

From: SG

Sent: Sunday, January 21, 2024 3:26 PM

To: licensing@sstaffs.gov.uk

Subject: Hockerhill Play Barn

I am writing to make a formal objection to the licensing application at Hockerhill play barn on Kiddemore Green Road, Brewood. The original development was to be a children's activity centre and not a bar, offering alcohol is encouraging people to drink and drive as there is very poor public transport for the area. Protecting children from harm is part of the licensing objective and by putting adults at the wheel of a car whilst transporting children after consuming alcohol goes against this, public safety and prevention of crime would also be compromised.

Should the license be granted it will not be long before extensions would be applied for to allow alcohol sales into the evenings and then for events to be held there which again will encourage drink driving, and anti social behaviour. Again I reiterate that the original application was for a children's venue and a children's venue does not require the sale of alcohol.

I hope you do not allow this licence to go ahead as it is moving away from the original intention of the premises.

Regards SG

From: IC

Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2024 2:22 PM

To: External Email for Licensing <Licensing@sstaffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Chillington Playbarn ST19 9BQ

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object to the granting of an alcohol license for the above premises, on the following grounds;

- 1) There are already seven businesses in Brewood serving alcohol .
- 2) The venue is supposed to be for children to play and I can't see how serving alcohol will enhance that experience for children.
- 3) Serving alcohol increases the likelihood of antisocial behaviour.
- 4) The granting of an alcohol license potentially means children will be inadequately supervised.
- 5) The availability of alcohol increases the possibility for driving under the influence.

I trust the above is will be of assistance when considering the judgement.

Yours faithfully

IC

I wish to make a formal representation of objection against the licensing application for **Chillington Play barn, Hockerhill Farm, Kiddemore Green Road, Brewood ST19 9 BQ.**

This representation is made in line with the mandatory licensing objectives that I believe will not be upheld should this application be approved. My information and views are based upon over 40 years' experience of being involved in the licensing industry and my grounds are as follows:

The development at Hockerhill Farm was applied for and granted on the basis of it being a child friendly development that sought to bring additional children's activities into the area. At no point, so long as I am aware, was the development aimed at adults and as such I make representation that the sale and consumption of alcohol is additional to the original planning and use application.

The sale and consumption of alcohol by adults at a venue that will mainly be reached by vehicular access, especially given the poor public transport service; will therefore go against the mandatory licensing objective for the **Protection of Children from Harm**. Consumption of alcohol and then driving is a common occurrence in and around this area and it is my experienced view that encouraging adults to consume alcohol when both in charge of and transporting children goes against this objective. Again, I reiterate that the premises is designed and operated with children in mind, therefore there is no requirement to furnish adults with alcohol when alternative non alcoholic refreshments and beverages should suffice.

Should this license be granted I believe that by doing so it will also go against the mandatory licensing objectives of **Public Safety** and the **Prevention of Crime and Disorder**. This is covered with the issue of driving whilst under the influence of alcohol. If you are taking children out for a few hours, and this development is aimed at the youngest ages, then there is no requirement to consume alcohol and commit offences against the Road Traffic Act 1988. The roads in and around the South Staffordshire area are well known to be in a poor state of repair with numerous pot holes on most roads and especially in and around Brewood. It is difficult enough avoiding hazards on the highway when driving sober, let alone promoting adults to do so once they have consumed alcohol.

This development is aimed at children and young families and was subject to many planning objections from local residents with one of the main grounds being **Public Safety** through the increased road traffic. Advertising the venue as a place where alcohol can be consumed does nothing to allay local feelings about how this premise will operate. Furthermore, should this application be granted it would only serve to encourage the operators to look at extending licensing hours by way of a premise licence variation, which in turn would further distance its premise use from that for which it is intended.

It is also noted that the South Staffordshire Licensing portal states that the application is for the sale of alcohol by retail. This does not clarify whether or not the sale is for consumption ON or OFF the premises, and this representation thus far has been for the sale and consumption ON premises. Should the application also include the sale and consumption of alcohol OFF the premises then please note that I may representation under the mandatory licensing objective of the **Prevention of Public Nuisance**.

Brewood already has a number of public houses and also two shops that are permitted to sell alcohol for consumption OFF the premises. By adding another premise to the list, it will encourage young people to attempt to purchase alcoholic beverages and consume them in the streets and therefore created Public Nuisance by creating litter and engaging in alcohol fuelled anti-social behaviour. Clearly this type of behaviour would also result in the other three mandatory licensing objectives not being upheld.

I hope that you take onboard this representation along with others that will no doubt be submitted and reject the application as it is not in line with what the premises use was applied and designed for.

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From: RT
Sent: Friday, February 2, 2024 4:21 PM
To: External Email for Licensing <Licensing@sstaffs.gov.uk>
Subject: Chillington Playbarn Brewood ST19 9BQ

Subject: Concerns Regarding Proposed Alcohol License at Hockerhill Playbarn Brewood

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is RT, and I am writing to express my reservations about the recent proposal to grant an alcohol license to Hockerhill Playbarn Brewood.

While I fully appreciate the diverse offerings of our community's businesses, I believe that the introduction of alcohol sales in a children's playbarn raises significant concerns. Firstly, the primary focus of such facilities is to provide a safe, healthy, and alcohol-free environment for children to play and learn. Introducing alcohol into this setting may not only detract from this wholesome atmosphere but also pose potential safety risks both within the venue and traveling home from it.

The presence of alcohol can inadvertently lead to situations where children's well-being might be compromised. Even with strict supervision, the likelihood of inadvertent access to alcohol by minors cannot be completely ruled out. Moreover, the impact of alcohol consumption on adult behavior could affect the overall environment of the playbarn, potentially leading to inappropriate situations in a child-centric space.

Furthermore, many parents and guardians choose these facilities precisely because they offer a child-friendly, alcohol-free environment. The introduction of alcohol could deter these individuals from utilizing the playbarn, thereby impacting its core mission of serving as a safe space for children.

I understand the economic factors at play and the desire to diversify offerings to attract a broader clientele. However, I believe this decision must be weighed against the primary purpose and values of the facility. I strongly urge a reconsideration of this proposal, keeping in mind the best interests of our young community members and their families.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns. I am available for further discussion.

Sincerely,

RT

From: GC
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 11:37 AM
To: External Email for Licensing <Licensing@sstaffs.gov.uk>
Subject: Chillington Playbarn ST199Bq

I wish to object to the granting of an alcohol licence for the above premises.

As a venue specifically for children, many of them quite young, I feel that the safeguarding of these children is at risk.

The venue should concentrate on the enjoyment and safety of all and I'm sure that they will have made provision for it. Therefore introducing alcohol decreases the ability of parents to supervise their children and may result in antisocial behaviour which would spoil the experience for others.

There are already seven licensed premises within one mile of the venue and it was indicated that the village of Brewood would benefit from this new venture.

There is no need for alcohol on these premises.

Thanking you for your attention

GC