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Mr Paul Hughes
Licensing Manager
Waverley Borough Council
The Burys
Godalming
GU7 1HR

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3 April 2013

Dear Mr Hughes

Winkworth Arboretum Licence Application

The Godalming Trust has recently learnt that The National Trust has applied for a licence for the provision of plays, live and recorded music, performance of dance and sale of alcohol at Winkworth Arboretum.

The licence application puts no limit on the number of occasions that performances may take place and seeks approval for events to continue until 10PM.

In our opinion the granting of such a licence would impinge adversely on nearby residents in Hascombe Road and Thorncombe Street, and we consider that the activities envisaged are inappropriate for a nationally important arboretum situated in an area of outstanding natural beauty.

We therefore oppose the granting of a licence.

Yours sincerely

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Kate Halsall

From: Friday 05 April 2013 16:05
Sent: Licensing Policy
To: ②
Subject: Objection to Licensing of Live Open Air Music at Winkworth Arboretum

Dear Sir

We had a major incident about two years ago at High Barn. Word had got out that there was to be a party on the premises, and about 200 young uninvited people walked up the two miles from Godalming, past Winkworth, and created a drunken havoc at High Barn and neighbouring premises on that Saturday evening. There were confrontations with neighbours who were trying to bring order. So called part goers were running around my garden as well. Eventually 3 police cars were needed to control the situation. The following day there were scores of empty alcohol containers littering the neighbourhood, and the roadside all the way back to Godalming.

If you give licence for events at Winkworth, then you will be inviting that same unruly crowd, no doubt without tickets, to descend upon this beautiful peaceful area and create chaos all over again.

You may assume therefore that we object most strongly to this application.

Regards

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08 April 2013

Mr Paul Hughes
Licensing Manager
Waverley Borough Council
The Bury's,
Godalming GU7 1HR

Dear Mr Hughes,

Winkworth Arboretum Licence Application

I have learnt from your website that The National Trust/Winkworth Arboretum has applied for a licence for the provision of plays, live and recorded music and other public performances as well as the sale of alcohol. I note that the application stipulates no number of occasions that could be held if the licence were granted -such performances could be held every week end during the summer!

Irrespective of the number of such performances planned I feel that the location is totally unsuitable and inappropriate. The arboretum is in an area of outstanding natural beauty and the home to much wildlife and particularly wild birds. We did not choose to live in such a quiet and peaceful area only to be besieged by hundreds or thousands of visitors attending plays or concerts, whether 'pop' or classical.

From a practical point of view the location is totally unsuitable for hosting large numbers of visitors as they would have to rely on private transport to travel to/from Winkworth and there is insufficient parking for the large number of vehicles, including cars/minibuses/coaches, that would be required if the planned performances were to be a viable proposition. Furthermore we know from experience of the well-organised events held at Wintershall that even if ticket-holders are advised of the route to take they invariably rely on their satnavs and use the very narrow lanes around Thorncombe Street. I can envisage people trying to park in our lanes and enter the venue by other than the official gates which cannot be controlled as the arboretum has many points of unofficial entry.

This aspect **MUST** be taken in to account when considering this application.

Finally, the arboretum is surrounded by housing in our village of Thorncombe Street as well as that above the site on the Hascombe Road and Alldens Lane. The noise from the performances, even allowing that it has to finish by 10 PM, would seriously disturb the peace and tranquillity of the residents in our locality. Traffic leaving the venue would prolong the noise for at least a further hour.

I therefore strongly oppose the granting of a licence.

Kate Halsall

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:



Sunday 07 April 2013 20:44
Licensing Policy
Winkworth Arboretum

To whom it may concern.

Please take this message as expressing my strongest possible objection to the license application by National Trust (Enterprises) Ltd that would allow them to hold evening events at Winkworth Arboretum up to 10pm at night, without sensible limits on the number of people allowed to attend, and also permitting the sale of alcohol at these events. I am a very local resident who did not purchase the property that I did to live next door to a location that would permit such disturbing activities that would clearly represent a Public Nuisance and would be a threat to both the environment as well as public safety..

I am a member of the National Trust so am fully aware of their need to maximise the value that can be extracted from their assets but this license application MUST be rejected.

Should this application be granted then it would severely and adversely impact the value of my home and I would be forced to consider seeking compensation from both the organisers and also the license granting authority.

Yours faithfully,

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Godalming GU7 1HR

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We have recently become aware that The National Trust/Winkworth Arboretum has applied for a licence for the provision of plays, live and recorded music and other public performances as well as the sale of alcohol. We understand from reading the application that there is to be no limitation on the number of performances that may take place.

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From:
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To:
Subject:

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Monday 08 April 2013 16:58
Licensing Policy
Winkworth Arboretum

I recently received a communication concerning open air events at the above NT arboretum, as I live within 2 minutes walking distance I strongly object to the application by the NT (Enterprises) Ltd. being accepted. The extra traffic along Hascombe Road, which is narrow and has no footpath on either side of the road, will cause accidents and pollution, the noise from Music, etc. will carry and make the residents life a misery. I strongly object to the sale of alcohol at the arboretum, which would be very irresponsible for obvious reasons.

I chose to live in the area because it was safe, quiet and tranquil if this application goes ahead the value of my property will seriously be affected and I would seek monetary compensation from the organisation.

I very much hope that the views of the local community will be taken into account.

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10 April 2013

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Licensing Manager
Waverley Borough Council
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GU7 1HR

April 6th 2013

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Winkworth Arboretum Licence Application

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I am concerned that the application appears to put no limit to the frequency of such events and potentially would allow such events to start early in the day and continue until 10PM

I do not consider the location to be suitable for such events on a frequent basis. Being within a valley of outstanding natural beauty containing a number of family homes the potential noise from the events would have considerable adverse impact.

The access to such events also raises serious concerns from a practical and a safety perspective given the nature of the very narrow lanes around the property made more hazardous by their poor state of repair.

I therefore wish to register my opposition to the granting of such a licence.

Yours sincerely //

Kate Halsall

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

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Tuesday 09 April 2013 11:04
Licensing Policy
Winkworth Arboretum

Dear Sirs,

I write to object strongly to the planning application made by The National Trust (Enterprises) Ltd at the Winkworth Arboretum to provide licensing for plays, films, live music, recorded music, performance of dance – indoors and outdoors – between 0900 hrs and 2200 hr, including the sale of alcohol from 1000 hrs to 2100 anywhere in Winkworth Arboretum.

I understand they are applying for permission for events up to 5,000 people, NOT restricted to any particular area of the Arboretum, and there is also no restriction on the number of events that can take place each year.


