

Response by Staveley Town Council to the Objection to the Licensing of Staveley Hall

Licensing Committee representation with reference to Staveley Hall Under section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003

Set out below is the response from Staveley Town Council to the points raised in the objection to Staveley Hall receiving a licence. The Council hope that they can give the Licensing Committee comfort that responsible arrangements are to be put in place to ensure the rules and regulations are abided by and that neighbours and local stakeholders will not be adversely affected.

Public Access

Staveley Town Council have amended the plans to exclude the lane dividing properties identified on site and location plan as Glebe House and Hill Top owned by Mr Ellis and his neighbour.

This lane was only ever intended as an emergency egress route from the application site and not an area for sale and consumption or an area in which entertainment would ever take place.

No licensable activity would ever take place between these two properties. There would never be any obstruction by Staveley Town Council and only in exceptional circumstances used by emergency services as a potential escape route.

This lane is used by members of the public on foot daily and the two properties are separated from the application site by a farm gate.

Control of Sale of Alcohol

Robust management arrangements will be put in place and monitored for effectiveness.

The sale and consumption of alcohol would be well away from Mr Ellis' property and therefore would not expose his children to harm from strong language etc and remove his concerns.

The Stable Block Complex in its previous life was licensed premises and in a much closer proximity to Mr Ellis' property and his neighbour's and this previously had a licence granted which has now been given up.

No cans will be allowed in the grounds and likewise drink will be decanted into plastic glassware in connection with our risk assessment for each event. Litter on the site dropped by the general public walking from the church to the library is being addressed and it is envisaged that litter bins may be put in place by Staveley Town Council in the future.

Noise Issues

With reference to Mr Ellis' concern regarding noise under planning consent, the double skinned inflatable air hall was passed as an event structure by Chesterfield Borough Council's Planning Department, when the impact upon the neighbouring amenity was considered.

Staveley Town Council and the Designated Premises Supervisor take the concerns of all Staveley Hall's neighbours seriously.

No complaints of noise have ever been received by Staveley Hall or Staveley Town Council from Mr Ellis or his neighbour or indeed any other residents on Duke Street or Church Street during or after events at Staveley Hall.

Staveley Town Council and the Designated Premises Supervisor are committed to working with all the agencies concerned.

Many local residents have attended events at the Hall and welcome a venue which is well run and provides quality entertainment and facilities for community use.

The on-site managers at any event will monitor the noise levels and ensure that they are appropriate and do not extend beyond the agreed time limits.

Summary

The proposed licensing of Staveley Hall is fundamental to the Council's plans to further develop this treasured community facility. First class arrangements for health and safety and the application of responsible management will be crucial to ensuring that all events are carried out to the satisfaction of all stakeholders

Staveley Town Council needs to manage and maintain the grade 2 listed building as an asset for the community to use. Licensable activity will help provide valuable future funds to support this.

Staveley Town Council would request that the licence is granted in its current form with the amendment to the boundary as indicated on the plan (LIC01 revA).