

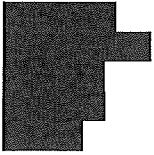
SladesFest or similar used to occur occasionally on Hutley family land at Holly Barn, some 400m to the NE. Access for that is much better from Gate Street, and a field there is established for car parking for the annual Life of Christ outdoor play. Cannot that be used again?

In summary, I object to the licence for SladesFest:

- that my house will be uninhabitable
- that wildlife will be massively disturbed in this AONB
- that the access road will become impassible for non-party-goers
- that as written it requests a licence for every day, while appearing to be for one weekend a year only.

Glamping site

My concern with the increased usage of this site concerns congestion on the access road. Once again, it is single track with occasional passing places. If more than two cars meet the road can become impassible. Since this is the only access to [REDACTED], that is not acceptable. A one-way system would make it impossible either to leave or to reach [REDACTED].



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 24 April 2023 13:38
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Licensing application for Slades Farm, Thorncombe Street, Bramley
Attachments: Slades licence map.pdf

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

I have already submitted an objection to this application, on 20 April, but new information has come to light which requires further objection, on public nuisance grounds.

The application relates to "the Premises" which are nowhere defined. They are named as Slades Farm; I had assumed they related solely to the glamping site and the SladesFest area as shown on the accompanying map. I am now told that the entire licence would apply to the 200-odd acres within the purple-dotted line on the map "Property Boundary". If that is the case, my objection expands to include the following:

1. Most of the land within the boundary is not necessary for the activities proposed for the glamping site and the SladesFest area. The boundary should only encompass those two sites.
- 2.. The boundary includes land not in the ownership or control of the applicant or his family. Specifically it includes [REDACTED] and the 10 acre field to the north west of Langhurst Farm, which belongs to [REDACTED].
3. The boundary also includes buildings and a field at Langhurst Farm (marked on the map), owned by the applicant's family. This site is subject to a planning contravention notice (and possible enforcement) after unauthorised works to enable unauthorised use. It has been the subject of multiple failed planning applications for change of use, including for glamping and for Class E to cover restaurants and entertainment. Your planning department knows the long and contentious history. On no account should this site be considered for a licence, which would allow such unacceptable uses while disregarding planning constraints, as has been the case recently on this site. Planning enforcement is long and tortuous, during which licensed activities could continue. I am forced to conclude that **the current "Slades Farm" licensing application is in part a subterfuge to include licensing for Langhurst Farm.**
4. The application has been inadequately advertised. Notices should have been posted *"every 50 metres along the external perimeter of the premises abutting any highway"*. On 8 April I walked both ways from Lodkin Hill along Thorncombe Street to the glamping site; no notices were visible. Furthermore, no notices have been posted on the NW section of the Property Boundary, where it runs through the residential area of Thorncombe Street village, whose residents have every right to see notifications. There has been no notice at the entrance from the highway to the private drive leading to Langhurst Farm (see 3. above) and to [REDACTED], even though [REDACTED] is included within the Boundary!

The above points supplement my objection of 20 April.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 17 April 2023 09:31
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: RE: Licensing Act 2003 - Application

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

Good morning,

Thank you for letting me know about this licensing application. Bramley Parish Council objects to this application. The area is a rural, tranquil setting approached on narrow roads. Dance music and a bar until 5 am on two days will presumably be audible from neighbouring properties - despite the distance of Slades Farm from other properties. Unless the number of participants is small (which is unlikely for a music festival), there may be highways and parking issues.

Were Waverley minded to grant this licence, then Bramley Parish Council would ask that Waverley require from the applicants a total traffic and parking survey, a noise survey, and require that the applicant confirm that no noise will be audible to properties unconnected with the event. For example, while the music on one weekend is audible and may be acceptable in exceptional situations until 11pm on weekend evenings, loud noise cannot be acceptable to neighbouring properties until 5 am.

The noise paragraphs in the event manual are too limited and make no guarantees that noise will not be audible outside the venue. Similarly, the traffic and highways paragraphs are very limited and must indicate anticipated traffic levels and how these will be managed.

Kindest regards,

[REDACTED]
Clerk to Bramley Parish Council

Office open Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday 19 April 2023 09:13
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: RE: Licensing Act 2003 - Application

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Hi [Redacted]

Thank you for your email.
Bramley Parish Council has indeed raised objections to the licensing application for the music festival at Slades Farm. However, our concerns are mainly related to potential noise and traffic issues affecting the surrounding community's well-being and quality of life. Therefore, our objections would likely fall under the "Prevention of public nuisance" and "Public safety" licensing objectives.

Please feel free to let me know if you have any more questions or need additional information.

Kindest regards,

[Redacted]
Clerk to Bramley Parish Council

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From: Licensing Policy <Licensing.Policy@waverley.gov.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 2:28 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Licensing Act 2003 - Application

Good afternoon

Thank you for your email. Could you confirm if you are making an objection to this application? If so, could you let us know which of the four Licensing objectives your objection will fall under (Prevention of public nuisance, Public safety, Prevention of crime and disorder and/or Protection of children from harm). Many thanks.

Regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 April 2023 12:10
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Re: Objection to premise licence application for Slades Farm, Thorncombe Street

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Also on checking their planning application...

3. Condition

No amplified or recorded music shall be played on the site.

Reason

To prevent noise pollution and to preserve the tranquillity of the AONB/AGLV in accordance with Policies RE3 and TD1 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018 and Retained Policies LT4, D1 and RD7 of the Local Plan (2002).

Sent from my iPhone

On 21 Apr 2023, at 11:02, [REDACTED] wrote:

Sorry, I did want to add that I think allowing the sale of alcohol just exacerbates the problems, especially if now looking at 7 days a week.

Additionally, allowing music whether recorded or live 7 days a week is unfair to the local community.

The plans as a whole are unreasonable and inconsistent.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

On 20 Apr 2023, at 21:47, [REDACTED] wrote:

I would like to register my objection to the proposed premise licence for Slades Farm, Thorncombe Street, Bramley.

Having recently moved to the area I was shocked at the level of noise from Sladefest last year and the utter disrespect for the local community. This is also an area full of wildlife and horses which suffer from loud noise and cause distress.

Reading through the application I can see that they state there were no complaints, however, I know the police were inundated with complaints including the level of noise and dangerous driving under the influence.

Many thanks



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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday 21 April 2023 12:40
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: PREMISES LICENCE Slades Farm, Thorncombe Street, Bramley.

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I am writing to put forward my objection if one can to the application for a Premises Licence by Edward Hutley at Slades Farm, THorncombe Street, Bramley. I was unable to do so via your website.

The glamping site and hours of operation are completely inappropriate for this area, the access to which is incredibly narrow and an accident hotspot. I cannot think of a worse place to run a festival or to serve alcohol to the large numbers of people who attended last year. Last year several complaints were lodged with the police and it is a miracle that no-one was hurt in a car accident. I note that on Saturdays and Sundays the music will be playing until 5am in the morning. How is that acceptable to anyone and how is it even being contemplated in a small village within an AONB? A Premises Licence will surely exacerbate all of the problems experienced last year - and there were many, involving people, cars and horses.

Please REFUSE this application.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday 21 April 2023 18:39
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Slades Farm, Thorncombe Street Premise Licence Application

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

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I write to OBJECT to a Licence Premise application that has been raised by my neighbour, Slades Farm, Thorncombe Street, Bramley, Guildford and have attached a link to this application.

http://licensing.waverley.gov.uk/MVM/Online/EGov/Licence_Registers/StdDetails.aspx?PT=&TYPE=LicenceRegistersFullDetailsPK&PARAM0=%27WK/202210016%27&PARAM1=0&XSLT=/mvm/SiteFiles/Skins/Waverley//xslt/Licensing/LicenceRegistersDetails.xsl&FT=Licence%20Details&LAYOUT=UE&DAURI=EGov

Slades Farm is part of the Wintershall Estate which covers hundreds of acres and the two areas to which this application refers are at least a mile apart. Slades Fest is a music festival, the first of which was in 2022. The glamping site has been up and running for three years and they are now looking to expand it to include yoga/meditation, wellness programs, day retreats and activity days based around wellbeing, nutrition, diet. In addition to this they plan to hold Christmas, Easter and Summer fairs. Quite a step up from simple glamping. The glamping site is on a narrow, single track road and is in a residential area surrounded by houses including four that are owned by the applicant and are rented out to tenants and an elderly lady who lives directly opposite (nb. none of these people are in a position to be able to object to this application). I am astounded that this application covers permissions for BOTH of these venues considering the nature of each are at completely opposite ends of the spectrum.