I feel that this application is totally unacceptable in many respects:-

1. **Goes against all the principals of what an arboretum is for.** When Wilfrid Fox set up the arboretum in the 1930s, it was intended to be somewhere uniquely undisturbed and tranquil where people could enjoy their love of trees and plants in a natural environment. This standard and ethos should be actively encouraged and maintained. A Disney type approach should not be tolerated in any form.
2. **Noise and disturbance to nearby residents at all times of day and late into the evening.**
3. **Public safety issues relating to the selling of alcohol and resulting litter which will be left all around the arboretum, no matter how diligent staff may be in trying to keep it under control.** This is not an ideal site for the sale of alcohol anyway – there are many steep, rustic steps, lakes, boggy ground and waterways – an accident waiting to happen for people under the influence.....
4. **Detrimental effect on the wildlife (including bats) which will be disturbed by noise and people – the Arboretum currently states that children can learn about animals and enjoy “wild learning”, but this won’t be the case once those animals are disturbed and move away.**
5. **Traffic levels will be vastly increased to bring in up to 5,000 to an event.** Thorncombe Street, Lodkin Hill and Alldens Lane are single track lanes that cannot cope in any shape or form with anything but light traffic. There is a strong likelihood that the Arboretum would build another carpark at the Thorncombe Street side of the property to provide easy access to the lower areas there. The lanes around the back entrance to the Arboretum in Thorncombe Street are frequently used by horseriders and cyclists. The comings and goings of many cars, and possibly coaches, would impact unacceptably on people who enjoy these activities.

I am truly shocked that the National Trust could think that this application has any chance whatsoever of being put through, and I trust that Waverley will see sense, and turn down their request.

Yours sincerely

Kate Halsall

From: 
Sent: Tuesday 09 April 2013 11:18
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From: (11)
Sent: Tuesday 09 April 2013 12:26
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: winkworth

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Mr Paul Hughes
Licensing Manager
Waverley Borough Council
The Burys
Godalming
GU7 1HR

9 April 2013

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The licence application puts no limit on the number of occasions that performances may take place and seeks approval for events to continue until 10PM.

I consider the location totally inappropriate for the provision of events of the type envisaged by the application. The Arboretum is bordered by housing in Thorncombe Street, Hascombe Road and Aldens Lane and noise pollution and traffic congestion would be a serious inconvenience for local residents.

The Arboretum itself is nationally important and is located in an area of outstanding natural beauty: it is also the home to a large variety of wildlife, particularly wild birds. It should be enjoyed for its peace and quiet and not as a site for outdoor musical and other entertainments.

I therefore strongly oppose the granting of a licence.

Yours sincerely

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Licensing Manager,
Waverley Borough Council,
Council Offices,
The Burys,
Godalming,
Surrey,
GU7 1HR

9th April, 2013

Dear Sir,

Winkworth Arboretum, Hascombe Road, Godalming, Surrey, GU8 4AD

I write to object to the grant of permission to the National Trust for the use of Winkworth Arboretum for the provision of plays, films, live and recorded music, performance of dance and the sale of alcohol.

The Arboretum has close on a mile of boundary with the Wintershall Estate and the permanent grant of this permission would severely impact on the spiritual, tranquil and recuperational use of the Estate by members of the public.

Occasional, one off, permissions for special events on a one night basis would be considered favourably and understood, but the permission for the regular sale of alcohol and dancing has the potential to create a noisy, undignified public nuisance. The Winkworth Arboretum is for the enjoyment of its arboretum and horticulture and is very popular with widespread popularity.

The consequential car parking in the roads approaching Winkworth particularly Thorncombe Street and Cheney Row with inevitable noisy parties leaving the Arboretum up to midnight several days a week would destroy the peace, reputation and fame of the Arboretum and all the surrounding countryside. It is not a place for public entertainment which is strictly an urban requirement.

Kate Halsall

From:

Sent:

To:

Subject:

(14)

Tuesday 09 April 2013 18:23

Licensing Policy

FW: winkworth Arboretum licence application

Dear Sir

I live in [redacted], I also own the cottages opposite the [redacted]

I cannot object more strongly to this license application.

I am very surprised at the approach by the National Trust, with no consultation locally and no limit on the use of a license.

There are numerous reasons for an objection to the granting of a license, including preventing of public nuisance, the protection of children and public safety.

The road system in this area of Thorncombe street is already a nightmare, it is used as a short cut by many. My children on numerous occasions have nearly been hit by too many fast drivers.

I cannot imagine the sale of alcohol will help improve road safety on these narrow lanes.

I am somewhat staggered that this is being seriously considered.

I object to this application on every possible basis.

I also have to point out that I was not notified by the council of this application.

Kate Halsall

From:

Sent:

To:

Cc:

Subject:

(15)

Tuesday 09 April 2013 18:57

Licensing Policy

Owenslucys@aol.com

Objection To License Application by National Trust Enterprises Ltd

Dear Sir / Madam

It has come to our attention that National Trust (Enterprises) Ltd have applied for licensing to provide plays, films and live music for up to 5,000 people in Winkworth Arboretum.

Our family lives two houses away from the Arboretum, and would like to raise our objections to this application in the strongest possible terms.

There are numerous grounds on which we object but the two main ones are 1) Winkworth Arboretum is set amongst a residential area. The noise pollution from such events would have a huge negative impact on us and surrounding families and destroy the quiet summer evenings. The valley also seems to act as an amplifier of music and sound 2) As I am sure you are already aware, during busy times at Winkworth Arboretum the traffic can back up right down to Brighton Road. Having up to 5,000 people attending live music events would result in levels of traffic that would cause serious congestion and delays to emergency services. Given the width of Hascombe Road it is not even possible for emergency vehicles to get around any congestion. We truly believe that sanctioning such a license would endanger lives. The location is inappropriate for such events.

This application was brought to our attention by a neighbour. We were surprised that it had not been more widely advertised so that you were able to get a true reflection of the feelings amongst the local community. We have no doubt that you would be getting a lot more objections if more people were aware that this application had been submitted. We could see no reference to it on your web site.

I hope that you are able to give these concerns due consideration.

Yours faithfully

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WAVERLEY B.C. CIVIL ENFORCEMENT OFFICE	
DATE	10 APR 2013
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Mr Paul Hughes
 Licensing Manager
 Waverley Borough Council
 The Burys
 Godalming
 GU7 1HR

April 6th 2013

Dear Mr Hughes

Winkworth Arboretum Licence Application

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The access to such events also raises serious concerns from a practical and a safety perspective given the nature of the very narrow lanes around the property made more hazardous by their poor state of repair.

I therefore wish to register my opposition to the granting of such a licence.

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I therefore strongly oppose the granting of a licence.

Yours sincerely

Kate Halsall

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

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Thursday 11 April 2013 09:39
Licensing Policy
National Trust (Enterprises) Ltd - Winkworth Arboretum

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to raise a concern and objection to the recent application from the National Trust to use the Winkworth Arboretum for potentially extensive commercial use.

I am not one to object to change itself (I) but living down South Munstead Lane, I always feel the traffic when the Arboretum is busy. Today it is not a problem but should the license be accepted and events put on, this could generate significantly higher levels on an already busy road.

Permitting the sale of alcohol on National Trust land and allowing outdoor live music events will lead to potential excessive noise, particularly on summer evening when perhaps local families are wanting to enjoy the quiet of outdoor living.

Could you please advise if there is a restriction to the number of events / annum that could be held? Will the Arboretum subsequently need to build more commercial buildings to cope with numbers?

My concerns / objections are to the potential noise pollution, sale of alcohol which could lead to the obvious, disruption to the relatively peaceful habitat of the wildlife, traffic congestion and general perceived change of use of the Winkworth Arboretum into much more of a commercial park.

Thank you for taking on board some of these concerns.

Regards,

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right on numerous occasions during the year, and, in particular, we all feel this is quite inappropriate for a beautiful arboretum in an area of outstanding natural beauty.

I therefore oppose the granting of a licence.

