

IN SUPPORT (1)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday 16 January 2022 12:35
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Regarding Licence for Hilltop Kitchen, Combe Farm Buildings, Combe Farm, Alldens Lane, Godalming, Surrey, GU8 4AP

[** This email originates from an external source **]

I noticed that there is a current application for a Licence for Hilltop Kitchen, Combe Farm Buildings, Combe Farm, Alldens Lane, Godalming, Surrey, GU8 4AP.

I am a local to the area and I wish to add that I think this license is a great idea. It will support a venue providing much appreciated services in the area.

[REDACTED]

IN SUPPORT (2)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 17 January 2022 17:22
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Hilltop kitchen

[** This email originates from an external source **]

To whom it may concern,

We are fully in support of this application. The Hilltop kitchen is an enormous asset to Alldens Lane and all the local residents of Godalming. It is set in a beautiful area, far enough away from residents that it causes very little noise pollution. If there is any noise it is simply the sound of people relaxing, laughing and chatting which is delightful, there is no music. A majority of people walk to the venue through the fields for coffee and lunch so traffic build up is minimal. It is run by Alex and Sam both of whom we feel are inspirational young men. The standard of food and drink is outstanding. They are keen to involve young people in the community, employing local teenagers and teaching them, thus creating a community feel for all ages in the wonderful setting. They strive to provide somewhere to sit and relax and also to run special events to enable people to get together, which after covid could not be more important. We are completely in support of their application to extend their license, enabling them to run their special evening events.

We are aware there may be some noise and some extra traffic, both of these issues are far outweighed by the positives that the Hilltop Kitchen brings to our community. Alex and Sam are excellent at communicating with the residents on Alldens Lane to explain their plans and couldn't be more welcoming to us when we visit Hilltop Kitchen.

We wish them every success.

LICENSING ACT 2003
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES
LICENCE

Pickle & Winch Ltd are applying for a new premises licence at:-

*Hilltop Kitchen, Coombe Farm Buildings, Aldens Lane,
Godalming, GU8 4AP*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application has been made to the Licensing Authority of WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL under the Licensing Act 2003. Details of the application are as follows:

A Premises Licence for the Supply of Alcohol at Hilltop Kitchen.

A premises licence for the on sale of alcohol 12:00-18:00 Monday to Wednesday and 12:00-23:00 Thursday to Sunday.
Opening hours 09:00-18:00 Monday to Wednesday and 09:00-23:00 Thursday to Sunday.

A copy of the application may be inspected during normal office hours at the address shown below or at www.waverley.gov.uk/publicregister

A Responsible Authority or any other person wishing to make representations on this matter must submit those representations in writing to Licensing Section, Waverley Borough Council, Council Offices, The Bury, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 1HR by not later than 07/02/2022 stating the grounds on which the representation is made. Written representations may also be made by e-mail to: licensing@waverley.gov.uk.

Please note that it is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and, on summary conviction for the offence, a person is liable to a fine not exceeding level five on the standard scale (currently £5,000).

Kind regards,

OPPOSE ①

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 24 January 2022 12:10
To: Licensing Policy
Cc: Paul Hughes
Subject: Application for an extension of liquor licensing

[** This email originates from an external source **]

Dear Waverley licensers,

Re: Hilltop Kitchen, Alldens Lane, Godalming GU8 4AP application for an extension of licensing hours

I live at a neighbouring property to Hilltop Kitchen. I wish to object to the above application. Hilltop Kitchen is located on a quiet, narrow country lane in an area of outstanding natural beauty. Alldens Lane is primarily used by walkers, cyclists and horses. It is unsuitable for any increase in traffic, especially during the evenings, which would naturally occur if the premises were open later. Further, there would be an inevitable increase in noise levels which would be inimical to the tranquility of the area which is presently enjoyed and valued by neighbouring properties. If granted, the application could also pave the way for even further expansion of this commercial enterprise in an essentially rural and residential area.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

OPPOSE ②

From:
Sent: Tuesday 25 January 2022 20:03
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Hill top Kitchen application

[** This email originates from an external source **]

Dear Sir/Madam,

BPC objects to the licence application as presented. We agree with providing an alcohol licence but the hours proposed will expose nearby residents to an unacceptable change to their enjoyment of this quiet, rural location. The applicant is encouraged to limit their licence application to a late closing of 22:00 on any night of the week. The Council would like clarity as to whether the location's permitted use matches that of licenced premises as it is understood currently to be a farm.

