

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Sent: 13 September 2022 10:13
Subject: RE: Comment on Market Place's Premises Licence Application

From:
Sent: 10 September 2022 18:30
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Comment on Market Place's Premises Licence Application

Dear sir, ma'am

I want to oppose the application of a license alteration to allow live entertainment at the Cave Hotel for the following reason.

I live in Boughton and music and late night fireworks are so loud they can disrupt my child's sleep and indeed my neighbours have commented on this too.

I have no problem with the sale of alcohol.

But the late night music is bad for public health and antisocial.

Therefore I respectfully request that the license does not allow provision of late night entertainment.

Kind regards

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Cave Hotel and Golf course , Brickfield lane, Boughton, ME13 9AJ

From:
Sent: 10 September 2022 20:58
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Cc:
Subject: Cave Hotel and Golf course , Brickfield lane, Boughton, ME13 9AJ

Re application for Licensing Act 2003

Hello

I wish to appeal against the decision to allow a change of licensing act. The noise level is already unacceptable on a Friday and Saturday night and we are finding it very hard to sleep. An extension of the times allowing music will be unbearable for us. We live at the end of the valley from the Golf course in South Street and the noise just zooms straight through the valley.

Our address is

ME13 9NB

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: The Cave, Boughton Golf Club, Noise Pollution

From:
Sent: 11 September 2022 16:34
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: The Cave, Boughton Golf Club, Noise Pollution

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Proposed later licensing at The Cave, Boughton Golf Club.

I have already complained today about the unacceptable noise levels coming from Boughton Golf Club last night. I was appalled to learn this morning that they are asking for a later license when they are already and absolute nuisance to the entire village of Boughton under Blean extending as far as Selling.

How they got a music license in the first place is beyond me and it should absolutely be revoked. It's a wretched place absolutely without any class. Do you really think in 2022 you should be allowed to put "sexy and sophisticated" on your dress code. "The Firepit at Cave is sophisticated and sexy, please dress accordingly".

I'm delighted if the oligarchs, footballers and local professional ladies have found somewhere to call home however, I have no wish to hear their goings on. It's really irritating at 11pm but push it any later and you'll have a riot on your hands. Everyone is FED UP. It is SO noisy here. Even when they do wedding speeches during the day. I was walking my dogs last year with my two children only to be greeted with the snippets of a drunken wedding speech alluding lashings of oral sex in the back of a car.... try explaining that to your children on a dog walk!

I beg you not to consider any further licensing requests from this establishment. Any air B&B providers who rely on a summer weekend income will struggle, the wildlife is damaged by the hideous and perpetual evening thud of soulless "music", children simply don't sleep as the whole house seems to shake (I think the amount of bass being pumped out needs investigating) and all we are doing is attracting a really unpleasant crowd who simply want to drink, show off, and get into fights - let them go and do this in town not in what was once a peaceful charming corner of Kent.

Wishing you all the best,

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Comment on Market Place's Premises Licence Application

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: 11 September 2022 20:10
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Comment on Market Place's Premises Licence Application

Cave hotel

While I agree that the hotel brings in jobs to the local area this is outweighed by the noise. I live further into Boughton and late at night we can hear the music . I dread to think how loud it is for properties closer. Maybe for once respect the wishes of the community who do not want to have to forcibly listen to music until one in the morning every weekend.

Sent from my iPhone

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Comment on Market Place's Premises Licence Application - the cave hotel

From:
Sent: 12 September 2022 04:16
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Comment on Market Place's Premises Licence Application - the cave hotel

To who it may concern,

Allowing the cave to create noise even later than currently would be hugely detrimental to all the surrounding residential houses. I live 0.7 miles away and the noise is still extremely loud. Add into that fireworks that disturb the children and animals, for instance today they were due to let off fireworks at 9pm that actually occurred at 10pm which woke up my children.

This is a rural area and the sound travels far, disturbing a great swathe of people. For those living next to the cave property it is unbearable. Many are elderly and are hindered from sleeping when the cave have events on even now - this will be worse if they are allowed to extend the timings.

They should not be allowed permission to create noise late at night.