Yours sincerely,

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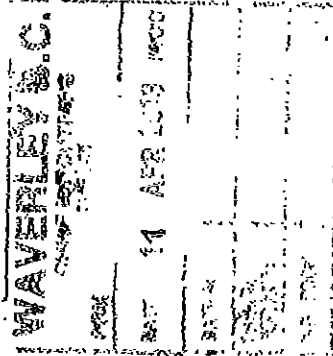
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Dear Mr. Hughes,

Winkworth Arboretum Licence Application

The National Trust has recently applied for a licence for the provision of plays, live and recorded music, performance and dance and the sale of alcohol at the Arboretum.

As a resident of Tilmcombe Street, I feel this would be most detrimental in many ways: noise, traffic, general disturbance etc. until late at



Kate Halsall

From:

Sent:

To:

Subject:



Thursday 11 April 2013 10:15

Licensing Policy

Application by National Trust (enterprises) to provide live music etc

I am writing on behalf of my wife and myself to object in the strongest possible terms to this quite appalling application which runs completely counter to the very clear wishes of the remarkably generous donor, Dr Fox.

I was on the Friends committee of the Arboretum a few years ago but resigned after a short time because I objected strongly to the already then obvious intention of the Trust to simply regard the Arboretum as yet another profit generating asset which was only of interest to them if it was so.

In reply to my question as to whether the Trust would have accepted it if offered now I was told almost certainly not as it was, putting it bluntly, not commercially viable.

The fact that overall the Trust has an enormous annual income some of which might be used to support smaller assets was regarded with derision.

There is no reason at all why revenue should not be raised from time to time from lettings for films etc but the idea of hosting major open air events etc is utterly ludicrous. The arboretum is relatively small and has limited parking. Even now at peak times - to look at bluebells etc - there are major traffic jams extending from the car park way back towards Godalming. Once last year I personally measured one of almost a mile in length when I was fortuitously going in the opposite direction.

For people living even quite some way from the arboretum car park the prospect of this application being granted must be horrendous. What it would be like for people living on the road to Godalming defies belief.

I can see no objection at all to the construction of a decent tea room/ restaurant able to sell alcohol in an adjoining and restricted area but unrestricted access would be a nightmare.

The Trust has been vacillating about the building of a decent new tearoom for years. If they had got on with it rather than being obsessed with constantly trying to increase footfall, ie garnering as many visitors as possible oblivious of adverse effects on neighbouring properties a real improvement at what should have been at an affordable cost would already have been made.

We hope very strongly that the present application is refused and that the Trust will, if it decides to take matters further, then make a more sensible and much more restricted application - restricted in every sense.

Kate Halsall

From:

Sent:

To:

Subject:

(21)

Thursday 11 April 2013 10:36

Licensing Policy

Winkworth Arboretum

Mr Hughes

I am horrified to learn of the application by the Winkworth Arboretum for a full alcohol license, and a license to hold noisy entertainment.

I wish to lodge a very strong objection on the grounds of :

1. despoiling the peace of this area

2. Traffic is problematic enough on weekends with visitors to the arboretum

3. Disturbing the wildlife.

Kate Halsall

From:

Sent:

To:

Subject:

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Thursday 11 April 2013 12:51

Licensing Policy

Winkworth Arboretum, Winkworth Arboretum, Hascombe Road, Godalming, Surrey,
GU8 4AD - application for a Licence

Dear Mr Hughes

We have been residents here for nearly 30 years during which time we have enjoyed the tranquil, beautiful area of the Hascombe Hills and the surrounding villages. This area has places such as the Winkworth Arboretum which provide vital amenities to residents and visitors from all over Surrey and SE England. We strongly object to this proposal which would needlessly impinge pollution on this part of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The Licence site has been used for infrequent events, which are acceptable. But a regular and permanent Licence for a variety of events which would create noise and traffic pollution on a frequent basis and on an unacceptable number of occasions is inappropriate.

The National Trust is an honourable institution which we support financially and otherwise, but it should not have the right to unlimited events at Winkworth Arboretum.

We therefore oppose the granting of this Licence.

Kate Halsall

From:

Sent:

To:

Subject:

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Friday 12 April 2013 06:57

Licensing Policy

Winkworth Arboretum licensing application

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Objection to Licensing - Winkworth Arboretum

We are resident at _____ which directly borders onto the Winkworth Arboretum. A license application has been made for the provision of plays, live music, recorded music, performance of dance in and outdoors between 9.00-22.00hrs and the supply of alcohol on and off premises from 10.00-21.00hrs anywhere in the Arboretum.

We wish to object on the following grounds:

1. Noise nuisance: This is an area of outstanding natural beauty bordered by residential property. We like many others in the area have a young family and pets. Live music and outdoor films are an inappropriate use and could create unacceptable noise levels especially into the evening. An example is when Wintershall have a charity event which is further away but carries across the valley and causes distress to dogs and horses in the area creating a number of complaints. However, that is only a one off event for charity. Further, we can also hear late into the night the concerts which used to be held at Charterhouse the other side of Godalming.

This application has no limitation on the number of events and is proposed to extend beyond the normal opening hours of the Arboretum which is 4pm or 6pm in the summer. I understand an open application would allow up to 5,000 visitors which would change the character of the area and the purpose for which the Arboretum was originally set up.

In addition the sale of alcohol ANYWHERE in the Arboretum is likely to encourage further noise levels and right up to our boundary currently an open deer fence.

2 Public safety and the protection of Children from harm: As a user of the Arboretum I am deeply concerned should events be held without limitation or restriction on the area that alcohol is sold or permitted to be used then the litter, cans, glass etc could be a safety risk. Whilst I appreciate the management will make every effort to clear up if this, if it is not contained to a small area then they will not be able to fully guarantee safety. There is also risk of litter chucked over our fence and causing risk to our own property, dogs and children. The many dog walkers will also be putting their animals at increased risk of stepping on glass or other litter.

In the Arboretum there are wetlands and a lake which are not fully fenced off. This must be a Health and Safety risk at large events and the sale of alcohol with potential resultant behaviour would enhance this risk.

3. Public nuisance/Safety; Traffic. Unless the numbers are limited there will be visitors parking on Hascombe Road which is already a busy and dangerous road. Illegal or legal parking

on this road will create public risk and nuisance. This will be exaggerated if allowed to be open at dusk/nighttime as there is no street lighting along this stretch of the road. I would request that Surrey Highways are consulted in this respect and the extra call on policing considered.

4. Environmental: I would ask the Licensing authority consult local wildlife groups, bat welfare, horse welfare, deer etc.. in order to protect the species in the Arboretum and around.

I would therefore suggest that if it is the intention of the Arboretum management to have only the occasional event then this application should be limited to a temporary license only and:

- current opening hours of the Arboretum only
- alcohol sales limited to the cafe only and not permitted to take out
- one live music event per annum maximum as part of a special day (e.g ,no rock concerts, outdoor cinemas etc.), with an appropriate use for the Arboretum
- numbers of visitors to an event limited to an appropriate level for the location e.g., 500 people
- any live music, dance or films outside are restricted to a small area furthest away from bordering residential property (not as per the current license application for anywhere in the Arboretum)

Yours sincerely,

Kate Halsall

From:

Sent:

To:

Subject:

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Friday 12 April 2013 15:56

Licensing Policy

Objection to the license application by National Trust (Enterprises) : Winkworth Arboretum

Dear Sirs,

I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the application from the National Trust for a license application at Winkworth Arboretum.