The applicants have a long history of flouting and ignoring planning/licensing laws and disrespecting neighbours with noise disturbance. The glamping site is often occupied by noisy party goers, whooping and shouting into the early hours and we as neighbours have been forced to either make formal complaints via Waverley or speak with Slades Farm directly. Because of this I have no reason to trust that they will limit the noise at the glamping site to 'low level' or 'low amplified music'. The acoustics of the area (being a valley) means that sound carries more clearly and further than in normal circumstances.

It is extremely concerning to me that, under the current application the same rules for a music festival will also apply to a supposedly peaceful glamping retreat. I strongly believe the applicants will likely take advantage of this and use the glamping venue for much noisier and disruptive pursuits. There is mention of a 'Midnight Steeple Chase' – the venue for which - what this entails and frequency is unclear but I imagine such an event will involve entertainment before and after which would take noise disturbance into the early hours of the morning.

Citing Public Nuisance, I strongly request that clear and strict restrictions be applied to this licence. Particularly to the glamping and retreat venues that should not require alcohol sales. This will only exacerbate noise from the area not to mention the increase in traffic and disturbance from people coming and going as they negotiate these narrow and unsuitable country roads. Sunday hours should be reduced on all aspects as local residents have early starts on Mondays. Strict boundaries should be set on music volumes. I implore you not to give the glamping/retreat site the flexibility to become a party venue, as has been the case in the past.

This is an AONB, residents live here for the calm, peace and tranquility. Slades Farm claim to uphold and support just this, yet in their bid to create such an environment for visitors, they take away that very thing from their neighbours. It is my sincere wish that we can work together to ensure a peaceful and happy environment for everyone.

Sincerely

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday 21 April 2023 20:53
To: Licensing Policy
Cc: Environmental Health
Subject: Reference Licensing Application for Mr Valentine Hutley dated March 27th 2022

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

To whom it may concern,

We write to express my concerns and objections to this further unacceptable commercialisation of the once tranquil Thorncombe Street valley, an area of outstanding natural beauty. After operating for two years without the required permissions, planning was granted to operate a glamping site on Slades farm on May 5th 2022. Several conditions were laid out in the decision notice and those concerning public nuisance and public safety most relevant to this licensing application are:-

2. Condition: In accordance with the submitted Planning Statement, the camping site hereby permitted shall be used for no more than five pitches at any one time.

Reason: **To limit the scale of the development in order to preserve the special landscape character of the AONB and AGLV**, the openness of the Green Belt and to **prevent adverse highway and neighbour amenity impact** in accordance with Policies RE2, RE3, ST1 and TD1 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018. 3.

3. Condition: No amplified or recorded music shall be played on the site.

Reason: To prevent **noise pollution** and to preserve the tranquillity of the AONB/AGLV in accordance with Policies RE3 and TD1 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018 and Retained Policies LT4, D1 and RD7 of the Local Plan (2002).

The proposed multiple events in this application are completely ignoring the concerns the planning committee had and the conditions they put in place when granting permission for the Glamping Site.

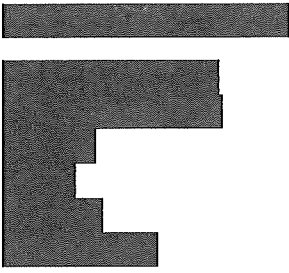
The proposed events, fairs, retreats, Corporate Programmes, Steeple chases all require significant footfall to be commercially viable, bringing even more congestion and noise to Thorncombe Street and Alldens lane, which already gets jammed on weekend afternoons by visitors to Hilltop Café run by the same family.

In this tranquil valley noise travels exceptional far, and this was one of the concerns addressed by condition 3 in the decision notice. This new licensing application has the intention to ride rough shod over this important planning condition to the detriment of all neighbours who are already suffering significant disruption most summer weekends which would be extended to the whole year if this licence is granted, and these multiple events take place.

The application talks of the "successful" trial festival last year; I can only assume the word success refers to the participants enjoyment and the money made. Although this was held some distance from our home and not on the glamping site, the music continued at sufficiently high volume that we could not sleep until beyond dawn, and the Hascombe Facebook page suggests many residents there had the same experience. I also understand Surrey Police were involved with a number of incidents and were required to attend the event.

In our past experience with Slades Farm when they attempted to run their wedding business before lockdown using temporary licences they did not abide by the hours these licences permitted and often continued with loud amplified music until the early hours of the morning. Environmental health will still have our complaints on file.

Yours sincerely



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 April 2023 10:30
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Objection to Slade Farms license.

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Prevention of Crime and Disorder:

Crimes were committed with the drunk driving from the festival last year Disorder was the crashes that occurred in Hambleton and Markwick Lane with speeding over the speed limit. Police were called by myself and many others to attend these incident's.

Public Safety:

Speeding cars in an intoxicated state on our roads is a public safety to people driving normally or walking our roads. Someone will be killed.

Prevention of Public Nuisance:

The noise is so loud from the festival. It carries through the valley you can hear the people on the stage and the public screaming.

Report with the police from the cars driving at high speed and the volume of there music in the cars from 12 midnight at 1am ,2am and 5am.

Protection of children from harm:

Reported incidents from the Priory on Munstead Heath Road holds Autistic children and children with special needs. Two children went missing into the woods onto other people's properties trying desperately to escape the noise. A massive search party was sent out. One child was found by my parents on there land.

Animals should be included

Two horse bolted their field and we're running down the road. Dogs were howling and shaking in fear. I have six dogs they were petrified. So we're many of the Hascombe community, giving calming aids to help suppress the noise.

Please Do Not Allow this license to go through. Deaths will occur with humans and animals.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 23 April 2023 17:31
To: Licensing Policy
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Premise License for Slades Farm, Thorncombe Street, Bramley - OBJECTION
Importance: High

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[Redacted]

Raising objections and concerns regarding the license application made for Slades Farm.

Key areas of concern:

1. Access and transport links are poor/non-existent for traffic of any volume – access to the site is via single track road from all directions. The road is poorly maintained and cannot even cope with local traffic and therefore unable to sustain the volume of traffic coming through with visitors and suppliers for this site with the events proposed.
2. The roads are unsafe for high volume traffic – lots of wildlife and rural areas with no streetlights. No safe passing places. Access from Bramley is poor and access via A281 and via Hascombe and via Munstead are all single track mud roads passing stables and fields. These roads are not suitable for high volume traffic or event traffic that would be expected with the events proposed in the license.
3. This is an area of outstanding natural beauty so therefore wildlife will be affected, and light and noise pollution will impact the local environment and local residents.
4. Recent experiences with the campsite are that the local ownership is not managing waste or drunk campers/visitors. These visitors have been witnessed entering Winkworth after closing hours at night breaching the parameter and harassing and interfering with horses in the field in neighbouring properties. No supervision or security to oversee of manage these issues. Causing damage, disturbance, and vandalism.

Thanks for your consideration of the above points.

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 April 2023 17:47
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Fwd: Premise Licence for Slades Farm, Thorncombe St, Bramley, Guildford, Surrey

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

[REDACTED]
Date: 23 April 2023 at 12:14:04 BST
To: consultation.planning@waverley.gov.uk
Subject: Premise Licence for Slades Farm, Thorncombe St, Bramley, Guildford, Surrey

Dear Madam or Sir

Slades Farm, Thorncombe St, Bramley, Guildford, Surrey

I write to comment and express concern about the application for the issue of a premise licence for the above property - designated Premise supervisor Mr Valentine Hutley.

General comments on the information in the application.

The premise licence application encompasses hundreds of acres including the whole of the Slades Farm land from Slades Farm in the north next to or near to homes in the hamlet of Thorncombe Street down to the south boundary which borders the Village of Hascombe and to the south east next to Scotland. It is a very peaceful agricultural AONB area and unpolluted by noise or, at night, by light. I consider that the application should be confined to the areas requiring the licence which the applicant has indicated on the maps supplied.

Some of the activities, eg Yoga and retreats and community driven walks shown at the start of the application seem quiet in nature. However, the application also cites Xmas, Easter, Summer and Charitable fairs, Midnight steeplechase, hen parties, and multiple corporate activities etc which are likely to prove to be very noisy and disruptive.

