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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 15 June 2023 14:30
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: The Reel Cinema Farnham

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>>> Dear Sir/Madam,
>>> We are appalled by the idea of an alcohol licence till 2.30 a.m. being sought by Reel Cinema and would strongly object to such a ludicrous idea.
>>> Farnham wants a cinema but not a late night drinking den.
>>> It would attract people from a wide area looking to drink late and be rowdy causing nuisance, not least to people buying homes in the development.
>>> Before the Brightwells eyesore, Farnham was an attractive Georgian town with individual shops and character mostly quiet and free of troublemakers.
>>> We hope it can stay that way.
>>> [REDACTED] residents of Farnham for 30 years.
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>>> Sent from my iPad

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 June 2023 08:06
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Reel Cinema application - Farnham

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To whom it may concern

I wish to object to proposed hours for the sale of alcohol. Although this is a commercial premises, it is now surrounded by flats, and therefore a residential area. It seems entirely unfair to the residents to have such long hours for the sale of alcohol. I cannot see how this will be anything other than a cause of public disturbance during normal sleeping hours.

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Paul Hughes

From:
Sent: 24 June 2023 08:01
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: Reel Farnham, 8 Old Market Place, Farnham, Surrey, GU9 7SF

Importance: High

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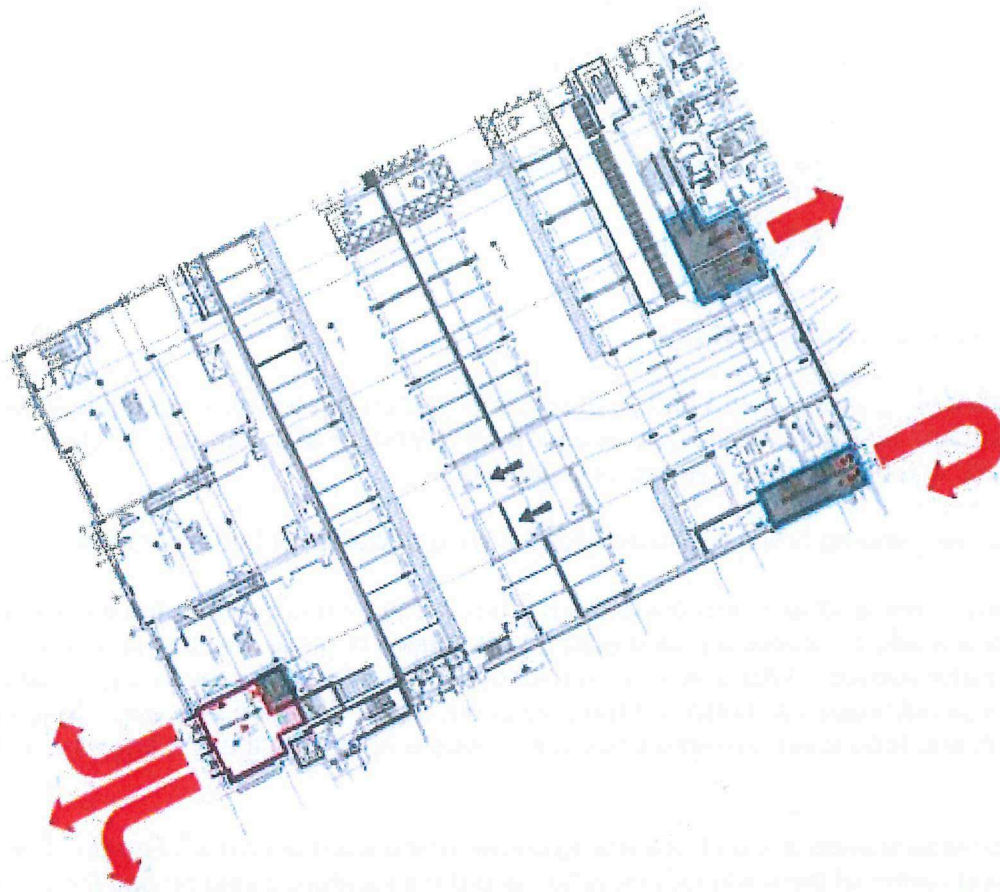
I am emailing to record my grave concern and so objection to the proposed licencing hours for all activities included in the application by Reel Cinemas Limited for 8 Old Market Place, Farnham, GU9 7SF, alcohol sale, refreshment sale and the numerous activities proposed.