I live directly opposite to the Arboretum and my address is:

I am very concerned about this license application on a number of grounds and these are as follows:

Traffic issues

Open air events which attract up to 5000 people will generate unacceptable levels of traffic on an already busy Hascombe Road. At present during busy weekends in the Arboretum, traffic backs up towards Godalming as the car park is unable to absorb large amounts of traffic very quickly.

This causes significant traffic delays and residents of South Munstead Lane can often get caught up in traffic and unable to get home. The traffic backs up toward Godalming where there is a blind corner and traffic accidents in this area are frequent. Large amounts of traffic in the area will also result in dangerous and illegal parking along the Hascombe Road and parking in South Munstead Lane to the detriment of local residents who all pay significant levels of council tax.

Sale of Alcohol

There are issues of public safety and nuisance whenever alcohol is offered for sale and consumed in a public place. However the sale and consumption of alcohol within the Arboretum which has a deep lake (with a 8 foot depth near the edge) and Wetlands with very deep mud makes this a very dangerous public safety issue.

Noise

The staging of open air events attended by up to 5000 people together with the sale of alcohol will cause significantly higher levels of noise especially in the evening when local families should be able to enjoy their homes and gardens in peace and quiet. There would be a significant increase in noise nuisance from such live music events, from visitors coming and going and an increase in anti-social behaviour and all this an area of outstanding natural beauty.

The license application would enable the National Trust to stage an unlimited number of events for up to 5000 people anywhere in the Arboretum. Is this a sensible state of affairs to allow ?

Winkworth Arboretum was founded by Dr Fox in 1938 for the love of trees and shrubs and is a beautiful place which is enjoyed by many local families and others from further afield. The National Trust's own leaflet states " Find peace and tranquillity amongst this beautiful collection of trees and plants" I would urge the Council to preserve the Arboretum as Dr Fox intended and reject this application at the earliest opportunity.

Yours faithfully,

Kate Halsall

From:

Sent:

To:

Subject:

(25)

Friday 12 April 2013 17:05

Licensing Policy

Winkworth Arborateum

Mr Hughes

As I feel the granting of the licenses applied for by The Winkworth Arborateum will create a public nuisance I would like my name to be added to the list of objectors

Kate Halsall

From:

Sent:

To:

Subject:

(26)

Friday 12 April 2013 17:08

Licensing Policy

Winkworth Arboretum-Planning Objection

Hello, I am sending this email to object in the strongest terms to Winkworth Arboretum being granted permission to hold events. The area is just narrow lanes and coaches and larger vehicles arriving by Sat Nav will clog them in a moment.

People will park badly in all the lanes around this area and then walk in/damage fencing getting into the arboretum around the disabled car park.

Slades farm has a stud and horses will be put in danger by speeding drivers not knowing this area and racing about asking for directions. Verges will be damaged and tempers raised. Should an emergency vehicle be required for fire/ambulance for head on collision (Common in these lanes) it will not get through, property could be put at risk... apart from the NOISE there are many other problems attached to this application. Many thanks for reading this, I have lived here for near to 10 years and know this area and problems as above very well. MANY THANKS again,

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Kate Halsall

From:

<william@pedder.org.uk>

Sent:

Saturday 13 April 2013 15:46

To:

Licensing Policy

Subject:

Licence application for Winkworth Arboretum, GU8 4AD

(27)

I refer to the application for a premise licence at the above address, in the name of National Trust (enterprises) Ltd.

As a resident dwelling half a mile from the Arboretum, on one of its access roads, I object to the application on the following grounds:

1. The application is for a licence to perform on every day of every week throughout the year. This is entirely unwarranted by the needs of the applicant.
2. The Arboretum is a place of sanctuary and quiet repose, in which visitors can contemplate nature including listening to natural sounds such as birdsong. This will be jeopardised by the holding of "adult entertainment services" as applied for.
3. I question whether such entertainment is compatible with existing wildlife. I accept that should be a matter for the National Trust itself, but may have a bearing on the licence application.
4. The access roads to the Arboretum are unsuitable for an influx of crowds for short periods. Of particular concern is if the roads through Thorncombe Street are used for access either by the public, or by heavy vehicles supplying goods or equipment for the site.

I would have no objection if the licence were limited to three performances per year, outside the breeding season for wildlife. It should be reviewable after three years.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Halsall

From:

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To:

Subject:

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Saturday 13 April 2013 15:52

Licensing Policy

Winkworth Arboretum

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Kate Halsall

From:
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Subject:

(29)

Saturday 13 April 2013 16:10
Licensing Policy
Winkworth Arboretum, licence application for entertainments

Dear Sirs

I make this submission in objection to the proposal by the National Trust to be granted an enduring licence for putting on potentially large and potentially frequent entertainment events around the lake at Winkworth Arboretum.

As a member of the National Trust, I do not object to the undertaking of occasional money-making entertainment events at Winkworth Arboretum, subject to reasonable conditions as regards noise and the management of the additional traffic on already busy country roads.

I do object strongly to the enduring, open-ended nature of the licence being sought and the potential for frequent use of the licence for big events impacting adversely on those of us living in this normally quiet rural location.

We live at the head of the valley about half a mile from the location of the events in question. We would be significantly affected by the noise of at least some of the events, for example, pop concerts. Sole access to our house is via Lodkin Hill, a single-track country lane that would inevitably be seriously affected by the additional traffic, not least the large vehicles used by the undertakers of any such large event.

We also question whether such intended and frequent events would be consistent with the National Trust's primary values inter alia of conserving wild life in a place of natural beauty noted for its flora and natural fauna.

Kate Halsall

From:

Sent:

To:

Subject:



Saturday 13 April 2013 18:01

Licensing Policy

Objection to events at Winkworth arboretum

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Many thanks again,

Kate Halsall

From:

Sent:

To:

Subject:



Saturday 13 April 2013 18:54

Licensing Policy

Licence application : Winkworth Arboratum

As a local resident I am writing to object to the application for a premise licence made by the Winkworth Arboratum on 21 March 2013.

If I read your website correctly I understand objections can only be made under the 4 licencing objectives and I have therefore done so under the relevant headings below:

The prevention of public nuisance

I have two main concerns here:

1 Noise.

While the applicant states that "*The Premises Licence Holder shall control sound from licensable activities so that it does not cause a public nuisance at any nearby property in separate ownership and occupation*" I consider this statement to be far too vague and very difficult to enforce. The geography of the arboretum is that it sits on one side of a valley and includes a natural bowl that could be used for external music or theatrical performances. The valley acts as a natural amplifier and noise carries for great distances. Any loud noise will reverberate down the valley and is likely to cause disturbance in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

2 Access

The Arboretum currently has certain days when it advertises to attract greater numbers of visitors - for example in blue bell season. On such occasions the car parking facilities struggle to cope and the roads in the vicinity quickly clog up. This causes a public nuisance. The roads leading to the Arboretum are narrow and not designed for large amounts of traffic. Any permission that is granted for special events should take into consideration the available parking and the load on local roads.

Public Safety

Again I have two concerns:

1 Sale of alcohol

The Arboretum contains areas of open water and wetlands and is on the side of a valley. There are natural pathways and natural steps. The sale of alcohol is likely to increase the risk of injury or accident in such environment.

The sale of alcohol is also likely to lead to an increase in litter.