Both Thorncombe Street and Selhurst Common Road (which is the road shown for the entrance of cars etc to the SladeFest site) are narrow and mostly only one cars width so that cars approaching each other from different directions have to back to find an unofficial space off the road to enable them to pass each other. Traffic chaos is inevitable when a SladeFest takes place.

My specific licence concerns are shown below under three headings

1. Prevention of crime and disorder

The Police should have records of the many complaints made to them by residents of Hascombe and Loxhill during and after last summer's trial SladeFest about bad driving of vehicles probably under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. For example, I understand that a vehicle drove at speed and badly down Markwick Lane and eventually crashed into a wall at two places. I have referred to the narrowness of the roads and likely traffic chaos above and traffic accident risks below.

2. Public safety and nuisance.

Considerable noise was heard throughout the village of Hascombe during last summer's trial SladeFest event and The Police should have records of complaints. The noise was so bad that sleep was affected and young children woken up. Animals including horses and dogs were frightened by it.

Complaints were made about noise and traffic in comments and objections to the applications made in previous years for retrospective and new planning permissions for the glamping site to the north of the area. It is clear that there was a considerable nuisance to the people living close to the site.

The narrowness of the roads to the site being mostly one car width will endanger its use by emergency service vehicles particularly when there are many vehicles using them to enter or depart the site.

The SladeFest site borders the village of Hascombe and all residents there would suffer the noise and sleep deprivation

Traffic chaos due to the one car width of the access roads are an invitation for accidents and harm to the public as well as being a nuisance.

Playing of live and recorded music applied for from 10.00am to 21.00 on weekdays and up to 23.00 at weekends and alcohol being on sale from 12.00 to 23.00 every day on the premises will inevitably be a severe nuisance to local residents

3. Prevention of harm to children

The part of the site designated for SladeFest borders the compact village of Hascombe and all residents will be affected. I have mentioned above the potential harm done to the sleep of children of residents by the likely noise.

Children attending some of the activities particularly SladeFest may well be harmed by the loud noise excited behaviour of participants and lack of normal sleeping hours.

Yours faithfully

[Redacted signature]

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Hascombe Parish Council

24 April 2023

Waverley Borough Council
The Burys
Godalming
GU7 1HR

RE: LICENCE FOR SLADES FARM

Hascombe Parish Council is writing to **object** to the above application

The Site covers some 200 acres of land for which not all is in the ownership of the Applicant or applicant's family. The proposal is for any Adult entertainment or services over a period of 365 days.

The Application is highly misleading and fails to address the issue of access along single track unclassified rural lanes. The numbers attending are given as an estimate of 1500PAX; therefore it is highly likely vehicles will become gridlocked as there are very few passing places. Apart from hampering access for neighbouring residents, this would also restrict access for emergency services.

There has been no thought as to the arrangement of traffic and access. The emergency services; Fire, Police and Ambulances would find access jammed with vehicles and brought to a standstill. The public safety on our single track highways is totally compromised with a handful of vehicles let alone c.1500 PAX.

Last year, the temporary licence (TEN) was granted. The event was attended by Surrey Police due to the number of complaints and incidents within the surrounding area. It is disingenuous for the Applicant to state *'Following a trial in summer 2022, no known complaints were received by WBC EHO or Slades Farm.'*

The Police attended a number of incidents in relation to the event last year. If the Police haven't already provided details of their involvement in responding to complaints last, we would ask the Licensing Committee to request and consider this information before recommending any licence application is granted.

Refer to our **Evidence 1** document attached, showing the chain of events as they unfolded on our village Facebook page on the night (June 2022) and unsociable hours of Sunday morning. Dealing with noise at night is not the responsibility of the Police, but when it escalates into anti-social behaviour, excessive noise and a dispersal order, this is a public nuisance.

Further disregard of the adult entertainment and services licence can be demonstrated by the advertising and sale of tickets for 28th and 29th July 2023. Refer to our **Evidence 2** document showing the Instagram and Eventbrite advertising and ticket sales for what appears to be an uncontrolled imposition on the local community.

Waverley Borough Council's licencing administrator of Environmental Services states there are only four reasons for which our residents can voice their concerns or make a representation:-

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- **Prevention of crime and disorder**

On this we ask Surrey Police to disclose the chaos this event caused in June 2022. This should include loose horses bolting due to the uncontrolled noise nuisance. Drivers along Markwick Lane under the influence, hitting parked cars and a brick wall and a dispersal order.

The parish council considers that the granting of a licence for the sale and consumption of alcohol covering the whole of this vast and inaccessible site, would be difficult, if not impossible, to police.

- **Public Safety**

Emergency service vehicles will not be able to safely access this site along single track rural lanes with so few passing places, as they will most certainly become gridlocked. The Site location for the music festival is shown on the map at possibly the most inaccessible location up a steep hill to a flat plateau. If it is wet, the access entrance off the lane will become a sea of slippery clay with water running down the hillside. Even 4x4 wheeled vehicles struggle to access. If private cars cannot access the car park they will clog the sides of the lane putting public safety at risk.

- **Prevention of public nuisance**

Between the times of 23.00 and 07.00 excessive noise nuisance is anti-social. It disturbs livestock and domestic animals, for which some of our residents' incomes depend. Dead lambs due to a stampede or loose horses on the road are more than just a public nuisance.

Lighting up the skies causes extensive light pollution and goes against Dark Sky policies. Light is a public nuisance as it causes distress and it is intrusive in the countryside. DEFRA would implement a statutory nuisance on light. The proposed licence application will potentially cause light trespass into property not under the Applicants' control. Lighting the countryside has adverse effects on ecology that goes against all the Applicant's statements regarding 'Biodiversity and Land Management conferences' or 'the case study for Biodiversity efforts'.

Nearby residents already suffer unacceptable noise disturbance from the previously permitted 'glamping' activity on this site. Further intensification of non-agricultural activities will become untenable.

- **Protection of children from harm**

This application is for any adult entertainment or service; it is not just for one night or one event, but for multiple events over 200 acres and 365 days. Access to and around this Site is via single track lanes with few passing places. These are unclassified highways with a speed limit of 60mph with visibility severely restricted on sharp bends and at browns in the road. The increase in the number of vehicles proposed on these lanes will put children at risk from harm especially with the combination vehicles whose occupants are under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

This licence application, if granted, would allow uncontrolled and unrestricted activity across 200 plus acres, 365 days a year with loud music and the sale and consumption of alcohol through the night. Nearby residents already suffer from noise nuisance from the previously permitted 'glamping' activities. Uncontrolled intensification of these activities, including those such as 'hen parties' would be intolerable for nearby residents and beyond.

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We consider this licence application should be refused because it will result in significant harm, antisocial behaviour, compromise public safety and cause public nuisance. Hascombe Parish Council strongly urges that the licence is not granted in this deeply rural setting of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 April 2023 11:45
To: Licensing Policy
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Licence application for Slades Farm, Thorncombe Street
Attachments: EVIDENCE 2SladesFESTadvertising.pdf; 24.4.23 Slades Farm Licence Application Objection.pdf; EVIDENCE 1facebookdialogue2022.pdf

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
Please find attached Hascombe Parish Council's letter of objection, along with two Evidence documents, regarding the above licensing application.


Please also note that the applicant has failed to follow the rules set out by the committee that states that an 'application notice at or on the premises for 28 days from the day after it was submitted and in the case of a premises covering an area of more than 50msq, a further notice in the same form and subject to the same requirements must be posted where it can conveniently be read every 50 metres along the external perimeter of the premises abutting any highway'. Notices have not been publicly displayed every 50m abutting the highways perimeter that forms a boundary of this Site.


In addition, the couple of notices posted state that the closing date for comments is 28th April, whereas you have advised the Parish Council that the closing date is the 25th. Could you please let me know as soon as possible the final closing date for comments so that I can let residents know.