Kind regards,

Clerk to Busbridge Parish Council
www.busbridgeparishcouncil.org.uk
busbridgepc@gmail.com

OPPOSE (3)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 27 January 2022 22:40
To: Licensing Policy
Cc: [REDACTED]
Importance: High

[** This email originates from an external source **]

From: [REDACTED] Alldens Lane, Godalming,
Surrey GU8 4AP

Dear Sir / Madam,

We write with respect to the application by the owners/operators of Hilltop Kitchen for a new premises licence. By the application, we understand that Hilltop Kitchen is seeking:

- (1) a licence to supply alcohol on Monday-Wednesday 12:00 – 23:00 hours, and Thursday-Sunday 12:00 – 23:00 hours, and
- (2) a licence to extend its opening hours to Monday-Wednesday 09:00 – 18:00 hours and Thursday-Sunday 09:00 – 23:00 hours.

We object to both aspects of the application.

First, we should start by recording our surprise that Hilltop Kitchen was allowed in the first place to open and operate a café on Alldens Lane. We do not recall receiving any notice from the Waverley licensing authority at the relevant time that Hilltop Kitchen was applying to turn what was previously being used for residential purposes into commercial premises. By contrast, we have received notice of a number of other planning applications from Waverley Borough Council, relating to other properties, to which we have duly responded. Had we been notified of Hilltop Kitchen's original application to open commercial premises (even if part-time) on Alldens Lane, we would have objected.

The latest application however takes matters very much further. It effectively seeks:

- (1) to extend Hilltop Kitchen's opening hours to **7 days a week**,
- (2) permission to operate the premises **every day from at least 09:00 to 18:00 hours**,
- (3) permission to supply alcohol **every day from at least 12:00 to 18:00 hours**, and

(4) permission to supply alcohol **four days a week** (Thursday to Sunday) between the **additional hours of 18:00 to 23:00 hours**.

Such extended hours of opening and supply of alcohol are akin to pub opening hours.

It would be wholly inappropriate in our respectful view for such a development to occur on Alldens Lane:

- (a) The lane is a quiet residential lane with few houses and modest traffic on it. The grant of the application, however, will substantially expand the amount of traffic experienced on the lane, as well as practically cement the status of Hilltop Kitchen as a full-time pub.
- (b) Alldens Lane is also a narrow lane, with bottlenecks even on the wider part of the lane closest to Munstead Heath Road. The lane beyond Hilltop Kitchen (going towards Thorncombe street) is even narrower, allowing only a single car at a time. Consequently, it is to be expected that the vast majority of the public going to and from Hilltop Kitchen will be doing so on the part of the lane accessed via Munstead Heath Road, where the residents live.
- (c) The substantial increase in traffic will not only cause more noise, but also present additional danger to the many walkers and horse riders who regularly use the lane to access the surrounding bridle paths.
- (d) The size of the Hilltop Kitchen building is such that all of its seating is outdoor, meaning significantly more noise than usual, especially in the summer months. Moreover, the noise carries very far around the valley and on to the lane.
- (e) It is also a reasonable inference that Hilltop Kitchen is unlikely to stop its expansion plans as it becomes more established, continues to exploit the great view that it has of the surrounding countryside, and does more and more business. With the space that it has, it is not difficult to predict that it will next seek to extend its opening and alcohol-serving hours to full pub hours 7 days a week, as well expand the size of its premises.
- (f) Since there is no shortage of pubs, café or other public eating and drinking establishments in Godalming and surrounding areas, it does not seem justifiable to allow another such commercial establishment to operate and expand on a quiet and rural residential lane such as Alldens Lane.