2 Hours of access

The current opening hours of the arboretum are until 4 or 6 in the evening depending on the time of year. These hours are set I assume to recognise the natural features and the risks to injury etc as the light fades. I see no grounds for extending a licence to hours beyond the current opening hours.

The Arboretum was founded on the principle that it is a place of tranquility amongst a beautiful collection of plants and trees. I do not see that this application is within that spirit.

Regards

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13 April 2013

Licensing
Waverley borough Council
The Bury's
GODALMING
GU7 1HR

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: License application by National Trust (Enterprise) Ltd.

With regard to the 'Winkworth Arboretum' license application, we object on the grounds of safety concerns and the public nuisance resulting from the events warranting such an application.

The lake, paths and general areas are hard to negotiate during daylight hours and pose real danger if attempted in failing light and under the influence of alcohol.

Furthermore, if broken glass is accidentally left in the long grass surrounding various shrubs and trees, children encouraged to investigate and enjoy the many walks could suffer serious injury.

Moreover, the music and sound, amplified by the valley, will be a nuisance and severely compromise the neighbourhood, as will the parking issues inevitably involved when people attend functions requiring the applied for license – even if the car park is extended. Please note that there is no alternative car park in the area, and the available public transport is very limited.

Last, but not least, as Winkworth Arboretum is classified as an Area of Natural Beauty and Green Belt, further commercialisation is not acceptable.

Yours faithfully

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Paul Hughes
Licensing Manager
Waverley Borough Council
The Burys
Godalming
GU7 1HR

13 April 2013

Dear Mr Hughes

Winkworth Arboretum Licence Application

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The licence application puts no limit on the number of occasions that performances may take place and seeks approval for events to continue until 10PM.

In my opinion the granting of such a licence would impinge adversely on nearby residents in Hascombe Road and Thorncombe Street, and we consider that the activities envisaged are inappropriate for a nationally important arboretum situated in an area of outstanding natural beauty.

The noise pollution would be completely unacceptable and the sale of alcohol will do nothing to encourage revellers to leave peacefully and quietly.

Traffic congestion would be intolerable, particularly if events are to be held in the lower part of the arboretum (lake side). I fail to see how visitors attending these events will bother walking to and from the top car park given the steep walk. Of course they are going to attempt to park and gain access from Thorncombe Street as it is so much closer. The narrow, single track lanes would not cope with this sort of demand.

I therefore oppose the granting of a licence.

Yours sincerely

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13th April 2013

Paul Hughes
Licensing Manager
Waverley Borough Council
The Burys
Godalming
GU7 1HR

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Yours sincerely

Kate Halsall

From:

Sent:

To:

Subject:

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Sunday 14 April 2013 13:27

Licensing Policy

WK/201210131 : Representation received

Address: Winkworth Arboretum, Winkworth Arboretum, Hascombe Road, Godalming, Surrey, GU8 4AD

Please check above worksheet for representation received online

I am very concerned about a blanket licence being issued to Winkworth Arboretum rather than them having to apply ad hoc as Wintershall Estate does. The Hascombe Road cannot cope with the traffic at the moment when there is an event at the site. It had taken me over 3/4 of an hour to get from Munstead Heath Road to my home which is only just over a mile! I am not saying they should not hold events at all, indeed it is an ideal venue for the occasional concert, but to have events on a regular basis would be detrimental to those in the neighbourhood in terms of vastly increased traffic and noise. We already have cars parked at the entrance to our lane when events are held, and I would suspect this problem would be worse with increased numbers. We can hear the very occasional concerts at Wintershall from our garden and the Arboretum is much nearer. Please assess this application very carefully as it would not be a benefit to anyone nearby.

Attn : Licensing Department
Waverley Borough Council
The Burys
Godalming
GU7 1HR

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13th April 2013

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Dear Sirs,

Application by National Trust (Enterprises) for various entertainment uses at Winkworth Arboretum

I am the owner of V [redacted] is located immediately adjacent to the main car park of the Arboretum on Hascombe Road.

The purpose of this letter is to object to the subject application in its current form.

I am confident that the licensing committee will consider the application carefully and with due regard to the heritage and important current uses of the Arboretum together with the residential nature of its location which is in an area of outstanding natural beauty.

Specifically, I believe that the Committee should impose strict conditions on the applicant, as follows :

- Scale of proposed events** : the Arboretum has no facilities (in particular, parking) which could cope with 5,000 people attending an event at the same time. In addition Hascombe Road is a narrow B road which is unsuitable for circa 2,500 cars (assuming 2 people per car) arriving simultaneously. I would urge the committee to place a more realistic limit on the numbers of tickets which could be made available for each event : in my opinion a maximum number of circa 500.
- Frequency of events** : I believe it is essential that a limit on the number of days during which events would be permitted be made a condition of any approval. I am of the view that the applicant should be limited to a maximum of 10 days per year during which outdoor events could be held in order that the sanctity of the Arboretum's prime purpose (ie that of quiet enjoyment of nature) is not supplanted ie the provision of entertainment must be a minor element of the overall proposition of this place of beauty.
- Noise and general public nuisance** : the Arboretum is an area of natural beauty in which a variety of animals and birds have been encouraged to thrive. With this in mind, a strict condition on noise levels should be made : plays and light music are in keeping with the ethos of the Arboretum while pop concerts, for example, are not. All outdoor entertainment activity should, to my mind, end no later than 9.00pm, particularly given that the Arboretum generally closes at 6pm today ie at present, the area around the Arboretum is entirely quiet after this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to lodge this objection.

Yours sincerely,

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Licensing Waverley
Borough Council.

Dear Sir or Madam

Reference the Arborator's recent application, which I appreciate that the National Trust must maximise the income from its properties if it is to continue to maintain them I think that you should take certain points in account before granting full permission as requested.

Firstly I live 300 yards down the Road from the arborator so will be greatly concerned about noise and much traffic on an already busy and too fast a road with no pavements. Walking to see my neighbors is very hazardous.

Secondly I don't know whether

You have driven down this road road
and all car parks in the area are
full eg. "autumn colours" - you are
driving down and suddenly the traffic
has stopped in front of you some distance
from the car park - as you stop and
wait and wonder whether there has been
an accident - then it moves a few
paces and so on - meantime the oncoming
traffic speeds pass - you dare not overtake
because the queue is too long and
then you take a chance only to find
that they are going in only as one
car comes out.

It will need either a police
presence to cope with traffic or
one of their staff. ??
Yours faithfully

ps. I have been here 37 years.
and have seen the changes.

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Licensing
Waverley Borough Council
The Burys
Godalming
Surrey GU7 1HR

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12th April 2013

Dear Sirs

Licence for Winkworth Arboretum

I was horrified to hear that there are plans to license Winkworth Arboretum. I have lived in Godalming for thirty three years and have visited the arboretum countless times. The arboretum has been a lovely natural haven of tranquillity and the idea that concerts might be held there seems completely inappropriate for the atmosphere and ethos of the place. Our property backs onto the arboretum and when there was a concert at Wintershall a couple of years ago, it could be clearly heard in our back garden as, in this quiet area, sound travels remarkably far. It appals me that we are now facing concerts on an adjoining property.