I would record my understanding of the application for the sake of clarity for the committee.

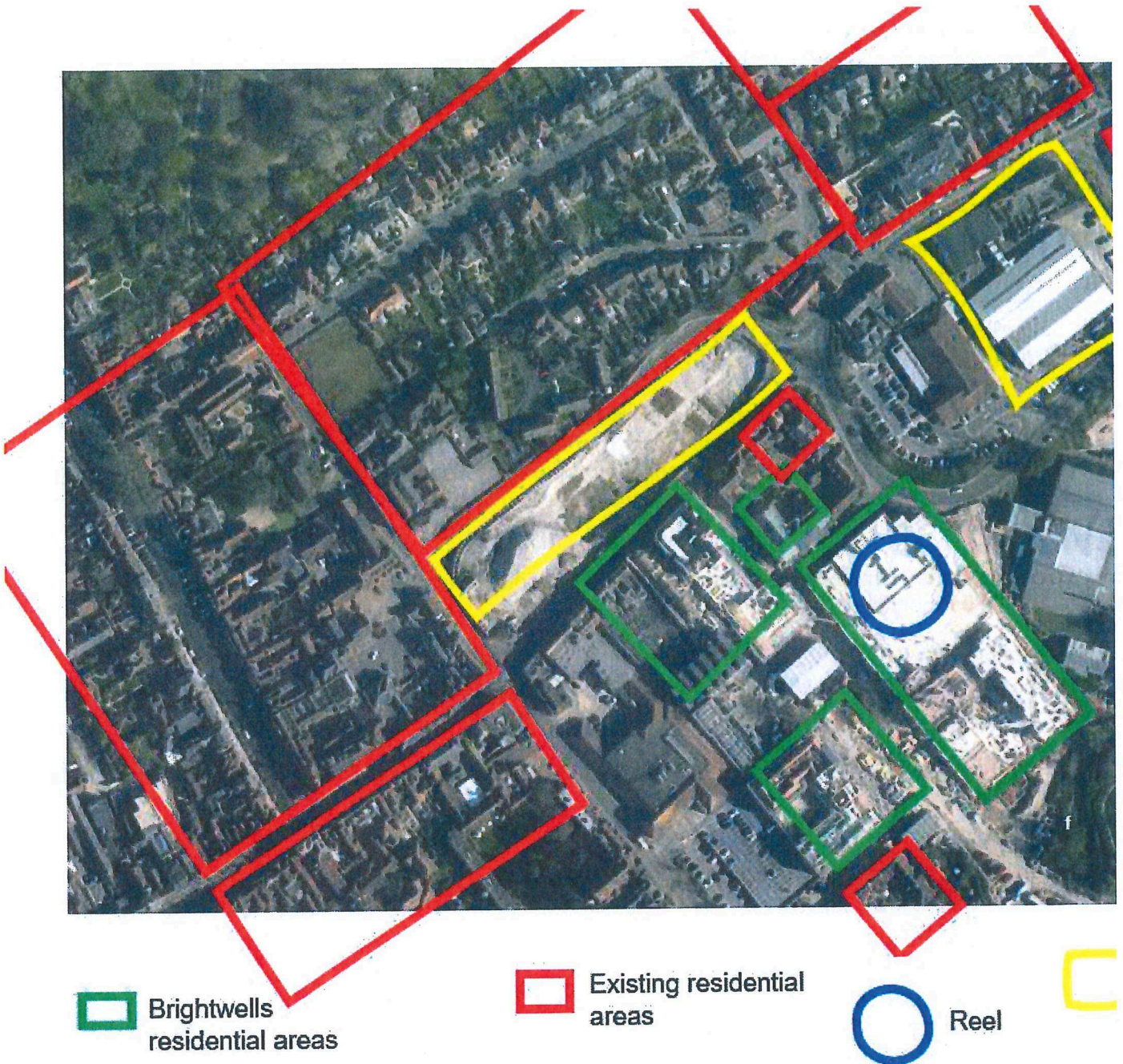
The applicant's ability to sell alcohol to visitors to the premises from 10am until 2.30am the following morning seven days a week, 52 weeks a year during performances of plays, live music and dance. Inside and outside the operator licence holder can serve hot food and hot drinks 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year but require a licence for the sale of hot drinks and food between 11pm and 5am. By the wording hot drink and food sales can take place both inside and outside the building as well as their consumption.