We thank you for taking account of our views in your consideration of whether or not to grant the application.

We would be very grateful for your brief acknowledgment of receipt of this email.

OPPOSE (4)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday 05 February 2022 14:18
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Alcohol License Application Objection

[** This email originates from an external source **]

Dear sirs

Ref: Hilltop Kitchen Coombe Farm Buildings Alldens Lane GU8 4AP

Please accept this email as formal objection to the issue of an Alcohol License at the above-named premises.

After careful consideration my decision to object is based on the following reasons:

1. The premises is currently under investigation by your planning department (Case number [REDACTED]) as no planning application was made or granted for the extended construction for these premises.
- 2.
- 3.
4. The issue of an Alcohol license would inevitably turn a simple tea café into a party venue given the licensing times applied for.
- 5.
6. Since opening as a café some months ago, the rural lanes to and from the venue has seen a significant increase in traffic volumes So much so it has already become extremely dangerous for dog walkers, pedestrians and horse riders. In addition, the dropping of litter, discarded packaging and cans etc has majorly increased to a level that is beginning endangering the wildlife and surrounding environment. This I foresee would worsen with extended licensed trading hours.
- 4.
5. Clearly the single-track access lanes are far too narrow to cope with the increase of cars, delivery lorries or vans. Any increase in traffic would not only lead to more pollution but would further destroy the already suffering grass verges, plant animal life.
- 5.
6. Since learning of this application, it has been suggested through local media that should this license be granted, the offer to extend to private parties and functions are planned.

In conclusion, and whilst I support local enterprise, I fail to see what benefits the issue of an alcohol license would bring to the local area and residents and more so this area of outstanding natural beauty.

OPPOSE

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday 05 February 2022 19:19
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Pickles and Winch Hill Top Cafe

[** This email originates from an external source **]

It has come to our attention that an alcohol licence has been applied for by Pickles and Winch at Hill Top Cafe, Alldens Lane,

We must object to this in the strongest terms for the reasons listed below

1. I have already contacted planning enforcement as there has been no planning permission applied for or granted on this cafe. It was a 'studio / home ' that has just been converted and is operating without permission. How can a licence be granted on these grounds?
2. This licence will mean late night noise (possibly accompanied by music?) in a quiet Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Last summer we were already subjected to noisy weekend afternoons, with music. Why should local neighbours be expected to tolerate such a disturbance?
3. The additional traffic created will cause congestion and safety concerns on the very narrow lanes and steep hill which are unlit.
4. Pedestrians walking about late at night in this area will also be a safety concern, especially if they have been consuming large amounts of alcohol.
5. There will no doubt be litter

This site within an AONB is just not suitable for a licensed premise and it does very much concern us that this is being sought on a premise with no planning permission.
I hope you will address these concerns with some serious thought.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

5 Additional

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday 13 February 2022 15:06
To: Planning Enforcement; William Gibb; sarahcarroll@waverley.gov.uk
Cc: Licensing Policy
Subject: : COMBE FARM, ALLDENS LANE, GODALMING GU8 4AP

[** This email originates from an external source **]

In September of last year I submitted a breach of planning control in relation to the above property. I have received no communication as to the outcome of this investigation.

I am now writing to once again make the point that this business is operating with no valid planning permission, having converted an office type building into a cafe. I also want to add that the owners 'Pickles and Winch' have now applied for a licence to serve alcohol. How can this even be considered when the premise is operating without permission?

The cafe is ill suited to the position in which it sits - the lane is narrow and steep and cannot cope with the extra traffic, already having been blocked by delivery vehicles to the premises. Adding alcohol into the equation will further cause problems with people walking, cycling - even driving after consuming alcohol. The noise level will rise, as they have applied for music along with the alcohol licence, . We have already experienced noise last summer; being in a valley the noise carries.