Many thanks,


[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]


 **[redacted]**
Incredibly loud  ...
Like Reply 43 w


 **[redacted]**
Seriously loud. We can hear it in Loxhill. Do they have the right permits? ...
Like Reply 43 w


 **[redacted]**
no permits as far as we know. Apparently it's live music until 5am, so plenty of time to do some research on the topic...
Like Reply 43 w


 **[redacted]**
oh no! ...
Like Reply 43 w


 **[redacted]**
It's quieter now. Perhaps they've been rained off? ...
Like Reply 43 w


 **[redacted]**
We can here it too on Markwick Lane.
3 seriously drunk drivers down our lane during the course of the night and early hours. How they survived is beyond me. It's been logged by our road so please warn people the police are out tonight to watch for drunk drivers
Like Reply 43 w


 **[redacted]** ...
Like Reply 43 w


 **[redacted]**
did you hear them last night **[redacted]**?
3 times at different hours.
I was so scared I honestly didn't think they were going to be alive ?
This morning I found so many people had logged this with the police.
Someone will die they can't keep using us as a rat run on Markwick Lane.
Now I'm not going to sleep again tonight for fear of it happening again
Like Reply 43 w


 **[redacted]**
No didn't hear it but that is horrible ...
Like Reply 43 w


 **[redacted]**
what road are you on? ...
Like Reply 43 w


 **[redacted]**
Godalming road past the White Horse so not as far as markwick Lane
Like Reply 43 w Edited

 **[redacted]**
they seem to take Markwick Road and just accelerate it's the worst sound to me. You just wait for the impact on a tree or someone else trying to get home.
It's really affecting me now.
Gibbering mess and now petrified it will happen tonight
Like Reply 43 w


 **[redacted]**
Well hopefully they head that way to control the noise?! So many horses and farm animals in this area, our horses are going besides themselves with the noise. Ridiculous!!
Like Reply 43 w


 **[redacted]**
my dogs are going nuts too. ...
But so afraid how they get home afterwards.
Like Reply 43 w

 **[redacted]**
I hope the horses are ok. ...
Like Reply 43 w

 **[redacted]**
one of them didn't do very well did they hit 3 walls and someone's car
Like Reply 43 w

 **[redacted]**
Though that was in malthouse lane in hambleton ...
Like Reply 43 w

 **[redacted]**
I bet they turned towards hambleton at the junction. Well it doesn't surprise me.
Did they stop? We have images of 2 cars from that night now. Be interesting to see if it was one of them?
Like Reply 43 w

 **[redacted]**
after they hit the 3rd wall the wheel came off the and he was arrested
Like Reply 43 w

Thank goodness. Do you know what he was driving. We have an open top mini and another saloon type. ?

Like Reply 43 w

range rover

Like Reply 43 w

Thank you. Not one of the two captured on cctv

Like Reply 43 w

Slightly quieter now - do you think they had to quieten a bit at 9pm? I hope so. The thought of this going on till 5am as advertised is outrageous it's been too loud here around high barn since it started. We got a note through our door a few days ago offering discounted tickets - placate annoyed locals?

Like Reply 43 w

I can't find any info on it?

Like Reply 43 w

look at sladesfest

Like Reply 43 w

Like Reply 43 w

yes I was going to say that. So much quieter. I do hope there careful getting home and don't be idiots like last night

Like Reply 43 w

Like Reply 43 w

I spoke to police and they said as there have so many complaints they have sent/ sending officers out to deal with it.

Like Reply 43 w Edited

But the more people that call in the better

Like Reply 43 w

Suspect it's actually on Winterhall...using sound system that's set up for Life of Christ. Which would be why it's heard more on Hascombe and Loxhill

Like Reply 43 w

Very possibly. The ticket address on the website does say slades farm but no doubt equipment is being shared



Like Reply 43 w




but presumably the relevant licences, approvals etc aren't?



Like Reply 43 w



hahaha I can't comment on this specifically but considering most of their antics don't have any permission I doubt this one does either



Like Reply 43 w



  it's all the same family / set up! ...
Like Reply 43 w



  haha oh I'm very aware it's all the same family- safe to say this isn't the first issue we've had with them... 
Like Reply 43 w




  they are beyond permits and rules! Their equestrian centre, glamping site for example never got permissions!
Like Reply 43 w



  that's interesting I don't know where their Sladesfest site is ...
Like Reply 43 w


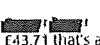
  we wonder if could be at Langhurst...sounded right direction too
Like Reply 43 w



  It wasn't at Langhurst - we walked down there to take a look
Like Reply 43 w

  Environmental health officer can force them to turn it down! ...
But then the rain might help!
Like Reply 43 w

  I think it has. Its much quieter now . Long may it last! ...
Like Reply 43 w

  Unless I'm imagining it, it's as loud as ever... ...
Like Reply 43 w

  £43.71 that's a bargain ...
Like Reply 43 w

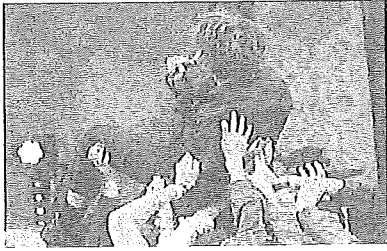
  Hi everybody, it was a fully licensed event which raised a lot of funds for a suicide prevention charity which does amazing work (<https://www.jamesplace.org.uk/>). Thank you to those who came and supported. I hope everyone received their letters through the door with invites. It was nice to see many of you come! For those who weren't there, thank you for your patience and apologies if it was loud. ...



JAMESPLACE.ORG.UK
Suicide Prevention for Men - Liverpool and London | James' Place Charity

Like Reply 43 w

EVIDENCE 2: SALE of TICKETS for 2023



Slades Festival

Slades Farm, Thorncombe street, Guildford, GU5 0LT

📍 Guildford

Fri 28th Jul - Sun 30th Jul

Opens 4:30 PM (BST)

🔗 Share

Tickets from £40.00

TICKETS

About

Slades Fest is a family run festival with live bands in the sunshine, as well as a moon lit woodland space with all forms of electronic music and impressive lighting sequences to go alongside this.

We focus on young up and coming Artists and creative production ideas. Attendees can expect to discover new and exciting talent and witness innovative performances.

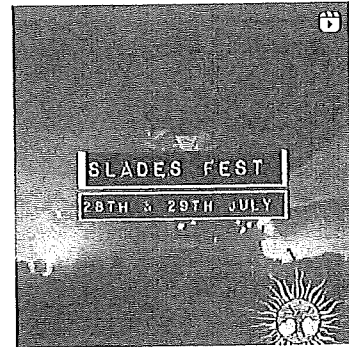
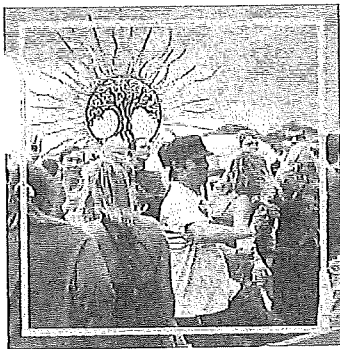
The intimacy of the event allows for a sense of community and connection with fellow festival-goers and Artists. We support and celebrate emerging Artists and creative vision of excellent young Production Companies.

Instagram

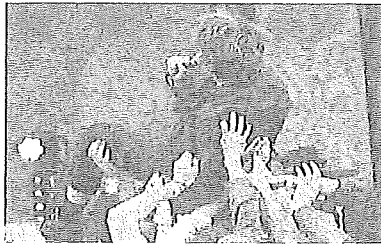
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TICKETS



Slades festival

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Slades Farm, Thorncombe street, Guildford, GU5 0LT

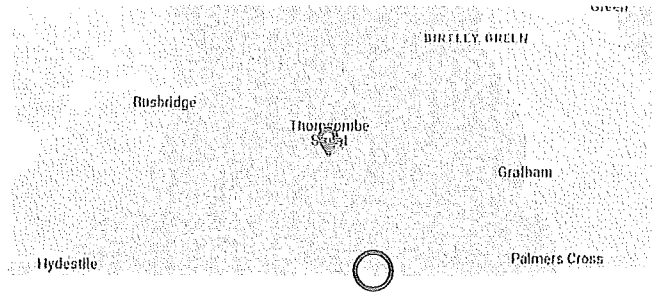
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Misleading location of the venue- the document put before the licencing team shows the location much further to the south accessed by a single track lane with very few passing places. This map also fails to show the proximity to the village of Hascombe

Jul 28

Slades Festival 2023



Slades Fest is a family fun festival with live bands in the sunshine and a moon lit woodland space with all forms of electronic music.

