in the car park/adjacent field.

The comments that you make in your emails dated and timed at 03/05/2022 10:40 and 02/05/2022 14:05 are potentially relevant. These are:

- *Events in the past 5 years at Bluebell Railway under special licenses have*

*produced excessive widespread noise*

- *A license to 23.00 on every or any day is unacceptable ,is a nuisance and a disturbance of our peace*
- *18 Live Events per year with music and bands is also a nuisance and a disturbance of our peace*

Are you able to confirm that these comments are in relation to the Licensing Objective of the Prevention of Public Nuisance and can you provide further information about the likely effect of the grant of the new licence in this respect to support your representation.

If a relevant representation is made and it cannot be resolved then the application will be determined by the Licensing Sub Committee. All parties who have submitted a representation will be able to address the Sub-Committee. No new grounds of objection may be raised or introduced at this stage and parties are limited to speaking to matters outlined in their original representation although detail provided may be expanded upon.

Once I have your confirmation in respect of the Licensing Objective your representation relates to I will be able to accept it as relevant. I look forward to receiving any further information you may have in support of your representation.

Kind regards

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**From:** Adam Hackett <[Redacted](#)>

**Sent:** 03 May 2022 10:40

**To:** licensing <[licensing@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@midsussex.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** LICENSING APPLICATION FROM THE BLUEBELL RAILWAY , HORSTED KEYNES , RH17

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We wish to OBJECT to the current LICENSING application by THE BLUEBELL RAILWAY . Our reasons are :

- Events in the past 5 years at Bluebell Railway under special licenses have produced excessive widespread noise
- A license to 23.00 on every or any day is unacceptable ,is a nuisance and a disturbance of our peace
- 18 Live Events per year with music and bands is also a nuisance and a disturbance of our peace
- We are 'sandwiched ' between Bluebell Railway to the south west and RAVENSWOOD to the north , both within half a mile . We cannot be expected to endure competing noise from two licenses premises .
- This is an area of outstanding beauty and peace .
- The Eco system and the wild life habitat will be harmed by more events and loud noise

Please acknowledge receipt of this written objection

Yours faithfully

Anthea and Adam Hackett

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