I must insist that these concerns are taken seriously and that something is done to enforce some planning control and prevent further inevitable expansion - and that an alcohol licence must not be granted.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

OPPOSE

Additional

Sent: Sunday 13 February 2022 15:18

To: Licensing Policy <Licensing.Policy@waverley.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: NOTICE OF HEARING - LICENSING ACT 2003 - APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE FOR HILLTOP KITCHEN, COMBE FARM BUILDINGS, COMBE FARM, ALDENS LANE, GODALMING, SURREY, GU8 4AP

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Dear Paul

Thank you for your email

In response to your questions:

1. Please confirm your home address and postcode.

REDACTED

2. Where a notice of hearing is given to an applicant, the Licensing Authority is required to provide the applicant with copies of the relevant representations that have been made.

If you have a genuine fear of intimidation and do not want your name and address disclosed to the applicants, please state your reasons below or email licensing@waverley.gov.uk

3. Can you tie your comments to this particular premises, or is your comment a more general one?

Yes these comments are directly linked to Hill Top Kitchen, Aldens Hill

4. Applications are considered having regard to the four Licensing Objectives (listed below) set out in the legislation. May I ask you please to confirm which of the four objectives you feel applies to your representation/covers your concerns:-

Both Item 2 and 3...and potentially item 1

Licensing Objectives:

1. Prevention of crime and disorder	2. Public Safety
3. Prevention of public nuisance	4. Protection of children from harm

5. Will you be available to appear on 28th February 2022 if the application requires a hearing before a Licensing Sub-Committee, as seems likely?

Unfortunately I am _____ and will not be able to attend. However, I must stress that I wish my concerns to be taken seriously. In light of the fact that this cafe/kitchen has been extended and is operating without any planning permission being applied for or granted, this licence must not be approved. ...it can only have a detrimental impact on those living nearby. The additional noise from music will be intolerable - noise carries in this valley.

The narrow, steep lane is not suitable for extra traffic and adding alcohol into the equation can only exacerbate any potential hazard.

OPPOSE

6

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday 05 February 2022 22:22
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Hilltop Kitchen, Alldens Lane

[** This email originates from an external source **]

I note that Hilltop kitchen has applied for a license to sell alcohol until 11pm on 4 nights a week.

I wrote to planning enforcement last year about this property that appears to have been doubled in size without planning permission and converted from a domestic dwelling into a restaurant/ cafe. I have not had a reply to my complaint/ observations

It appears that a license to sell alcohol from 12 until 6 each day was granted last summer. The operators are now seeking to extend into the evening. I live at the bottom of the valley in the trees that can be seen from Hilltop Kitchen.

I am concerned about the operation of this premises on 2 particular counts :

1 Noise. This valley is an exceptionally peaceful part of the Surrey Hills AONB . With its outdoor seating area I am concerned that alcohol consumption into the evening/ night will lead to noise and noise levels that at present is rarely heard in our neighbourhood. When there is noise the valley acts as an amplifier and noise travels clearly and at greater distance than in normal circumstances.

2 Traffic . Alldens lane and the hill that begins right outside hilltop kitchen are extremely narrow single lane roads with blind turns and few passing spaces. I use the road regularly to get to Godalming and often have to reverse significant distances when encountering on coming traffic including on the hill itself. Any increase in the level of traffic is unwelcome and by adding alcohol to the mix (even within legal limits) without making the road safer is I think dangerous.

I also mentioned in my complaint to planning last year that the kitchen is trying to attract cyclists and walkers . They have signage in Alldens lane on a public footpath that is (according to the sign) 300 yards from the kitchen. This is encouraging walkers down this very narrow lane that really is not safe for walkers as there is really no escape from the road that is only the width of a vehicle.