But there is another consideration. Last year one issue of the National Trust newspaper featured Winkworth Arboretum. The following Saturday at midday there was a stationary queue of traffic stretching back from the arboretum to Munstead Heath Road and a shorter one from the arboretum towards Hascombe. Inevitably plenty of people in the queue did not actually want to go to the arboretum but simply wanted to drive past it. The road is too narrow to do this safely but while I was in the queue, several cars lost patience and simply drove on the wrong side of the road to get past the traffic. It was remarkable that there was not an accident but if the National Trust are planning large concerts, involving many people trying to arrive at the same time, the situation will be vastly worse.

This is not a suitable venue for large concerts, not only because it will cause considerable noise nuisance to many property owners in the area but also the roads are not capable of dealing with the volume of traffic that will be generated by this idea. I am a supporter of the National Trust but find this money making scheme completely unacceptable. It is heartbreaking to think of the arboretum being used in this way. I have no doubt Doctor Cox would be turning in his grave.

Yours faithfully

Kate Halsall

From:

Sent:

To:

Subject:

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Tuesday 16 April 2013 10:08
Licensing Policy
Winkworth Arboretum License Application

Dear Sir/ Madam .

I live in Winkworth Arboretum. I cannot OBJECT more strongly to this license application in every way.

There seems to be no limit to the use of the Arboretum with this license. There will be increased traffic movement and noise in an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. I have children who will be in danger from the increased traffic.

There has been NO warning of a possibility of this application. Fortunately we have been made aware of it by a Thorncombe Street Resident.

I am quite certain that there will be MANY objections to this license being granted. There are few places left in the UK that are being allowed to remain without disturbance. Due to this sort of licensing being approved.

I am in no doubt that the original owner who was generous enough to donate the Arboretum to the National Trust would NOT approve of such a licence being granted.

Please could you acknowledge that you have received this e mail.

Yours Faithfully

Kate Halsall

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:



Tuesday 16 April 2013 16:51
Licensing Policy
Winkworth Arboretum licence application

Dear Sir/Madam

I live in Thorncombe Street and have done all of my life. I have always loved this quiet, perfect haven as exceptionally special.

I cannot object more strongly to this license application.

The thought of Winkworth being a noisy place of entertainment fills me with horror, that this peaceful place could be tainted when Surrey is filled with thousands of places that can be rented/hired for such occasions.

I have always admired the brilliance and beauty of Winkworth Arboretum and hope that you can continue to refurbish and refresh the Arboretum for peoples enjoyment.

I beg you not to change this place for commercial success.

I object to this application on every possible basis.

I also have to point out that we were not notified by the council of this application

Yours

Kate Halsall

From:
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Tuesday 16 April 2013 20:41
Licensing Policy
License application by National Trust - Winkworth Arboretum

I was horrified when I first read about the proposed plans in the Arboretum. Peace and tranquillity will be absolutely lost. I detest fireworks at any time, but they are particularly bad here because everything is amplified a hundred fold and the thought of such awful noise in this area not only for my ears and those of all our children and neighbours but especially those of all the animals resident in the arboretum. It is likely to feel like the Iraq war has broken out at Winkworth!!

We already have a problem with the general public parking in our little community parking area, so I can imagine how much bigger this problem will become with so many events planned. It will lead to disgruntled residents possibly even requiring the assistance of the police.

It is likely to bring undesirable people into our area, which may also lead to crime and safety becoming an issue. If any alcohol is thrown into this mix I can only see disaster looming with horrible litter all over, health and safety from broken glass and tins for those who do not indulge, including the local animals resident in the Arboretum, drunk people falling into the lake will lead to all sorts of fences needing to be erected and the uneven ground would also be a health and safety issue after dark.

The entire proposal is abhorrent!

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17 April 2013

Mr Paul Hughes
Licensing Manager
Waverley Borough Council
The Burys,
Godalming GU7 1HR

Dear Mr Hughes,

Winkworth Arboretum Licence Application

I have learnt from your website that The National Trust/Winkworth Arboretum has applied for a licence for the provision of plays, live and recorded music and other public performances as well as the sale of alcohol. I note that the application does not stipulate any number of occasions that events could be held if the licence were granted - such events theoretically could be held on any day or indeed any and every week end during the year.

Irrespective of the number of such performances planned, I feel that the location is totally unsuitable and inappropriate for such events. The arboretum is in an area of outstanding natural beauty and the home to much wildlife and particularly wild birds. It was donated as such by a benefactor many years ago and his wishes should not be ignored.

From a practical point of view the location is totally unsuitable for hosting large numbers of visitors, as they would have to rely on private transport to travel to/from Winkworth - there is no public transport within several miles in any direction. There is insufficient parking in the Arboretum car parks for the large number of vehicles, which would include cars, minibuses and coaches, that would be required if the planned performances were to be a viable proposition.

I know from the experience of the few, well-organised events held at Wintershall, that even if ticket-holders are advised of the route to take, they invariably rely on their sat navs and use the very narrow lanes around Thorncombe Street. People parking in the lanes and attempting to enter the venue by other than the official gates - as I fear some people may do - will simply add to the chaos.

The lanes around the Arboretum, particularly the lower entrance near Thorncombe Street, are single track only and in a poor state of repair. A complex one way system would inevitably have to be introduced for any event. Should there be an emergency situation in any of the houses in Thorncombe Street during that time, emergency services would struggle to gain access and lives could be put at risk. This aspect

MUST be taken in to account when considering this application as it is potentially a dangerous and life-threatening situation.

Finally, the arboretum is close to my village of Thorncombe Street, as well as to houses near the entrance on the Hascombe Road and on Alldens Lane. The noise from the performances would seriously disturb the peace and tranquillity of the residents locally, even allowing for the fact that they finish by 10 PM according to the current application. Traffic leaving the venue, particularly any vehicles parked in the lower car park, would have to exit through Thorncombe Street as part of a one-way system. This would prolong the noise and extend the risk of limiting access for emergency vehicles for a further hour at the very least.

I therefore strongly oppose the granting of a licence.

Kate Halsall

From:

Sent:

To:

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Tuesday 16 April 2013 21:57
Licensing Policy
Winkworth Arboretum objection
Arboretum Licence.docx

Dear Mr Hughes

I have strong objections to the proposed license application at the Arboretum, as attached.

Best wishes

Kate Halsall

From:

Sent:

To:

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Subject:

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Wednesday 17 April 2013 09:06

Licensing Policy

Kevin Street

Objection: National Trust (Enterprises) Limited Licensing Application

Dear Sir or Madam

We write to object to the above application in respect of provision of live and recorded entertainment and supply of alcohol by Winkworth Arboretum.

We own a neighbouring property to Winkworth Arboretum; Munstead Court is directly adjacent to the arboretum and the main facade directly overlooks the overflow car park. At busy times this results in some noise and visual disturbance, although this is limited to the current opening hours and peak times.

We are concerned that, should the licence be granted, we will be prevented from quiet enjoyment of our own home in the evening. Our family home would suffer noise and visual nuisance should the car park be used at the times specified in the licence. Having young children, we are particularly concerned that allowing events up to 10pm will disrupt their sleep. Our property is very visible from the current overflow car park and we are concerned that longer opening hours for visitors would result in greatly diminished privacy for our family.


Noise nuisance and environmental harm would be further exacerbated by the significant increase in traffic in a rural area of natural beauty.

Consequently, we object to the Application on the grounds of public nuisance and potential harm to the environment through unacceptably high traffic levels and disturbance of wildlife in its natural habitat.