The exits from the cinema spaces are on the meeting corner of the southwest elevation and the southeast elevation, the meeting corner of the northeast elevation and the southeast elevation and the northeast elevation adjacent to the car park entrance and exit.

If like other cinema's the operator allows customers to egress the building by all available exits there will be a significant impact to adjoining and local residents by the customers leaving the cinema, especially after the last showings of film and other performances.



Residential developments around the Reel cinema.



There are some 239 flats in the development and a number of other neighbouring houses and flats which may be affected. Some will be lucky and not be affected but most will be affected by those leaving the venue. Even if those customers have not been drinking they will make a noise. Of those not living on the development some bought their homes before the cinema was planned. Some have known that the cinema may open but not the hours the operator intended to operate. Then there is the issue of customers drinking. Those customers having consumed alcohol for hours leading up to their departure after midnight, but as late as 2.30am, every day of the week / year is unacceptable.

Farnham is a small market town, not a major city or small city. Its population is approximately 40,000 not hundreds of thousands.

The drinking establishments that remain open late in Farnham close late as follows:

- Slug and Lettuce, Friday and Saturday nights until 1am, all other nights 11pm
- Borelli's Wine Bar, Friday and Saturday nights until 1am, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday till midnight, Sunday 6pm

These hours of selling alcohol are accepted within the town and should, in my opinion, be seen as the maximum that should be granted for the cinema without a special licence.

These establishments, and others that have slightly more restricted opening hours, have the opportunity to have extended licencing times numerous times a year, up to twenty four I have been told. Many of these are taken. Intermittent extensions to the time that the applicant wishes to open every day is unacceptable for a majority of residents of Farnham.

The hours that different activities can take place within the venue also needs reviewing in my opinion.

Plays,	until 2.30am every day of the year
Film screenings,	24 hours a day, every day of the year
Indoor sports events	24 hours a day, every day of the year
Indoor live music,	until 2.30am every day of the year
Recorded music,	24 hours a day, every day of the year
Performance of dance,	until 2.30am every days of the year

Activities should, in my opinion, generally not be allowed to extend beyond 1am in the morning Friday and Saturdays nights (so 1am Saturday morning and 1am Sunday morning), 11pm other days of the week although the operator should be allowed to apply for a number of special licences for events ending after the regular hours, I would suggest 12 to 15 licences a year. These special events could ideally be showing events that are not taking place in this country.

Experience has shown that operators generally push the boundaries and compliance with the terms of the licence should be monitored.

I honestly think if the times that applicant has sought an alcohol licence are granted numerous other licenced premises will follow suit and the town will become an early morning drinking venue attracting drinkers from all around the area, including from with Hampshire.

Please confirm receipt of this objection and any other action or information you require to validate this objection

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Paul Hughes

From: [redacted]
Sent: 24 June 2023 09:17
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: License for Reel Cinema

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Good morning,

I have recently read that Reel Cinemas, due to be in the new Brightwells Development, have applied for a license to sell alcohol until 2:30am. Are they insane? The cinema is in a residential area, with all the flats above the retail units, and a cinema is not a pub.

I would like my objections to be recorded please.

Thank you

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Paul Hughes

From:
Sent: Thursday 29 June 2023 16:53
To: Paul Hughes
Subject: Re: License for Reel Cinema

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Dear Paul,

thank you for your email. The licensing objectives that I am referring to are 1. Prevention of crime and disorder and 3. Prevention of public nuisance.

Whilst the idea of having a drink at the cinema is not a bad one, (I have done exactly this abroad), I don't understand why anyone needs to be at the cinema at 2:30am unless it is to drink because the pubs are shut. We have enough of a problem with noise and bad behaviour when the pubs shut as it is (we live about from The) and I'm sure the residents of Brightwells haven't paid a fortune to be bothered by bad behaviour.

