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REPRESENTATION FORM

Other Persons

Name/Company Name/ Name of Body you represent	[REDACTED]
Postal & email address	[REDACTED]
Telephone number	[REDACTED]

Name & Address of premises for which the representation is being made
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OBJECTION TO THE LICENCE APPLICATION REF: 20/02~~000~~ LPREM
The Hanfair Waterdine Community Trust
The Community Pavilion, Hanfair Waterdine, LD7 1TU

Your representation must relate to one of the following four Licensing Objectives. Please detail the evidence supporting your representation or the reason for your representation. Please use separate sheets if necessary.

THE PREVENTION OF HARM TO CHILDREN

TO PREVENT PUBLIC NUISANCE

Please see attached typed and printed sheet.
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TO PREVENT CRIME & DISORDER

Please see attached typed and printed sheet.
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Please see attached typed and printed sheet.
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Suggested conditions that could be added to the licence to remedy your representation or other suggestions you would like the Licensing Sub Committee to take into account. Please use separate sheets where necessary - refer to checklist.

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Generally if there is to be a hearing to determine the premises licence application, the sub-committee will only be able to consider matters that have been previously disclosed. No new evidence can be introduced at the hearing. It is therefore imperative that you detail all matters that you wish to be considered on this initial representation. Please attach additional sheets if necessary.

If you do make a representation you will be expected to attend the Licensing Sub Committee and any subsequent appeal process. All representations in their entirety, including your name and address, will be disclosed to the applicant for the premises licence and any other interested parties. If all parties agree, the application can be dealt with without holding a hearing.

Signed:



[Redacted Signature]

Date:

10/12/20

Please return this form along with any additional sheets to the address below:

Licensing Team
Shropshire Council
Shirehall
Abbey Foregate
Shrewsbury
SY2 6ND

This form must be returned within the statutory period, which is generally 28 days from the date the notice was displayed on the premises or the date specified in the newspaper advert.

For confirmation on this date please contact the Licensing Team on 0345 678 9026

Dated: 10/12/20

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**Objection to licensing application by Llanfair Waterdine Community Trust ref: 20/02595
LPREM**

Public Nuisance

There is a history of extremely intrusive noise pollution coming from events in the Pavilion field that have been arranged by the Llanfair Waterdine Community Trust Trustees.

I live next door but one to the Pavilion and field (both of which are clearly visible from my garden) and, even through brand new double glazing, I have heard very loud amplified music, DJs shouting to the crowd in attendance, and shouting and screaming from the crowd itself during the evening and into the early hours.

The noise pollution distressed me greatly, caused high levels of stress, anxiety and emotional upset, as well as rendering me unable to sleep. I fear that my longer term mental and emotional well-being are under threat with the thought of other such events taking place in the future.

During the event of the weekend of 25/26 May 2019 I tried to make a complaint about the noise to [REDACTED] via telephone – his being the only Trustee name I knew and there being no other point of contact regarding the event having been communicated. I called [REDACTED] a little time after midnight to complain and also to try and find out how long the disturbance would continue. His phone rang for a long time before switching to answer machine. [REDACTED] never returned my call.

Even prior to the event starting there was noise from the field as the immense marquee was set up, along with what I can only assume was the bar tent. The noise then continued throughout Sunday 26th May as the 'clear up' ensued. Music continued to be played at volume, there was shouting and the slamming of car doors for most of the day.

I was so disturbed by this continued assault on what I had expected to be a peaceful weekend that I emailed my neighbour to express my concern and to ask him if he knew what was going on, his property being immediately adjacent to the field. I am happy to provide a copy of this email if required.

The fact that [REDACTED] did not return my call, together with the complete lack of prior consultation or communication regarding the events organised to date, despite their obvious significant impact on the residents in the village (and beyond), demonstrates that the Trustees (or the Trust, however they should be addressed) simply have no regard whatsoever for those living near the field and Pavilion and do not care at all how we have been, or will be, affected.

I am also extremely concerned about the potential impact on the value of my property as a consequence of this licensing application and the inevitable problems it will cause if granted. I am not alone in having this very grave concern, nor am I alone in that concern's detrimental impact on my health and mental well-being.

To Prevent Crime & Disorder

Any activity involving groups of people, amplified music and alcohol taking place over long hours in a Pavilion and field so close to residential housing in an otherwise quiet village is wholly inappropriate. The risk of disorderly conduct and criminal activity would be significant.