We are disappointed that the National Trust did not feel it appropriate to consult with its neighbours on a matter such as this. Indeed, despite the impact we would suffer with respect to this application we had no idea such an application existed until notified by a 3rd party.

Yours faithfully

Kate Halsall

From: 
Sent: Wednesday 17 April 2013 12:45
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: winkworth

We should like to object to the proposed increased licencing at Winkworth Arboretum.

It is totally inappropriate for this area and not what Dr Fox intended to happen. The National Trust has already changed the area by increasing the car park, closing the lower car park, introducing additional catering at times, restricting visiting hours & removing the permanent residential staff etc.

It should remain a place of peace and tranquillity that people can walk around & enjoy the nature & wildlife.

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17 April 2013

Mr Paul Hughes
Licensing Manager
Waverley Borough Council
The Burys
Godalming
GU7 1HR

Dear Mr Hughes,

Winkworth Arboretum Licence Application

I have learnt from your website that The National Trust/Winkworth Arboretum has applied for a licence for the provision of plays, live and recorded music and other public performances as well as the sale of alcohol. I note that the application does not stipulate any number of occasions that events could be held if the licence were granted - such events theoretically could be held on any day or indeed any and every weekend during the year.

Irrespective of the number of such performances planned I feel that the location is totally unsuitable and inappropriate for such events. The arboretum is in an area of outstanding natural beauty within the Surrey Hills and home to much wildlife. It was donated as such by a benefactor many years ago and his wishes should not be ignored.

From a practical point of view the location is totally unsuitable for hosting large numbers of visitors as they would have to rely on private transport to travel to/from Winkworth - there is no public transport within several miles in any direction. There is insufficient parking in the Arboretum car parks for the large number of vehicles that would be required if the planned performances were to be a viable proposition.

I know from the experience of the well-organised events held at Wintershall, that even if ticket-holders are advised of the route to take, they invariably rely on their sat navs and use the very narrow lanes around Thorncombe Street. People parking in the lanes and attempting to enter the venue not using the official gates - as will inevitably be the case - will simply add to the chaos.

The lanes around the Arboretum, particularly the lower entrance near Thorncombe Street, are single track only and in a poor state of repair. A complex one way system would inevitably have to be introduced for any event. Should there be an emergency situation in any of the houses in Thorncombe Street during that time, emergency services would struggle to gain access and lives could be put at risk. In this regard I trust that the views of the Surrey Police, Fire and Rescue and Ambulance Services as to the suitability of this application should be obtained prior to the council's consideration of this matter further.

Finally the noise from the performances would seriously disturb the peace and tranquillity of the residents locally, even allowing for the fact that they finish by

10 PM according to the current application. Traffic leaving the venue, particularly any vehicles parked in the lower car park, would have to exit through Thorncombe Street as part of a one-way system. This would prolong the noise and extend the risk of limiting access for emergency vehicles for a further hour at the very least. This is to say nothing of the nuisance that will inevitably be caused by visitors to the site trespassing on the land of neighbouring properties and depositing rubbish in the countryside.

I therefore strongly oppose the granting of a licence.

Yours sincerely

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18 April 2013

Mr Paul Hughes
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Waverley Borough Council
The Bury's,
Godalming GU7 1HR

Dear Mr Hughes,

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Irrespective of the number of such performances planned, I feel that the location is totally unsuitable and inappropriate for such events. The arboretum is in an area of outstanding natural beauty and the home to much wildlife and particularly wild birds. It was donated as such by a benefactor many years ago and his wishes should not be ignored.

From a practical point of view the location is totally unsuitable for hosting large numbers of visitors, as they would have to rely on private transport to travel to/from Winkworth - there is no public transport within several miles in any direction. There is insufficient parking in the Arboretum car parks for the large number of vehicles, which would include cars, minibuses and coaches, that would be required if the planned performances were to be a viable proposition.

I know from the experience of the few, well-organised events held at Wintershall, that even if ticket-holders are advised of the route to take, they invariably rely on their sat navs and use the very narrow lanes around Thorncombe Street. People parking in the lanes and attempting to enter the venue by other than the official gates - as I fear some people may do - will simply add to the chaos.

The lanes around the Arboretum, particularly the lower entrance near Thorncombe Street, are single track only and in a poor state of repair. A complex one way system would inevitably have to be introduced for any event. Should there be an emergency situation in any of the houses in Thorncombe Street during that time, emergency services would struggle to gain access and lives could be put at risk. This aspect

MUST be taken in to account when considering this application as it is potentially a dangerous and life-threatening situation.

Finally, the arboretum is close to my village of Thorncombe Street, as well as to houses near the entrance on the Hascombe Road and on Aldens Lane. The noise from the performances would seriously disturb the peace and tranquillity of the residents locally, even allowing for the fact that they finish by 10 PM according to the current application. Traffic leaving the venue, particularly any vehicles parked in the lower car park, would have to exit through Thorncombe Street as part of a one-way system. This would prolong the noise and extend the risk of limiting access for emergency vehicles for a further hour at the very least.

I therefore strongly oppose the granting of a licence.

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17 April 2013

Licensing
Waverley Borough Council
The Bury
Godalming
GU7 1HR

Reference Winkworth Arboretum Open Air Events

We wish to register our strong objection to the proposal for Open Air Music events to be held at Winkworth Arboretum. We feel this is most inappropriate in this location. Hascombe Road has already, in recent times, become a very busy road and events at the Arboretum will generate a totally unacceptable level of traffic.

Mr Paul Hughes
Licensing Manager
Waverley Borough Council
The Burs,
Godalming
GU7 1HR

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17th April 2013

Dear Mr Hughes

Premise Licence Winkworth Arboretum

I am writing to you with regard to the recent Licence application from The National Trust for Winkworth Arboretum. The application states that the licence is for a range of different activities on any day of the week during the day and in the evening. The potential for disruption and disturbance to local residents and the local roads seems considerable to me particularly as there does not appear to be an indication of the maximum number of events that could be held throughout the year.

If it is the intention of The National Trust to promote events consideration must be given to the facilities available at the Arboretum for hosting such events. The current parking area is very limited and music or performance events would need to be supported by greater numbers of visitors than the car park can currently accommodate. Winkworth Arboretum is located within the highly regarded Surrey Hills AONB and there is no obvious area close by to act as overflow or temporary parking. This can only lead to an impact on the surrounding roads and residents to which the National Trust has given little regard. Public transport in the area is not of a level that visitors to evening events in particular could rely on. Events running until 10pm would result in noise and traffic on the surrounding roads and lanes much later than that. I would therefore urge that Waverley Borough Council consider very carefully whether this application has been properly thought through and is actually justified.

Yours sincerely

Kate Halsall

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:



Thursday 18 April 2013 11:39
Licensing Policy
Winkworth Arboretum licensing application

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been made aware that the National Trust has apparently made a license application for Winkworth Arboretum in order to provide plays, films, live music, recorded music and dancing, etc. for crowds of up to 5,000 people as well as to serve alcohol on and off the premises.