I would therefore suggest the extension to the license should be refused. And I request again that planning consider the apparent breaches to planning regulations.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

OPPOSE

(7)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday 06 February 2022 17:31
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: pickle and winch ltd. application

[** This email originates from an external source **]

We were made aware, only on 5.2.22, of an application for a license for alcohol at the Hilltop Kitchen, Aldens Lane.

We strongly object to this application for the following reasons:

- 1, I have been informed there was no planning application for the premises
2. Traffic - these are narrow country lanes with few passing places and there is no place for additional traffic from outside the area.
Also cyclists and pedestrians with dogs etc.
3. Noise - as with the above, we have already had problems last season and with this being an area of outstanding natural beauty more noise, music etc. is not at all acceptable by any residents here.
4. Quite simply, this is not a suitable location for such a licensed premise

Yours sincerely"

[REDACTED]

OPPOSE

8

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday 06 February 2022 17:39
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Pickles and Winch Hill Top Cafe

[** This email originates from an external source **]

Dear Sir/Madam

It has been brought to my attention that The Hill Top Cafe, Alldens Lane has applied for a license to provide alcohol. Firstly, does the cafe itself even have a license to trade at all? I have seen no planning application for this business.

This cafe is situated along a very narrow, single track, windy road with few passing places and steep banks on either side giving pedestrians nowhere to go when vehicles approach. At night there is no street lighting, the road is pitch black. I have lived here 11 years now and am shocked and troubled by the sudden increase of people on this road coming to and from the cafe, many with children, pushchairs and wheelchairs. Adding potentially inebriated people to this mix on an already dangerous road is quite literally an accident waiting to happen.

The addition of alcohol will also no doubt increase the noise levels in the area which is disturbing to both residents and wildlife. In my opinion this is not a good place for a licensed established.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

OPPOSE (9)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday 06 February 2022 18:05
To: Licensing Policy
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Premises Licence for Supply of Alcohol to Hilltop Kitchen (Pickle & Winch Ltd)

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Kindly see below attachment

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Begin forwarded message:

[REDACTED]

Date: 6 February 2022 at 11:34:04 GMT

To: licencing@waverley.go.uk

Subject: Premises Licence for Supply of Alcohol to Hilltop Kitchen (Pickle & Winch Ltd)

Licensing Section
Waverley Borough Council
The Bury
Godalming
Surrey GU7 1HR
06/02/2022

To the Licensing Officer

Re the above application for a new premise licence in the peaceful and narrow Alldens Lane @ Hilltop Kitchen, Coombe Farm Buildings, Alldens Lane, Godalming GU8 4AP

I am hoping that a thorough consideration is given to the consequences of allowing even more hours and days of opening in this tiny rural position. This is after all a "Farm" and whilst most residences appear to have accepted the original concept/application, I certainly believe there will be a huge intrusion into our quiet rural area of outstanding natural beauty and since the first application, it now appears that more & more the locals considerations are not taken into account.

Whilst change is inevitable in life, the potential danger with additional traffic to this small narrow country lane and Now the possibilities of extended hours (and days) will mean noise and disruption is inevitable and means that if the licence is given until 23.00 pm then of course means traffic will continue into the early hours.

Alldens Lane already has issues with passing vehicles and is used by many walkers, horse riders and cyclists and having lived here for nearly 40 years feel there are good grounds for NOT issuing an extended licence.

Hoping that ALL considerations are considered as once permission is given highly unlikely to be withdrawn.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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OPPOSE

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday 06 February 2022 20:24
To: Licensing Policy
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Hilltop Kitchens Aldens Lane

[** This email originates from an external source **]

I live in the valley below these premises and wish to express my concerns with the continued expansion of this restaurant and object to this application for a license to sell and serve alcohol.