I understand that class A drugs have been a serious issue in the locality in recent times, with Organised Crime Groups and local dealers operating nearby. What controls have been put in place by the Trustees to prevent the resurgence of such activity at their events?

With only 3 toilets in the Pavilion, and with the possibility of outdoor events exceeding 50 people, there is a significant risk of those people urinating and vomiting in the field or on the roadside, particularly during evening /late night events where the alcohol consumption levels are high, like the wedding parties held in the field last year.

There is an increased risk of littering in the village, along the lane and also in the field itself.

There is an increased risk of underage drinking. Who will control this?

There is no evidence to suggest that the Trustees have any experience of, or interest in, the proper management of this (alleged) community asset. I am a member of this community and have certainly experienced nothing but the opposite of a responsible, respectful and caring approach from them.

Public Safety

Llanfair Waterdine is a linear village with only one, single track lane leading to it (and the Pavilion and field) and through it from the main road, the B4355. The majority of residences are sited along this single track lane, as is the Pavilion.

There are several blind bends leading up to the Pavilion and into the village and there are no pedestrian footpaths along the lane. Residents of the village know to take great care on the lane when driving, especially on the blind bends, and they know to be very mindful of walkers / pedestrians.

The risk of injury to both local drivers and local walkers (out with their dogs or otherwise) from increased vehicular traffic is significant.

There is an increased risk of drink driving with such extensive licensing hours.

There is a danger of an excess of vehicles overflowing onto the single track village lane from the Pavilion's limited car park, potentially blocking access to and from the B4355.

Suggested Conditions and Other Suggestions

- The residents of Llanfair Waterdine agreed to a Pavilion building for 'indoor sports activities.....with a kitchen to enable food and drinks to be prepared for sporting groups...', as described by the Llanfair Waterdine Community Trust in the Llanfair Times of June 2018. No mention of a bar, no mention of deafening late night music nor raucous wedding parties. This made sense at the time, as the village already has an extremely well managed and well known, fully licensed venue – The Everest Hall.
- This application would appear to be an assault on the Everest Hall and those that run it so successfully, as well as on the village residents themselves. Llanfair Waterdine residents, and others further afield in the Parish, do not need, nor want, a second licenced venue when one already exists and is serving the community very well and I strongly urge that the licence application in its entirety be rejected.
- What is the true intended use of the Pavilion and its field? This is very unclear. It is certainly not for sport as was originally indicated by the Trustees. The field in which the Pavilion stands is too small for adult sports (football, rugby, hockey, cricket and so forth) therefore only children's sporting activities would seem appropriate, so why the need for an alcohol licence at all, let alone one with such extensive proposed hours?
- Why has the Trust applied for a licence extension to allow for late night refreshments for both consumption on and off the premises? In my experience this allows for the serving of alcohol way beyond the 00.30 limit. Why would this be a requirement for a village community pavilion, unless the intended use is something not yet clarified? Again, I strongly urge this be rejected.

- In my experience, the Trust have the attitude toward the residents in the village whereby the onus is on us to find out what's going on at the Pavilion and in the field, rather than them communicating their plans and intentions. It feels as though they are keeping us in the dark, even to the point of posting the licence application notification in a position not immediately visible to anyone in the village, hence the extension to the closing date for objection submissions. This, together with their complete lack of regard for residents near the field to date, has led me and others to mistrust them and their intentions altogether.
- However this application proceeds, the Trustees need to vastly improve their communication skills and their attitude and approach to the residents in the village. All are currently severely lacking.
- I would expect that the licence application be made in the name of the Trustees of the Llanfair Waterdine Community Trust, but I understand that it has actually been made in the name of the wife of one of the Trustees. Is this true and if it is, why would this be the case and is it appropriate?
- Comments made by the Shropshire Council Regulatory Services on 14/09/2017 in relation to the original planning application for the Pavilion noted that **'should the applicant wish to have a premises licence in the future they may wish to consider the noise insulating properties of the building materials, windows and doors'** . Have the Trust considered these things and if not, why not? My understanding is that they have not consulted on soundproofing at all and this is another indication of their disregard for the community they allege to be serving.
- I, along with other residents, fear the development of a wedding and/or social venue serving [REDACTED] business, rather than serving the local community.

I am totally against any form of licensing for the Pavilion and I strongly urge you to reject the application entirely.

I wholly support the very detailed objection lodged by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

10/12/20