All the best

Licensing Act 2003

REPRESENTATION FORM FROM OTHER PERSONS

This representation is made by other persons of the premises to be licenced as detailed below:

Your name	
Organisation name OR Name of body you represent	
Postal Address	ME13 9AA
Email address	
Daytime contact number	

Name of premises you are making a representation about	The Cave Hotel and Golf Resort
Address of premises you are making a representation about	Brickfield Lane, Boughton Under Blean, ME13 9AJ

Your representation must relate to one of the four licensing objectives (see note 4)



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		<p>music and it is intrusive but not to the previous level – only on some nights and it usually gets turned off or down at 11pm (this Friday it was bad again!) However, My understandable fear is that an extended licence will be once again be abused by the Hotel and the music will be unacceptably loud and last into the early hours.</p> <p>We have lived here for 30 years, and before the golf club was taken over by The Cave, we had no problems at all.</p>
Protection of children from harm		

SIGNED:

DATED: 12/09/2022

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Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Comment on Market Place's Premises Licence Application

From:
Sent: 12 September 2022 13:53
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Comment on Market Place's Premises Licence Application

I would like to object to the application from The Cave Hotel Boughton under Blean to extend licensing hours for loud music from 23:00 on to 01:00 on 7 days per week. We live approximately half a mile from The Cave but the heavy beat music can be clearly heard on Fridays and Saturdays inside our house up until 23:00. We are certainly not alone in objecting to this and to be fearful of an extension. The application only came to our notice at the weekend so there has not been sufficient warning of the issue. I would add that on September 9th (the day after the sad death of Queen Elizabeth) the loud music was playing as usual on a Friday. On Sunday 11th we were treated to a firework display. The management of The Cave have previously shown their disregard for responsible behaviour by wasting gas on unwanted outdoor flame units during summer.

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Licensing application - Cave Golf Hotel

From: Sent: 12 September 2022 20:11
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Licensing application - Cave Golf Hotel

Hello,

I am writing with regards to an application that I believe has been made by the Cave Golf Resort and Hotel to amend their licensing conditions.

My understanding is that the application has been made for the Cave to amend their entertainment hours and the hours in which they can serve alcohol.

I have no issue with the selling of alcohol until 1am.

I do have an issue with providing amplified music and similar entertainment until 1am both at weekends and weekdays.

I live on Poplar View, Boughton under Blean, ME13 9AF. No doubt part of the application by the Cave suggests that they are far enough from the village for their entertainment to make little impact. This is, however, not the case. We regularly hear the music from the Cave late into the evening, sometimes until midnight, and it is disruptive for us, despite living what appears to be a good distance from the venue.

We live quite close to the A2, and as a result have very good sound insulation in order to block the noise from this. It is effective against the traffic noise, however we can still hear the music from the Cave late into the night from within our house, even with all our doors and windows shut. Needless to say in the hotter, summer months we should be allowed to sleep with the windows open, but this means the noise is substantially worse.

Whilst it is a tolerable inconvenience at present, it is only so because it usually stops around 11pm (on some days though it goes on until midnight and this is very disruptive for our household). Having this extend to 1am any day of the week would be unbearable. My boyfriend and I are hard working local residents and to be kept awake until 1am would be unfair to us and is unnecessary for the Cave's business, who appear to be doing well, to the extent that they have also submitted an application to extend their premises.

We, and many of our neighbours, also work weekends and bank holidays, not to mention do not wish to be kept awake until 1am regardless of our working schedules. I do not consider it would be an acceptable compromise for Cave to be allowed these changes to the restrictions only during bank holidays and weekends either.

It is considerate, but simply not enough, for Staff to send a letter round to local residents to advise that noise is to be expected, as they currently do with fireworks. This doesn't reduce the impact that the noise has on the household, only advises us to expect it. All that advance warning gives us is time to vacate our homes for the night - should we really be expected to do this? What's more, the letters are inaccurate. Our latest letter advised us that fireworks last night (11th) would be at 2100 hours when they were actually held at 2200 hours, when we were trying to sleep. The lack of respect for simple facts such as this indicates to me that Cave should perhaps not be trusted with further de restrictions.

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: The Cave Hotel

From:
Sent: 12 September 2022 20:38
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: The Cave Hotel

Dear Sirs

I read with interest the application from the Cave Hotel to extend their licence.

In my opinion there is no good reason to allow EXTERNAL music and film late at night. Normal establishments offer indoor entertainment.

The sound travels far, especially on a still night and in the countryside. Local villages do not need such disturbances and the impact on wildlife should not be overlooked.

This establishment is a golf course. Golf is played in the daytime.

Yours faithfully

ME139RT

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Cave Hotel and Resort Boughton-Under-Blean

From:
Sent: 12 September 2022 20:39
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Cave Hotel and Resort Boughton-Under-Blean

Dear Sir/Madam,

In response to the desire of the Cave to play live or recorded music outside of the hours established via the Live Music Act and the Deregulation Act 2015 of 8am - 11pm. The area within close proximity to the Cave Resort comprises residential property from which live music can be heard booming. This is of particular inconvenience during summer months when windows are open to allow for cool air to circulate so residents can sleep more comfortably. This scenario was clearly highlighted during the recent heatwave, during which, residents felt sleep deprived and had to opt for their favourite form of sleep torture due the music protruding from the Cave on a regular basis.