I have three major concerns:-

1. As far as I can determine these premises have never been granted a class E designation to operate as a restaurant/ cafe. In tracking back to the original planning consent R8204 in 1955 till now I can find no trace of any relevant change of use.
 2. The increased use of these premises as a cafe and the further increase of footfall and traffic as a result of alcohol being served will propose a significant safety risk on the surrounding roads which are single track. This past Friday Alden's lane became blocked partly as a result, I assume, of the event taking place at the premises in question. In fact the 2004 application to change the use to a Farm Shop was refused for many reasons including the concerns of increased traffic and the danger that presented.
 3. This is an area of outstanding natural beauty and part of a natural tranquil valley through which sound travels very easily. I note on a recent temporary license application that the operator has also applied to play music, which in the summer with an open sided building will carry throughout the whole valley. Again it should be noted the 2004 application was also rejected due the being inconsistent with an area of outstanding natural beauty.
- I would request you take these points into consideration as you review this application and refuse this license application on these premises.

Regards

[REDACTED]

OPPOSE

10A

Sent: Sunday 13 February 2022 16:32

To: Licensing Policy <Licensing.Policy@waverley.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: NOTICE OF HEARING - LICENSING ACT 2003 - APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE FOR HILLTOP KITCHEN, COMBE FARM BUILDINGS, COMBE FARM, ALDENS LANE, GODALMING, SURREY, GU8 4AP

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As requested I am responding to your e mail of Feb.9th.

1. My address is T Bramley Surrey
2. -
3. Yes my concerns relate to this specific premise which is unsuitable for the proposed purpose as is its location. The building does not appear to have been subject to an appropriate change of use and does not hold a class E designation. For this very reason I am unclear how the application is even being considered and would appreciate your clarification on this point.
4. My concerns relate to:-

Public Safety

The premises are located at the brow of a 1:6 steep single track hill with very limited passing places. The increased pedestrian and motorised traffic from guests and delivery vehicles presents an already significant risk, adding to the mix alcohol consumption only serves to increase that risk. The use of advertising signs on the adjacent footpaths to attract walkers to walk along the road to the café put these walkers and other road users at increased risk and seems irresponsible. The 2004 application to change the use of this building to a Farm Shop was refused for many reasons including the concerns of increased traffic and the danger that presented.

Prevention of a public nuisance

This is an area of outstanding natural beauty and part of a natural tranquil valley through which sound travels very easily. With alcohol consumption general noise levels tend to increase if music is then added as in recent events at the café then this noise will travel through the whole valley. Again it should be noted the 2004 application was also rejected due the being inconsistent with an area of outstanding natural beauty.

5. I am unable to attend the meeting on the proposed date as I am already committed to business meetings in the north of England.

I confirm my objections to the this license being granted for the above reasons.

Regards

OPPOSE

(11)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday 06 February 2022 21:05
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Pickle and Winch, Hilltop Kitchen. OBJECTION to LICENCE APPLICATION

[** This email originates from an external source **]

Dear Sir or Madam

I am a local resident and I am writing to object against the application for a license to sell alcohol.

The Hilltop Kitchen as a local lunchtime cafe is OK, albeit there has still been no effort to think about the impact on local residents - traffic, walking down the road, noise across the valley etc.

While it is a Thursday to Sunday lunch/afternoon tea it is a limited impact. Starting to open up the cafe into the evening at the weekend will completely change the character of the area. The idea of pub/restaurant which is part outside serving alcohol will turn Hilltop into a huge destination with hoards of parties. The owners have clearly started small and incrementally want to increase the Hilltop into a full scale bar/restaurant for which they dont have planning, The roads will be busier and there are no safe paths for people to walk down. It is both unpleasant for locals and has clear health and safety issues.

Please reject this application and refer the owners to a proper consultation with local residents/representatives

I would also like to object about the process here where no council information came to us and yet we live at the bottom of the hill. How is this a fair / appropriate process? I was only informed about this by a neighbour. What disclosures were made to local residents?