Cancelled

Details

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Organizer

Related

When and where



Date and time

Starts on Fri, 28 Jul 2023 17:00 BST



Location

Slades Farm Slades Farm House
Thorncombe Street Guildford GU5 0LT

Show map

Tickets were on sale via Eventbrite.co.uk – as of Saturday 22 April 2023 shows as Cancelled

The tickets on FIXR were still available



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 24 April 2023 13:10
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: RE: Slades Farm License Application

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

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Slades Farm, Thorncombe Street.

I am writing to object to the application, as named above, on the basis that it will result in significant antisocial behaviour and public nuisance, in addition to compromising public safety.

Firstly I would like to highlight that this application is totally misleading in part, stating that there were no known complaints received following the trial event last summer. There were numerous complaints to the police who had to attend to a number of incidents.

Note below under the four criteria my concerns to this license being granted:

- Prevention of crime & disorder
- The granting of such a licence for the sale and consumption of alcohol, along with activities like live music, night steeplechasing etc. within such a vast area, would be impossible to ensure compliance however strict the license requirements. Purely based on the trial event I am sure the police will advise the nature of the incidents and offences committed. There were well documented complaints made on social media, and to the police, about the disturbance due to the severity of the noise nuisance and I believe also drivers were found under the influence on roads surrounding the event with both parked cars and a brick wall being hit and a dispersal order.
- Public safety
- The location proposed for the music festival shown on the map is at the most inaccessible location of the 200 acre site. Its access is up a steep hill from an almost single track lane in both directions. If it is poor weather, this site will be totally inaccessible as cars will not be able to access the car park and they will block the lane, putting public safety at risk. Emergency service vehicles will not be able to safely access this site along these single track lanes putting nearby residents at risk. With the numbers being estimated for all or any of the events gridlock on these rural lanes is inevitable and dangerous.
- Prevention of public nuisance
- All or some of these proposed activities, but in particular the Sladefest, will inevitably lead to considerable public nuisance. Nearby residents already suffer unacceptable noise disturbance from the previously permitted 'glamping' activity on this site. The continued development of these non-agricultural activities in a rural area, and part of the AONB, will just increase the public nuisance effect. There are farms and residences as far as the village itself where people work and live which will be significantly affected by the hours of operation proposed.
- Protection of children from harm
- As previously mentioned this license application is not just for one night or one event, it is for multiple events over a vast 200 acres, 365 days a year. With such poor access, rural lanes that are constantly walked by families this increase in the number of vehicles proposed will put children at risk from harm. This is without factoring any additional scenario caused by drivers under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

In summery as residents we have already suffered from considerable noise nuisance from the previously permitted glamping activities during the pandemic. This huge site includes Langhurst Farm within its curtilage, opening the door for activities to extend even closer to the heart of the village. The intensification of these non-compatible rural activities will only go to make life intolerable for residents in close proximity and in the neighbouring village of Hascombe.

Waverley Borough Council I believe is committed to maintaining the rural idlle, within this AONB and Surrey Hills environment, which this license application seems to be totally incompatible with.

Regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 24 April 2023 13:23
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Premises License Application for Slades Farm
Attachments: 24.4.23 Slades Farm Licence Application Objection.pdf

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to object to the Premises License Application for Slades Farm.

Hascombe PC has submitted a strong OBJECTION to the application given its negative impact on residents of Hascombe as well as other local communities. As an ex-PC member and resident of Hascombe for over 20 years I would like to add my objection with the reasons being as stated in the attached HPC letter.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday 24 April 2023 14:21
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Objection to the license for Slades Farm

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

Hello licensing officer:

I would like to voice my objection to the application for SLADES FARM.

This is a large site located on very narrow country lanes which is looking to obtain a license for event that would be wholly inappropriate for the location and cause great safety and nuisance to the local community and their proposed attendees.

The application states that they ran a test event last year that didn't have any complaints to the council which is likely due to the fact that it took place late at night on Saturday. The police did attend several times due to the noise which caused local horses to bolt and the unsafe driving on some of the local lanes resulting in motor vehicle accidents.

The follow is not taken into account in regards to the event:

Prevention of crime and disorder

Please review the police reports for this event from last year. This should include stories of loose horses bolting, Drivers along Markwick Lane under the influence, hitting parked cars and a brick wall and a dispersal order.

Public Safety

Emergency service vehicles will not be able to safely access this site along single track rural lanes with so few passing places, as they will most certainly become gridlocked

The Site location for the music festival is shown on the map at possibly the most inaccessible location up a steep hill to a flat plateau. If it is wet, the access entrance off the lane will become a sea of slippery clay with water running down the hillside. Even 4x4 wheeled vehicles struggle to access. If private cars cannot access the car park they will clog the sides of the lane putting public safety at risk.

Prevention of public nuisance

Between the times of 23.00 and 07.00 excessive noise nuisance is anti-social. It disturbs livestock and domestic animals, for which some of our residents' incomes depend. Nearby residents already suffer unacceptable noise disturbance from the previously permitted 'glamping' activity on this site. Further intensification of non-agricultural activities will become untenable.

Protection of children from harm

This application is for any adult entertainment or service; it is not just for one night or one event, but for multiple events over 200 acres and 365 days. Access to and around this Site is via single track lanes with few passing places. These are unclassified highways with a speed limit of 60mph with visibility severely restricted on sharp bends and at brows in the road. The increase in the number of vehicles proposed on these lanes will put children at risk from harm especially with the combination vehicles whose occupants are under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

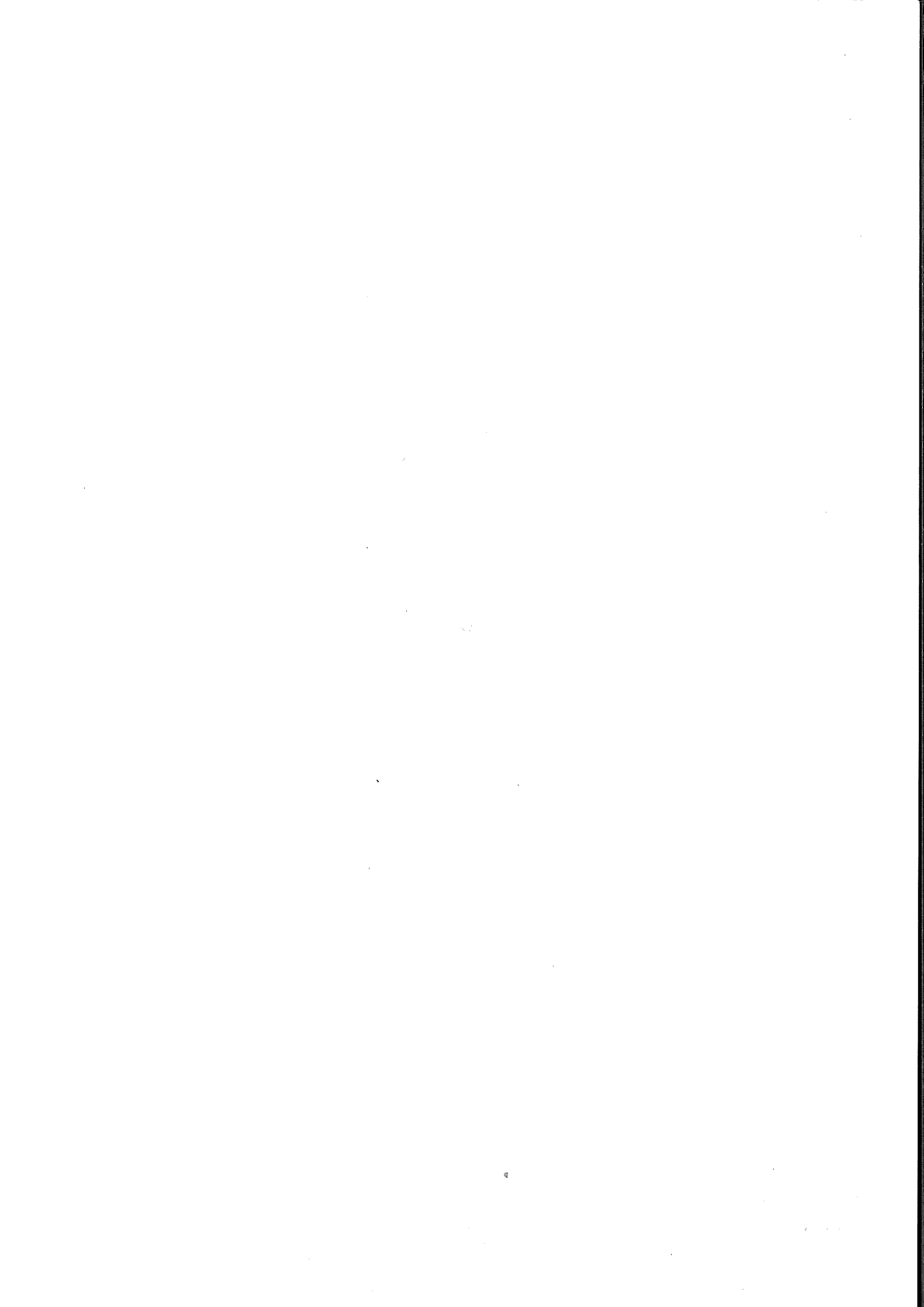
This license would cause several dangers to the local area and set a precedent for using the AONB for events that do not protect its environment and the communities within it.

Thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]



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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 April 2023 15:15
To: Licensing Policy
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Licence application for Slades Farm

Importance: High

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

Dear Sirs

We are writing to object to the above application.

We live in close proximity to the proposed site and this will cause considerable noise and traffic problems in this area, and also great disturbance to wildlife as well, especially birds in the nesting season. The roads in the area are very narrow in places and increased traffic could cause accidents and gridlock. There will also be great inconvenience to local residents and possibly emergency services needing access as well, not to mention the mess these roads will be left in.

We feel the application should be refused and the licence not granted on these grounds including public safety, anti-social behaviour and public nuisance

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 April 2023 17:28
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: LICENCE FOR SLADES FARM - Objection
Attachments: 24.4.23 Slades Farm Licence Application Objection (1).pdf

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

Hello,

After the chaos and loud noise forced upon us during last years festival at Slade's farm, I completely support the objection submitted by Hascombe Parish Council as per attached. The horrendous increase in traffic and anti social behaviour of drivers not understanding that most of the local roads are narrow country lanes and they have to give way. The loud music noise from last years festival was heard for miles.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 April 2023 17:40
To: licensing.policy@waverley.gov.uk.
Subject: LICENCE FOR SLADES FARM

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

RE: LICENCE FOR SLADES FARM

I am writing to **object** to the above application

The events proposed are unsuitable for many reasons for this location which lies in an AOB.

• Prevention of crime and disorder

The location of this proposal is highly unsuited to the licence application. Attendees will have uncontrolled and unrestricted access to a large area, covering farm land and woodland which will be very difficult to police. With around 1500 people attending anti-social behaviour, trespass, crime and disorder will be easily committed and the organisers will be unable to keep an eye on all areas of the large site.

• Prevention of public nuisance

The noise from these events, and in particular the Slades Fest, hen and stag parties will create a nuisance for local residents and wildlife. The local woodland is home to a wide range of wildlife which will be disrupted and harmed by unusual and loud noise going on for many hours at night. The event held last year on a TEN licence raised numerous complaints. Noise travelled far into the surrounding area and complaints were made to the Police at the time of the event.

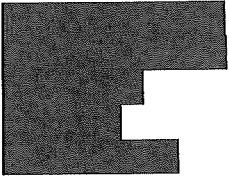
• Public Safety

All access roads are narrow single track lanes, with few passing places. The increased traffic will create bottlenecks with vehicles entering the site from multiple directions. The set-up and running of the event will severely inconvenience local residents who live on these rural lanes. It will also hamper access for any emergency services called to residents or the applicants' site. Last year there were a number of traffic incidents and accidents. The applicant may not have received complaints at the time - there was no way of contacting them anyway - but many people did inform the Police.

• Protection of children from harm

The application is for adult entertainment and services for 365 day of the year, and much of what is being offered is not suitable for children. The consumption of alcohol, and probably drugs, will lead to antisocial behaviour which children should not witness, even if under adult supervision. Children living within hearing distance of the site will be alarmed by the noise and suffer from broken sleep.

This licence application should be refused because it will result in significant harm, antisocial behaviour, compromise public safety and cause public nuisance.



[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 24 April 2023 19:41
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Fwd: License of alcohol for glamping site

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

Date: April 24, 2023 at 7:35:57 PM GMT+1
Subject: License of alcohol for glamping site

Re the application for license of alcohol for the festival and wellness center plus glamping site located at Slades Farm and environs.

I am absolutely against this application. It is completely lacking in any semblance of regard for the prevention of crime and disorder and public safety. It will cause an unimaginable number of public nuisance issues, and even more so make it very difficult to protect children from harm. It shows a complete lack of regard for all people living in this and surrounding areas, and is patently an appalling example of greed overshadowing any respect for people's health, safety and livelihood.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 24 April 2023 21:32
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: licence application for Slades Farm, Thorncombe Street, Bramley.

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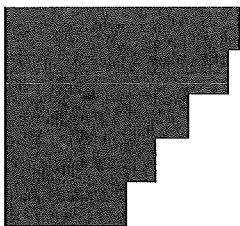
Waverley Borough Council
The Burys
Godalming
GU7 1HR

RE: licence application for Slades Farm, Thorncombe Street, Bramley.

We are writing to object to the above application on the following grounds.

We are concerned regarding the risk to public safety and nuisance that this licence will cause. The access to Slades Farm is via very narrow single track roads. These do not cope with any large volume of traffic and in particular the traffic that will be generated by the number of people predicted to attend Slades Fest.

We are greatly concerned by the potential public nuisance caused by unlimited events, 365 days a year over such a large area. Most of the possible venues on this site are outside, therefore any noise, such as amplified music will carry over a wide area disturbing neighbours and wildlife. We are particularly concerned regarding the event called Slades Fest which is scheduled to continue all night and into the early hours of the morning.



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 April 2023 22:31
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Premises License Application - Slades Farm

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

[REDACTED]
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Good evening,

We are writing to object to this Premises License Application as it does not address any of the 4 licensing objectives in a satisfactory manner.

Prior to commenting on the 4 objectives, we would like to make 3 observations about the application:

1) the applicant has not followed the required notification process. *"... must display their application notice at or on the premises for 28 days from the day after it was submitted and in the case of a premises covering an area of more than 50msq, a further notice in the same form and subject to the same requirements must be posted where it can conveniently be read every 50 metres along the external perimeter of the premises abutting any highway"*. This has not been done. Touring the perimeter of the proposed licensed premises this weekend, I found only 2 notices at the furthest end of Thorncombe St (towards Hascombe), the boundary along which the largest number of neighbours reside, and 4 notices along the narrow single track road between Slades Farm and the A281 where the only "neighbour" is a family member of the applicant and where there is little motor traffic due to the narrowness of the track with very few passing places. Notably, there were no notices at the glamping site where much of the proposed licensed activity will occur and - also notably - where there is the greatest concentration of nearby neighbours. A cynical attempt in my opinion to minimise public awareness of the application. I believe that this application should be voided until the correct procedures for public notification are followed.

2) the applicant claims no knowledge of complaints being received by WBC EHO at the "trial Festival" in 2022. This is hardly surprising as the EHO is not available through weekend nights to receive complaints! It should be noted however that numerous complaints were made directly to the Police - a matter which can and should be cross referenced - and the applicant most certainly will have been made aware of the complaints by the Police themselves when they showed up at the festival. The applicants' assertion that there were no complaints is a false and misleading representation and it is rather disingenuous to specify that no complaints were received by a body that was not available to receive them!

3) the applicant has provided a map of the premises to which the License will apply - effectively the whole of Slades Farm but also other property which is not owned by the applicant or his family (specifically it includes Langhurst Barn (erroneously shown as Barn Cottage on the map), and a 10 acre field to the north west of Langhurst Farm which belongs to [REDACTED] It also includes the land and buildings at Langhurst Farm, owned by the applicant's family, which is currently subject to a planning contravention notice (and possible enforcement) after unauthorised works to enable unauthorised use. It has been the subject of multiple failed planning applications for change of use, including for glamping and for Class E to cover restaurants and entertainment. Your planning department has all the relevant records. On 28th February, a new Planning Application was made for change of use "solely" for carpentry/joinery business activity at Langhurst Farm. Why then has the applicant's son included this site within the proposed Licensed premises just one month later?

The issues above are all very concerning - as are the issues relating to the 4 principles that need to be satisfied to warrant approval of a New Premises License:

1) prevention of crime and disorder

It is our understanding that last year there were numerous problems with festival attendees disturbing local residents and animals, driving erratically (and under the influence) on local lanes after long periods of partying. This is not an "easy to control" area and almost impossible to manage/police behaviour. We have no confidence that antisocial behaviour can be avoided or controlled.

