

From: [Jon Bryant](#)
To: [DP](#)
Subject: RE: Bluebell Railway Premises Licence Application Objection
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Dear Mr Poole

Thank you for your additional comments and clarification.

I can confirm that I have accepted your representation as being relevant.

Your comments in respect of drink driving and the station tannoy 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

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From: Damian Poole <Redacted>

Sent: 04 May 2022 09:53

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

Subject: Re: Bluebell Railway Premises Licence Application Objection

Hi,

I can confirm my previous examples were relevant representations aimed at highlighting the likely affect the approval of this application would cause to increase public nuisance.

The increased area of this application includes a Paddock immediately adjacent to 6 residential cottages.

They have previously held weddings and events here. The noise and disruption to residents has indeed constituted a public nuisance in the past.

The events involve loud music which penetrates the cottages and the increased frequency of these events and closer proximity will simply cause even more public nuisance by way of noise pollution. On a weekend band event, held in the field opposite the station about a year ago, the noise disturbed people over a mile away. The station tannoy already does this regularly. The affect is detrimental to the mental and physical health of the residents. Again, I would argue this constitutes a public nuisance.

I also object on the grounds of inevitable increase in crime and disorder. I know from nearly 30 years Police experience wedding venues frequently have to call the Police. For example the previous weddings held in the paddock involve some drunken people walking past the cottages causing harassment alarm and distress to the residents. This will only get worse.

Additionally, the remoteness of Horsted keynes means most visitors travel by car to events. The proposed increase in availability of alcohol will almost certainly increase the drink driving offences. I'd imagine the police would likely target the location for drink drive stop checks.

So my objections are that if this application is granted it will undoubtedly lead to an

increase in crime and disorder and in public nuisance.

Submitted for your perusal and judgment.

Kind regards,

Damian

From: Jon Bryant <Jon.Bryant@midsussex.gov.uk>
Sent: 03 May 2022 15:42
To: Damian Poole <[Redacted](#)>
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Subject: RE: Bluebell Railway Premises Licence Application Objection

Dear Mr Poole,

Thank you for your email 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”. 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.

As stated, to be relevant representations must relate to one or more of the four licensing objectives of crime prevention, public safety, public nuisance and child protection and must be about the likely effect of granting the licence, on the promotion of at least one of the four licensing objectives. 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 you that you mention:

This application, however, takes things to a whole new level of disruption, anxiety, and stress.

The weddings and concerts that they want to hold in the fields and paddock will seriously and detrimentally affect our quality of life and health. Previous concerts and weddings have produced an unbearable level of noise pollution which penetrates all of the cottages. Another example is the Christmas music which is played on a loop over the tannoy system almost nonstop for several weeks. This simply drives the stoic residents insane. These comments could amount to a relevant representation under the licensing objective of the Prevention of a Public Nuisance which does include a public nuisance caused by excessive noise.

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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Subject: Bluebell Railway Premises Licence Application Objection

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object in the strongest terms, to the Bluebell Railway Application for Horsted Keynes ref: **LI/22/0524**.

I have only just found out about this application from a neighbour. We drive past the Station several times a day and have not seen any obvious notice. There are only 6 cottages in the immediate vicinity, which the Bluebell have NOT notified of their application. I believe this speaks volumes for their motives and surreptitious nature of this application.

The events they already hold cause many problems for the residents. Many of whom are elderly and vulnerable and do not have a voice.

Obviously we all chose to live here so the constant disruption to access and noise pollution from regular Bluebell train service, the tannoy, their events, film crews and maintenance etc. have to be suffered in silence. This application, however, takes things to a whole new level of disruption, anxiety, and stress.

The weddings and concerts that they want to hold in the fields and paddock will seriously

and detrimentally affect our quality of life and health. Previous concerts and weddings have produced an unbearable level of noise pollution which penetrates all of the cottages. Another example is the Christmas music which is played on a loop over the tannoy system almost nonstop for several weeks. This simply drives the stoic residents insane.

I am a retired Police Sergeant, so don't make this objection lightly. If the Bluebell are given carte blanche to organise more events by this application, then the mental and physical health of the residents will be adversely affected.

Kind Regards,
Damian Poole.

Address redacted