

■ Lambleys Lane

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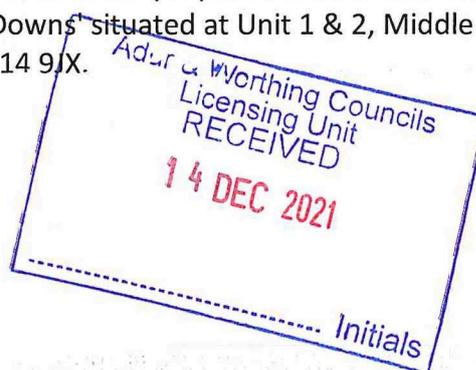
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Dear Sir/Madam

Under the Licensing Act 2003, I am writing to object to the application for a new premises licence at Spirit of the Downs to allow alcohol sales at a new proposed local artisan food and drinks store & cafe to be known as 'Spirit of the Downs' situated at Unit 1 & 2, Middle Yard Barn, Lambleys Lane, Sompting, West Sussex, BN14 9JX.

My objection is made on the grounds of:

1. Promotion of Public Safety
2. Protection of Children from harm
3. Prevention of Public Nuisance



1) Lambleys lane is a quiet single-track bridleway in the South Downs National Park, unlit, with no passing spaces and the 6 houses in the lane have hidden driveways/exits. Increased volume of traffic which would result from granting the licencing application would potentially dangerously increase the number of vehicles going up and down the lane at high speed. Even with the present traffic calming measures in place, vehicles and in particular delivery vehicles drive up and down the lane at dangerously high-speed causing several near misses to the general public and residents.

The only way of accessing Lambleys Lane is via the A27 (the section where vehicles drive at 70mph). If there are two or more vehicles queuing to exit Lambleys Lane onto the A27, you cannot turn into Lambleys Lane from the A27 in a safe manner as the lane is not wide enough to accommodate two vehicles side by side and there is no slip road to exit the A27 as per the Steyning Bostal road. I fear that increased traffic resulting from the licence would make the junction a death trap with many potentially serious accidents. Furthermore, pedestrian and cyclists crossing the lane along the A27 would be put at increased risk from cars entering the lane. If the licence is granted and an event held, there could be potentially additional 90 car journeys up and down the lane per day (not including deliveries, residents, stable users and café users) using the lane for 166 days a year at times when the A27 is exceptionally busy. This is based on the proposed licenced premises area, assuming 2 people per square meter and 2 people sharing a car.

There would be many more delivery vehicles entering A27 and turning into the Lane from the A27. Bear in mind the 70mph speed limit and a potential for dangerous and frequent collisions.

The Lane is often used by broken down vehicles awaiting rescue. These vehicles are usually parked at the entrance of the lane, preventing other vehicles turning into Lambleys Lane without swerving out of the way. This would almost certainly cause a dangerous accident if there are other vehicles/walker or cyclists using the lane at the same time.

2) The lane is used by farm traffic, cyclists, horse riders and many walkers and their families. This means that children are frequently walking up and down the lane with little supervision due to it being a quiet lane. Additional traffic that would result from the application being granted driving up and down would put the children and cyclist (who travel at speed down the hill) at risk of harm and a collision. The lane is narrow with not many spaces for the children to move away. There are tall hedges and poor visibility further putting children at risk. Delivery drivers would pose a particular risk as well as people tasting alcohol on the premises- some of them would inevitably be under the influence of alcohol.

3) Lambleys Lane is a purely residential area, there are young children in 4 out of 6 houses in the lane. There is a high risk of disturbances, noise, loud music and generally anti-social behaviour that unfortunately often accompanies premises with alcohol sales. The barn where events would potentially be held is open sided with no option of preventing noise and disturbing the residents situated around it. The times applied for are unreasonable- 6pm to 9pm 3 days a week, which means 166 days a year. Even if the alcohol sales stop at 9pm, that does not mean that the people would leave at 9pm. This is totally unacceptable for a residential, semi-rural location. It is particularly significant that these events would be mainly outdoor events, further increasing noise and disturbance.

Yours Faithfully,

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