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

OPPOSE (12)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 07 February 2022 13:34
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Hilltop Kitchen, Alldens Lane

[** This email originates from an external source **]

Dear Staff

I refer to an application to supply and sell alcohol at:
Hilltop Kitchen, Coombe Farm Buildings, Alldens Lane, Godalming, GU8 4AP

The kitchen has been successful but there has been an increase in traffic on Alldens Lane and Alldens Hill. These roads are very narrow with few passing areas especially at the top of Alldens Hill. They are access roads only and unsuitable for this increased traffic.

Opening everyday and including late evenings will increase the traffic further and be a potential cause of accident. In particular the bottom of Alldens Hill is often flooded and requires a new drainage system. Mud and silt piles up on the road making it slippery and dangerous. The bridge at the bottom of the hill is now unstable having been smashed into by vehicles coming down the hill.

I'm not against alcohol being served early evening but I am against attracting more traffic with greatly extended opening hours.

As a neighbour, I have not been made aware of an application for all these extra hours. What process must I use to make this known.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent from Mail for Windows

OPPOSE

(13)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 07 February 2022 21:09
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Anonymous objection - Hilltop Kitchen

[** This email originates from an external source **]

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to lodge this objection but anonymously as this is a very small local community and I do not wish to be judged or cause friction.

But I would like to make an objection to the proposed premises license for Hilltop Kitchen, Alldens Lane, GU8 4AP.

At present the premises is a 'Cafe and lunch stop' with occasional evening dining via a supper club. The core operating hours are Thursday to Sunday 9am to 6pm.

Already, even with these relatively limited hours, the increase in traffic flow in the local neighbourhood from the cafe has been very noticeable. The roads near the cafe are tiny, one track roads, without many passing places. The 'passing' places that do exist have become completely churned up, deeply grooved and virtually impassable due to an increase in traffic volume. Traffic is noticeably heavier during operating times and getting up and down local roads has become really difficult during these times - endless reversing and squeezing into too small sections of only barely passable road. In general, traffic flow seems to have increased - more people now know about cut throughs and points of local interest and the number of cars zooming down these tiny roads has gone up and up. There are no speed limits on nearby roads and people drive fast and without care through small local communities - near misses with young children, dogs and pedestrians are frequent and frightening.

The roads are also taking a battering - the verges around the area have been churned to mud and deep grooves are forming to the sides of the road from cars too frequently driving up and over the sides of the road to try and squeeze past. Litter is also at an all time high from people driving through and chucking stuff out of the window. Obviously this can't all be attributed to the Hilltop Cafe, but more and more and more traffic volume, as is inevitable through these proposals, will lead to more and more wear and tear on roads, especially as the volume of big delivery trucks increases (barrels of beer, bottles of wine, higher volume of food stock, equipment), traffic congestion, traffic accidents and general depletion of this AONB as well as local quality of life from traffic intrusion and noise.

The roads around the cafe are inappropriate for a site that would be hosting alcohol sales, and therefore it is assumed operating at capacity, from Monday to Wednesday 12 - 6pm, and on through Thursday to Sunday 9am til 11pm. Especially if the cafe is setting itself up to host events such as 40th Birthday parties, which we have heard that it is. There will be a constant and heavy stream of traffic for events such as these, as well as music, fireworks, and all the accompanying trade traffic - big delivery trucks on tiny roads - that would be required to keep the cafe stocked and support this.

This is completely against the model that the proprietors told locals about when they did their initial walkaround before opening. It would mean Hilltop running all day and evening seven days a week.

The local community has generally been supportive of the cafe. 'Cafe and a lunch stop' with occasional evening dining is a good model and in keeping with the site in which the cafe sits and with the initial assurances that were made.

The success of the cafe has been good to see, and down to the hard work of the team. But to now start exploiting this at the expense of the local environment and community goes against everything we were reassured about.

Hopefully the planning department will consider the condition of local roads, the safety of local residents, the quality of this precious local environment, and the negative impact on the local area of increasing operating hours in this way, and will act with those factors weighing heavily against a commercial wish for expansion.