I hope this gives a clear idea of my thoughts on the matter.

Regards

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Paul Hughes

From: Planning <Planning@farnham.gov.uk>
Sent: 28 June 2023 16:13
To: Licensing Policy
Subject: RE: Licensing Act 2003 - Application for a Premises licence - Reel Farnham
Attachments: FTC Licensing Applications Considered.pdf

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Dear Kate

See below Farnham Town Council comments on the Reel application. For information I have also attached the feedback received from the agent.

Please let me know if you need any clarification.

Kind regards

Farnham Town Council thanks the Agent for clarification on Reel's operation in Farnham.

Farnham Town Council objects to the proposed sale of alcohol until 02.30 being inconsistent with other establishments serving alcohol in the town, generally being licenced until 01.00 at the latest. Reel has the option of applying for up to twenty-five Temporary Event Notices per annum, more than adequate for the occasions where films open at 00.01. This will support the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder, ensuring public safety and the prevention of public nuisance.

Farnham Town Council objects to the proposed 'outdoor' late night refreshments between the hours of 23.00 and 05.00. It is felt that the taking away of hot food and beverages has the potential to cause public nuisance with customer consuming items in the public spaces of Brightwells Yard after 23.00, disturbing residents with overlooking the central area and the potential to create litter, also a nuisance, with refreshments being consumed on the way home.

Farnham Town Council notes that Boxing and Wrestling entertainments have not been applied for. Indoor sporting is proposed as pool or other tabletop games which may be on offer in the main foyer.

Farnham Town Council sought clarification on whether the bar is accessible to the public. It is noted 'that people would not necessarily be prevented from having a drink whilst waiting for others already watching a film, but this would likely be an exception'.



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Paul Hughes

From: Peter Clark
Sent: 28 June 2023 16:22
To: Licensing Policy
Cc: Paul Hughes
Subject: Re: Licensing Act 2003 - Application for a Premises licence - Reel Farnham

Good afternoon,

I would like to object to the applicant's request for Live Music, Performance of Dance and the Sale of Alcohol until 02.30

Other licenced premises in Farnham are licenced until 01.00 at the latest, so the applicants request is unreasonable and not consistent with the nighttime economy.

I would also object to the sale of outdoor late-night refreshments until 05.00, this has the probability of causing disturbance to the many residents living in the Brightwells Yard apartments.

Finally, if the applicant wishes to hold occasional special events with extended hours, then this should be done by applying for Temporary Event Notices.

Best regards

Peter Clark

Cllr Peter Clark
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Paul Hughes

From: Peter Clark
Sent: 30 June 2023 13:09
To: Paul Hughes
Cc: Licensing Policy
Subject: Re: Licensing Act 2003 - Application for a Premises licence - Reel Farnham

Good afternoon,

Please find my objections below.

Background to my objections

The Reel Cinema is to be in the heart of the new Brightwells Yard development. The development includes retail and restaurant units, but by far the largest space within the site is devoted to the seven apartment blocks, which contain 239 dwellings. The appartement blocks surround a small square to form Brightwells Yard and the Reel Cinema is located at the very heart of this development. The Cinema is a welcome addition not only to the development, but to the town of Farnham. However, we must be very mindful of the amenity that the hundreds of residents living in Brightwells Yard expect and deserve.

Sale of Alcohol

I object to the proposed sale of alcohol until 02.30 which is inconsistent with other licenced premises serving alcohol in the town, which are limited to 01.00. The increased consumption of alcohol could undermine the Borough's licencing objectives of preventing crime and disorder, ensuring public safety and prevention of public nuisance. If there are to be special occasions where extending the sale of alcohol beyond 01.00 would be deemed appropriate, then the applicant can apply for a Temporary Event Notice to allow this. The applicant will have the ability to apply for up to 25 of these Notices per annum, which would seem quite adequate.

Sale of Late-Night Refreshments

I object to the proposed sale of outdoor late-night refreshments until 05.00, and whilst there is no planning granted for outdoor seating, the takeaway aspect of food and drink being consumed in the public spaces within the Yard, could cause a public nuisance to the residents living in the 239 dwellings that surround the Cinema. I would request that Late Night Refreshments are to be consumed on the premises.

Best wishes