The only potential solution to this would be the provision of A.C to residents to whom this has an impact. However, this is unlikely to be a sustainable solution due to the electricity and maintenance costs which would have to be borne by the Cave under an ongoing and contractual obligation. This solution would also fail to take into account the impact on wildlife and pets for which there is no recourse to loud noise late at night.

The next highlighted point is the request to be allowed live dance performances between the hours of 11pm and 1am. I have no objections to dance performances at the cave where it is either not accompanied by music or accompanied by an acoustic performance which will fail to reach a noise level that will cause nuisance in the area. There are obvious restrictions which would need to be placed with reference to a maximum decibel reading at the source of the music.

For the third point I would highlight my above concerns and emphasise the fact that irrespective of whether the potential nuisance noise is coming from a sand bunker on the far corner of the furthest hole or from inside the bar, noise is noise. This will cause a nuisance if restrictions aren't enforced to limit potential output hours and volume at source.

The final three points all pertain for provision to sell alcohol. I have no problems with alcohol being sold on the premises 24/7 if people are being respectful and noise doesn't become an issue as a result.

The final point I wish to raise is in regards to fireworks displays and current noise coming from the Cave. There is, on a regular basis, music which can be heard coming from the venue long after the cut-off time currently imposed. In addition to this, despite clear efforts which are being made by the Cave to inform local residents of upcoming firework displays, they serve little to no benefit if the advertised display at 9pm in-fact starts at 10pm. The effort to keep residents informed is appreciated, albeit inaccurate.

As residents, how can we possibly comprehend allowing a local business to increase an already prevalent noise nuisance when the current rules by which they should abide are so clearly being flaunted with a complete disregard for residents.

Kind Regards,

ME13 9AF

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Comment on Market Place's Premises Licence Application - Cave Hotel and Resort

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: 12 September 2022 21:34
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Comment on Market Place's Premises Licence Application - Cave Hotel and Resort

Dear Sir/Madam

As a local resident and also a customer of the Cave Hotel and Resort (both golf course and their excellent restaurants, which I am happy to support) I write with some serious concerns with regards to their application and ask for it to be denied.

Given the generally quiet, tranquil nature of our area and countryside, sound travels much easier than most or than in an urban area. At a live music even at Mt Ephraim Gardens last year the exact words being sung by a band could still be heard past 11pm in a Sunday from Miles away and the Cave Hotel is considerably closer. This caused my child to wake at least 3 times. I therefore have great concern that by permitting similar allowances to the Cave, which is much nearer to many more homes, there would undoubtedly be a regular, persistent, sustained negative impact on the local area, wildlife and the wellbeing of residents.

The fact is that any late, elevated noise would pierce through the surrounding area for many more miles than you imagine causing disruption, complaints and anti social behaviour.

I dare say that the granting of such a licence would be counterproductive, creating a significant negative view of the hotel/golf club in local residents' eyes which is likely to be negative for a business which needs local support (and which supported it during covid). At the moment they have my support and my money from custom but this, like many other locals, could soon disappear.

The council would be making a grave, short-sighted mistake in granting this licence which would create negative feeling towards the council and The Cave in the local area as well as more work for the council to deal with the subsequent disruption, issues and complaints. Please heed my concerns and deny it.

Please acknowledge this email and inform me of the decision process and decision.

Kind regards

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: The Cave - Boughton Under Blean

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: 13 September 2022 08:45
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: The Cave - Boughton Under Blean

Dear Sirs,

This is a rural , farming area.

It would be completely wrong for the Cave Golf resort to become a huge, noisy, entertainment hub here. Music playing, "external film showing ", dance shows (pole dancing?) until early morning every day of the week, Monday am included!

This is an absolutely horrific idea.

The Cave have already tried to stop the local golf club members from playing there, as they have had a right to do since the beginning of the club.

Apart from my own worry about the idea - my bedroom windows face the Cave - the whole village would suffer.

Please, please vote against this idea for the sake of our local community.

Thank you,

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Comment on Premises Licence Application Cave Hotel and Golf resort

From:
Sent: 13 September 2022 11:05
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Comment on Premises Licence Application Cave Hotel and Golf resort

Dear Sir,

I wish to object to the Premises Licence: Cave Hotel and Golf Resort at Brickfield Lane, Boughton under Blean. ME13 9AJ

At the moment the music played on Friday and Saturday evenings is loud and throbbing, pulsating through my house and being able to be heard over a significantly wide area of Boughton and Selling. The noise is amplified by the position of the source within the landscape, as it is positioned rather like the stage of an amphitheater. Being in a marquee it affords little, if nothing, to the insulation and spread of the noise from polluting the larger area. It is a rural area and this noise together with the fireworks, disturbs and unsettles the many domestic animals to say nothing about the wildlife. The only saving grace is that it finishes at 23:00.