2) public safety

A premises license for this vast area with all adjoining highways being single track roads with few passing spaces (particularly on the access route in & out of the festival car park) poses a significant public safety risk. It is a very isolated destination with no easy access by foot or public transport, therefore most/all of the 1500++ attendees will arrive by private car. They will also leave by private car, presumably after the bars close and the entertainment ceases at the proposed time of 5am. Further if there was an emergency, either at the festival or in nearby communities, it is not at all clear how emergency services would get through.

3) prevention of public nuisance

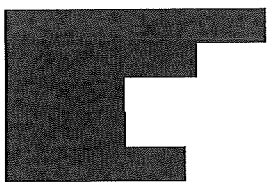
A music festival above a rural village in an AONB attracting 1500++ partygoers with entertainment and bars running until 5am is a recipe for public nuisance as was evidenced very clearly in July 2022 when the applicant held a "test-run" of the event under a TEN. The Police received numerous complaints and rightly so. Farm animals, horses and domestic pets were distressed. Local wildlife was unsettled. Gridlocked local roads due to their unsuitability for this volume of traffic which prevent residents from moving about is not acceptable. Noise pollution, light pollution, air pollution, gridlocked roads, distressed animals, locals not being able to sleep are all public nuisances.

4) protection of children from harm

A "family area" away from the bars and a recommendation for children to wear ear defenders against the loud music, laudable as it may be, does not address the wider issues associated with risks to children being exposed to festival participants who will have uninterrupted access to alcohol purchase/consumption for 19 straight hours per day (10.00am-05.00am being the requested bar service hours). The manner in which adults behave and what the children see/experience is the more pertinent issue that isn't being addressed. Unsupervised children may also wander off around the property - possibly in the dark of night or very early in the morning when the bars are shutting down - where there is huge risk from unfettered access to nearby streams, lakes and bogs with the inherent dangers they present.

Away from the music festival itself, a significant planned gearing up of private and corporate events (seemingly all requiring the on-site sale of alcohol) based out of the existing glamping site will create on-going disturbance to local residents across a 200+ acre property without any proper controls in place.

For all the reasons stated above, there is little evidence in support of this application and we strongly urge the Licensing Sub-Committee to reject it.



(21)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 April 2023 23:53
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Premises Licence Application for Slades Farm, Thorncombe St, Bramley, Surrey

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

Dear Sirs

The applicant requests approval for 365 days a year sale and consumption of alcohol anywhere on the 200+ acre property. The application also requests extended hours of alcohol sales and entertainment until 5am on the 2 nights of the SladeFest music festival they plan to hold in July and anticipates a significant increase in private events and corporate hospitality from the glamping site they have established in Thorncombe Street. This land and the adjoining rural roads are unsuitable for these proposed events for my reasons below and I strongly urge that this premises licence as applied for is not granted.

I wish to comment specifically on four areas for the Committee to consider:

1) prevention of crime and disorder

This 200+ acre land has access and exit points whether gates or whatever which will be impossible to secure. These types of events, especially with alcohol available, attract people whom I am sure the applicant would not wish to attend, but it will be impossible for the applicant's team to police access to the whole area. With the best will in the world, crime and disorder will not be prevented, especially with such long and late hours when alcohol is available, and without the ability to restrict access.

2) public safety

The rural lanes surrounding the land are single-track with occasional small passing places created by farm traffic, not by the council. Consequently, the lanes will become gridlocked when access and exiting is required for up to 1,500 PAX. This will result in emergency vehicles being unable to carry out their required duties and service. Even if these lanes were organised as a one-way system, blockages will occur the whole time and there would be acute disruption to the neighbourhood. Reaching the car park by car would cause visitors to the events to leave their vehicles off-site and walk to the entrances. Pedestrians on single-track lanes with blind bends and undulating hills and dips, and lanes which are already full of traffic, as well as after dark, would be very dangerous. As a consequence, public safety will be impossible to manage.

3) prevention of public nuisance

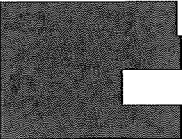
This land is part of an agricultural area containing domestic and wild animals, in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the Surrey Hills, and with Council approved and supported Dark Sky policy. The potential noise and light intrusion from all day and all night live and piped music and entertainment, as well as the noise and light intrusion caused by up to 1,500 PAX driving to and from the events, would constitute a public nuisance on a massive scale to all neighbours within the adjoining hills, valleys and villages. In addition, local wildlife would undoubtedly suffer permanently from the intrusion. And once the local wildlife is scared away, it is likely that they would not return or recover their habitat - not just on the Slades Farm land but also on adjoining land of at least a similar scale all around. All of this creates a public nuisance. The 2022 SladesFest did cause public nuisance problems which are evidenced in reports to the police.

4) protection of children from harm

Children walking along the adjoining lanes to and from events would be endangered by traffic on the narrow, twisting lanes where pedestrians would be forced onto the earth banks and ditches. This problem could cause serious danger to their lives, either as pedestrians or in motor vehicles, by drivers who are exiting after drinking alcohol. No amount of organised protection by the applicant could fully protect children, even with parental support, from harm.

In conclusion, Slades Farm is an inappropriate location for these events and a premises licence. I have lived at my address for 38 years, overlooking some of Slades Farm land, so I and my family have a long experience of how this area of AONB, Surrey Hills and Dark Skies has been enjoyed for all local residents.

Yours faithfully



[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 25 April 2023 10:15
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Slades Farm, Thorncombe street Application

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

I would like to object to the above application for 365 day usage and sale of alcohol on this extensive site, which I understand includes extended sales until 5am in the morning.

I live some distance from the farm at [Redacted] to Thorncombe Street which is [Redacted] on the main A281 Guildford to Horsham road. I have lived here for 22 years and the recent past has seen an increase in traffic in the early hours for "unknown purposes" (parked up) and fly tipping as the quite narrow road lends itself to a secluded thoroughfare.

My mains areas of objection relate to:

- Prevention of crime and disorder
- Prevention of public nuisance
- Public safety

The road is a very narrow "single vehicle" lane which becomes more narrow as it heads towards Hascombe with no passing spaces or places where a car or other vehicle can pass. I have used the lane for many years on foot with my dog and increased traffic and the speed of drivers has made walking in some sections, a dangerous exercise. I have witnessed horse boxes travelling to Slades Farm and HGVs becoming completely jammed in the road when meeting an oncoming vehicle and the same applies to cars. Indeed, the road is to be avoided overday when it impossible to see oncoming cars travelling at speed and high volume usage to alcoholic events will certainly be a source of public safety concern and certain danger.

My biggest concern relates to the question of crime, public disorder and public nuisance which will be a certain outcome of the events fuelled by alcohol which licensing will enable and encourage. A small country lane already suffering from increased litter and rubbish dumping will become a haven for those in our society who turn our evenings and night times into dangerous and disorderly periods of the day. The extension of alcohol availability overnight until early the following morning will form the basis for chaos in this area and I appeal for this application to be rejected.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 April 2023 10:36
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Fwd: Slades Farm - Licensing Application

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

With reference to the above application we write to confirm that we fully support all the objections submitted by Hascombe Parish Council in their letter dated April 24, 2023.

In addition, we confirm that we live approximately [REDACTED] from the proposed SladeFest site on the northern edge of the village, and in the middle of the valley below the site. Last year we were more than aware of the boom drumbeat and repetitive bass resonance from the music for the duration of last year's festival.

Not only is this noise a continual annoyance to those living in the village but unquestionably it is also an unnatural disturbance to all wildlife in the area and especially to our bat population who hunt primarily via their sensitive audio abilities.

There were also a number of rowdy groups, presumably from the festival, walking along the bridle path at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] during the day and after nightfall last June.

We confirm we strongly object to this application.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 April 2023 10:58
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Fwd: Slades Farm Premises Licence

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

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Date: 25 April 2023 at 09:57:45 BST
To: licensingpolicy@waverley.gov.uk
Subject: Slades Farm Premises Licence

Dear Sirs,

I understand that Slades Farm has made an application for the sale of alcohol on this property (which I understand is some 200 acres). Unfortunately I have been unable to read the application in full because your own website has proved impossible to navigate. I have therefore had to rely on the Hascombe Parish Council for the fact that (a) an application has been made and (b) comments/objections/support needs to be with you today.