Please be aware that I would like to **STRONGLY OBJECT** to this application, as I understand it, for the following reasons:

- 1.) Noise. Living immediately adjacent to the arboretum, I feel it would be a public nuisance having these types of events in a residential area. The area around the arboretum is peaceful and quiet – one of the main reasons we chose to live here. Having outdoor concerts and other events – especially until 10:00 pm would destroy the peace and serenity of the community. This is especially so when the license application apparently allows an ***unlimited*** number of these types of events for up to ***5,000 people!*** This will have an untold detrimental effect on those of us living immediately adjacent to the arboretum.
- 2.) Public safety, crime and disorder, protecting children and animals. Alcohol sales being allowed **anywhere on the premises** creates a tremendous safety risk with cans, glass, etc. left around the arboretum and surrounding areas. No matter how well managed, there will be a significant safety risk to children, dogs and local wildlife as well as risk of litter to the area and neighboring properties.
- 3.) Having up to 5,000 people coming and going will generate totally unacceptable levels of traffic onto the already busy Hascombe Road. The car park is not able to accept anywhere close to this amount of traffic and would result in dangerous and illegal parking along Hascombe Road.
- 4.) Events staged as late as 10:00 pm will require significant amounts of artificial lighting to be installed on the premises creating light pollution that will - in addition to the noise disturbance of 5,000 people and outdoor music – cause even further disturbance to the surrounding neighbor's quiet enjoyment of evenings in their homes.
- 5.) Selling alcohol anywhere in the arboretum seems to pose a significant public safety risk in a place where there is a lake, wetlands and many, many natural steps on a steep hillside.

It seems to me that the activities which this application seeks to conduct are at complete odds with what Winkworth Arboretum was intended to be and with what it has always been – a peaceful place where locals, children and dogs can enjoy the beauty of nature and appreciate the love of trees, shrubs and plants on a quiet hillside by a serene lake. In fact, the National Trust's own description of Winkworth Arboretum states "Find peace and tranquility amongst this beautiful collection of trees and plants..." I do not see how this fits with a license application to have ***thousands of people*** attending an ***unlimited number*** of live outdoor concerts and events where alcohol is to be served anywhere in the arboretum. This, in fact, seems to be a complete change of use for the arboretum!!

I cannot reiterate enough how strongly I object to this license application by the National Trust for Winkworth Arboretum.

Regards,

18 April 2013

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Mr Paul Hughes
Licensing Manager
Waverley Borough Council
The Burys,
Godalming GU7 1HR

Dear Mr Hughes,

Winkworth Arboretum Licence Application

I have learnt from your website that The National Trust/Winkworth Arboretum has applied for a licence for the provision of plays, live and recorded music and other public performances as well as the sale of alcohol. I note that the application stipulates no number of occasions that could be held if the licence were granted -such performances could be held every week during the summer.


Irrespective of the number of such performances planned I feel that the location is totally unsuitable and inappropriate. The arboretum is in an area of outstanding natural beauty and the home to much wildlife and particularly wild birds such as the water rail.

As the application is non specific in terms of where the events will take place within the large curtilage of the Arboretum, consideration must be given to **Public Nuisance and Public Safety**. The most likely locations for concerts is either, adjacent to the existing lake or the clearing adjacent to the reclaimed wild life area of the old lower lake. The existing Hascombe road car park has insufficient parking for the large number of vehicles, including cars/minibuses/coaches, that would be required if the planned performances were to be a viable proposition. Access to possible open ground parking at Thorncombe Street entrances can only be accessed by three single carriage lanes and Thorncombe Street via Bramley part single carriage, all converging at junction at **GU5 0LZ, Swallow and Slade Cottages**. This would certainly cause major localised traffic jams denying residence of any right of hope of a timed response from the Emergency Services, **Fire, ambulance and Police**. These services have proved invaluable to residence of this rural community in the past.

Finally, the arboretum is surrounded by housing, in our Thorncombe valley hamlet as well as that above the site on the Hascombe Road and Alldens Lane. The noise from the performances, reverberating around the valley, even allowing that it has to finish by 10 PM, would seriously disturb the peace and tranquillity of the residents in our locality. Traffic leaving the venue would prolong the noise for at least a further hour.

I therefore strongly oppose the granting of a licence.

Kate Halsall

From: 
Sent: Thursday 18 April 2013 18:09
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Winkworth Arboratum Application

Dear Mr. Hughes,,

I have read the application submitted by the National Trust for a license to hold "plays, live music, concerts etc" at Winkworth Arboratum and am hopeful that the council will see the common sense reasons why this is not a suitable venue for this type of entertainment.

The Arboratum is in a residential area so noise pollution is obviously a problem but the more serious problem of traffic is certainly the major reason why this is an unworkable idea. I totally appreciate the National Trust need to subsidise their sites and over the last 18 months the Arboratum has majorly increased its marketing and visitor numbers through special events and days. Last summer nearly every weekend the road was blocked outside the Arboratum by people waiting to go in (this can be backed up by the police as they had to come and deal with the congestion a number of times) The venue often opened late causing visitors to block the roads both ways creating grid-lock and during event days sheer numbers caused major traffic jams. How do they think that the Brighton Road is going to handle the traffic? The idealistic view that traffic can be directed other ways is nonsense, there is limited access and the roads going to the Arboratum are ill-equipped for more unnecessary traffic.

There are regular Horse Trails at Munstead and school events at Busbridge School, there simply cannot be any more traffic in this small area, it would be unsafe and unfair to the community who on the whole are very supportive of the Arboratum.

Apart from the traffic problem there is the parking issue and though they have increased the parking at the Arboratum there is still overflow now problem, people park on Thorncombe Street to gain access to the Arboratum through the rear entrance blocking the road and causing huge problems for residents. There is not enough parking on a normal day so extra numbers would be too much.

My family and I live at re Dr. Fox he gifted the Arboratum to the National Trust to let people enjoy the trees and gardens he created not to have the site converted into a concert hall creating pollution, congestion and general misery for the residents of "an area of natural beauty".

Yours faithfully,

Kate Halsall

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:



Thursday 18 April 2013 21:56
Licensing Policy
Objection to the application for licensing at the National Trust Enterprises UK

Dear Sir/Madam

We would like to object to the above mentioned application for licensing.

This weekend Winkworth Arboretum is holding its annual free entry day. Last year this resulted in huge delays and dangerous driving as the arboretum was unable to cope with the traffic arriving. My husband and I were caught up coming home from different directions last year and had to sit in traffic for over an hour to do a 2 mile journey. An ambulance would have found the road impassable. The idea that this could be a frequent situation is appalling.

There are a number of families around the arboretum area and the site itself is a mecca for parents with young children. Presently it provides a wholesome day out for those families, us included, in a safe natural environment. This will be put into jeopardy if late night drinking is allowed with bottles on site.

Above all, the noise pollution created and the effect it will have on our surrounding homes is very worrying. Many of us have moved out of town in order to enjoy the quiet life. The annual live music day is currently heard by all the neighbouring houses the idea that this could be an evening time occurrence is extremely objectionable.

Finally we ask that this application is made more public as we fear that many of our neighbours are unaware of this application.

Yours sincerely

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Licensing Waverley BC
The Burys
Godalming
Surrey
GU7 1HR

Dear Sir/Madam,

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: National Trust (Enterprise) Limited

Arboretum Hascombe Road, Godalming, Surrey

I object strongly to your plans for the above.

The Arboretum was designed for the public to walk in pleasant surroundings and not used to disturb the people who live closely by music festivals and noise or any such event that will be a nuisance to the community. To sell alcohol it should not be allowed.

Yours faithfully