I wish to object to the provision of a licence.

This is not a "one off" event licence and thus needs to be read in this light.

The roads are entirely unsuitable for regular (or even irregular) large scale events. Public safety is compromised (whether from "road rage", or the inability of police/fire/ambulance to access properties, or indeed cyclists/pedestrians wishing to use the roads).

At an event held last year in June 2022, we were disturbed in the early hours of the morning. We did not complain at the time (there seemed little point given the event had taken place) but I would not want a repeat of this, particularly if it is on a regular/irregular basis. It was bad enough on a one-off. You will need to take other evidence as to the effect on residents/livestock closer to the event than we were.

In short, this is the wrong licence at the wrong location for the wrong event.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 April 2023 11:26
To: Consultation Planning
Cc: Licensing Policy
Subject: Premise Licence for Slades Farm, Thorncombe Street, Bramley

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

Dear Sirs

I write as a long-term resident of Hascombe to register my serious concerns about the scope and scale of the proposed Premise Licence for Slades Farm.

In general I support the evolving use of the countryside to benefit the local economy and provide employment, but this must be achieved in ways which take proper account of the local infrastructure, the natural environment, and the amenity of those living in the area affected, any livestock and pets, and visitors enjoying the pleasures of, in this case, an area of great natural beauty and undisturbed rural charm.

Given the scope and scale of the proposed Premise Licence for Slades Farm, notably the two all-night music festivals for circa 1500 people, and the potential for other large impactful events to develop on the basis of the new Licence, I fully support the objections raised by Hascombe Parish Council and other long-term local residents.

In summary:

- The gross overloading of the already limited and potentially dangerous minor roads providing access to Slades Farm, a good deal of it single track, will significantly impact on public safety in various ways including the impediment to access by police, medical support and the fire service.
- Large events like all-night music festivals with alcohol readily available have significant potential to create disorder while providing the cover for criminal activity, and harm, some perhaps unintended, to property, livestock and pets.
- Significant public nuisance will inevitably arise not just from the major all-night events, but also by other large events developed over time on the basis of the widely-drawn Licence now proposed.

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 April 2023 11:33
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Slades Farm Licence

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

[REDACTED]

25th April 2023

Dear Sirs

I have been made aware that Slades Farm has put in a request for a full Premises License to cover 365 days. I was unable to read the application in full, as I could not find it on your website! However our Parish Council has furnished me with enough information to notify you of my objection.

As a local resident who had to put up with the noise until the early hours last year when Sladefest was held, I have to object.

Not only is the noise an issue, but access to the site is via single track lanes with few passing places, therefore totally unsuitable for the amount of traffic this event will create. The access for emergency services, let alone the local residents, would be totally impossible and indeed unsafe when you consider alcohol will have been sold at this, and no doubt any other events they have in mind.

I am aware from the local facebook page last year that the police were called on several occasions not only for the noise nuisance but also for the various incidents that happened within Hascombe and surrounding villages. Surely the police will have been asked for any reports from the 2022 Festival?

For Slades Farm to have a licence for any events within the 365 days, when even the two days of Sladefest was more than enough, seems ridiculous.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 April 2023 13:00
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Licence for Slades Farm

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

Tuesday

We understand that an application that has been submitted to yourselves for a full Premises Licence covering the whole of Slades Farm.

We further understand that the applicant requests approval for the full time sale and consumption of alcohol anywhere on the 200+ acre property. Further, the application also requests extended hours of alcohol sales and entertainment until 5am on the two nights of the 'SladeFest' music festival they plan to hold in July and anticipates a significant increase in private events and corporate hospitality from the glamping site they have established in Thorncombe Street.

We should like to register our objection to this licence being granted on four counts - prevention of crime and disorder - public safety - prevention of public nuisance and protection of children from harm.

We hope that our objection will be upheld and this application will be refused.

[REDACTED]

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 25 April 2023 13:56
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Objection to Slades farm & Hilltop kitchen license

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

Hello ,

[Redacted]

We as residents of Thorncombe Street strongly object to the license that Slades farm & HilltopKitchen are requiring .
The reasons have been addressed perfectly by Hascombe parish Council.

1. We consider this licence application should be refused because it will result in significant harm, antisocial behaviour, compromise public safety and cause public nuisance. Hascombe Parish Council strongly urges that the licence is not granted in this deeply rural setting of the Surrey Hills Area of outstanding natural beauty.
2. Access to and around this Site is via single track lanes with few passing places. These are unclassified highways with a speed limit of 60mph with visibility severely restricted on sharp bends and at brows in the road. The increase in the number of vehicles proposed on these lanes will put children at risk from harm especially with the combination vehicles whose occupants are under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
3. Emergency service vehicles will not be able to safely access this site along single track rural lanes with so few passing places, as they will most certainly become gridlocked.
4. It disturbs livestock and domestic animals.
5. Lighting up the skies causes extensive light pollution and goes against Dark Sky policies. Light is a public nuisance as it causes distress and it is intrusive in the countryside. DEFRA would implement a statutory nuisance on light.
6. Nearby residents already suffer unacceptable noise disturbance from the previously permitted 'glamping' activity on this site.

Please will you consider refusing their plans to destroy our stunning area of outstanding natural beauty.

Kind regards ,

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 April 2023 15:46
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Licence for Slades Farm

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

Dear Sir

I would like to object most strongly to the above application.

I do not believe the application complies with your guidance.

1 Prevention of crime and disorder

The application states there were no known complaints to WBC, EHO, Slades Farm about the smaller event in 2022.

This statement is clearly mis-leading in that evidence is available and police records will show the chaos that occurred.

I have no confidence in the applicant's attempts to gloss over this chaotic event.

2 Public Safety

Access to the site is via single track rural lanes which are totally inadequate for the increase in traffic that would occur.

3 Prevention of public nuisance

How can 365 day use plus a festival not cause disturbance, pollution, environmental damage to the area?

4 Protection of children

Again noise, alcohol, traffic, drug use all of which are part of the many festivals across the country.

Given the 2022 chaos and the applicants lack of control suggests the proposed use would not be monitored satisfactorily

and destroy the peace and tranquility of AONB.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday 25 April 2023 17:29
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Licensing for Slades Farm

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Dear Sir

I would like to object to the above application on the grounds of not satisfying the guidance set out by your environmental dept.

1 Prevention of crime and disorder

The previous event in 2022 did create significant issues which called for police intervention and was not mentioned in the application.

2 Public Safety

The site is situated in narrow country lanes which are not suitable for heavy traffic and large vehicles.

3 Prevention of public nuisance

There is no doubt the increased use will cause significant disturbance, pollution and environmental damage in an area of ANOB

4 Protection of children

The increase in traffic alone will enhance the risk to children and coupled with alcohol and drug use will cause additional concern

I'm not confident the applicants will be able to monitor and control events to the level required by your department.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday 25 April 2023 18:03
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Licence for Slades Farm

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

Dear Sir/madam,

We would like to object to the granting of the above licence for the following reasons:

Public Safety: The proposed events, especially the festival, would take place on a site that is only accessible down largely single-track highways. Not only does this cause enormous problems for local traffic which has to use these roads for access to properties off those highways, the inevitable gridlock will prevent emergency vehicles also gaining access should it be necessary.

Prevention of public nuisance: The location of the site in terms of traffic access and proximity to other property's means that both noise and traffic will inevitably cause a public nuisance. This was evidenced last year when the 'test' event was held for the Slades Farm Fest and the noise could be heard for miles around. Unfortunately, the nature of acoustics is such that the organisers, with the best will in the world, cannot control this sufficiently as it is affected by both the topographical nature of the valley we sit in as well as meteorological conditions at the time of the event. Last year, contrary to what the application states, there were numerous complaints to the police, and we believe they subsequently had to attend the site.

The applicant is also requesting approval for year-round sale and consumption of alcohol across a 200 + acre site, with extended hours for alcohol sales and entertainment on two nights until 5am in the morning. It is difficult to envisage any scenario where this will not lead to public nuisance, especially on an open-air site, be it noise or light pollution, traffic issues or public disorder. There is also an undefined number of private and corporate events included in the application, including the extension of the glamping activities, of which there is no information as to the nature or extent of such, that can only further exacerbate the above situation.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]