If the extension is granted it would cause major, continued and extended disturbance to the many homes in the area. Stipulating inside is meaningless as that would include marquees on the site. They are asking for this during unsociable hours. It is impossible to sleep while the music is playing at the moment, it will make it even worse. It will be causing noise pollution in a rural area. This was supposed to be a golf course and hotel, not a music and entertainment centre!

ME13 9NB

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Premises Licence: Cave Hotel and Golf Resort - Objection

From:
Sent: 13 September 2022 11:07
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Premises Licence: Cave Hotel and Golf Resort - Objection

ME13 9NB

Dear Sirs,

I am writing with regard to the application made by the Cave Hotel and Golf Resort for an extension in the current licence and am strongly opposed to this change. The noise from the music at the Cave Hotel currently interrupts and impacts the lives of those who live in a large surrounding area. I live half a mile away and the sound of music from the Cave Hotel is a regular and unpleasant inroad into my life and that of my family. Please, please do not allow the further encroachment. The current situation is distressing and I would hope that the council will protect Swale residents from further pain. One wants local businesses to prosper, but I am sure this is possible without increasing further the sound that poisons the air in Boughton. The practice of using a marquee allows the sound that might otherwise be contained within the building to escape and invade the lives of so many innocent people!

Yours faithfully,

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Comment on Market Place's Premises Licence Application

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: 12 September 2022 21:01
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Comment on Market Place's Premises Licence Application

Dear Swale,

I am writing to you in regards to the licence application for the Cave Hotel in Brickfield Lane, Boughton. Myself and my husband are residents at Poplar View just a stones throw away from The Cave and we disapprove of this license being granted. I have listed the reasons for this below;

- Although The Cave is a lovely and new venue, the noise pollution it causes is less desirable - particularly in the evening into the late hours. We can hear and even feel the base of the music from our house. Not only does this disturb us, and other residents in the community, but it also upsets and causes distress to many resident dogs at Poplar View.
- Since The Cave hosted events in their marque, it is evidently clear that certain artists or whoever's responsible for monitoring the sound does not check this accordingly. We have heard the sound on multiple occasions get louder and louder. Complaints have been made to the hotel due to this increase but we've been given the excuse "it's nearly finished", therefore due to this poor attitude and lack of respect for the residents near by, I feel extending their license to 1am Monday-Sunday would fuel their disrespect further. We should not have to endure this longer than we already do, especially as they haven't got their sound limit correct with their current license.
- The Cave is within two minutes reach of Poplar View and on a few occasions we have come across loud party goers/groups of people who've come from a function within The Cave either loitering or walking around the Poplar View area. There are a few residents here who're vulnerable and due to the behaviours of a few from The Cave, I feel extending the license to later hours will increase the feeling of unease of some residents and potentially anger others. Not to mention, there are young families who reside here at Poplar View. We deserve to feel safe, relaxed and undisturbed in our homes.
- As a resident living close by, putting up with the noise pollution and terribly loud fire work displays already, I must ask to please not allow this license to go ahead. It is already disturbing to residents, it doesn't serve within the best interests of the community who were settled here beforehand and it certainly doesn't make us feel safe when we can hear party goers loitering through our residential area.

I hope you acknowledge and carefully consider the points I have made above in your decision, which I hope is within the best interests to the communities living very close by.

Kind regards,

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Licensing Application Cave Hotel and Golf Resort.

From:
Sent: 13 September 2022 11:22
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Licensing Application Cave Hotel and Golf Resort.

RE : Licensing Application Cave Hotel and Golf Resort.

Firstly, this application should be put on hold until the Notice has been widely distributed to ensure all residents affected by this are aware of the application.

I only heard at this 11th hour, by word of mouth

I live in South Street, Boughton and always receive notice of Planning Applications concerning the Cave Hotel and Golf Course, I did NOT received notice for this Licensing Application.

History, Boughton Golf Course was initially granted Planning for a PAY and PAY Course, as with all applications, the fear at the time, was what would follow. Now it is The Cave Hotel and Golf Resort.

Currently there are regular Weddings, Parties and Discs, mostly at weekend, with very loud music travelling across the valley, reaching South Street and the Boughton Church Area. Many of these social functions are in a marquee with no noise buffer.

If this License is granted it will allow the Golf Resort to become a seven day a week VENUE, which surely should be a separate Planning Application ?

If Granted, without wider Consultation, it will cause further nuisance and distress to residents, with the possibility of 7 day noise pollution to a rural area.

Regards

ME13 9NA

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Cave hotel

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: 13 September 2022 12:14
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Cave hotel

Dear Swale

I understand that the Cave Hotel in Boughton-under-Blean is applying for a license to play music from 11.00pm to 1.00am seven days a week. I wish to oppose this application. I live in Boughton Street and am frequently kept awake by music from this venue which at present does generally stop at 11.00 pm I have no wish to be kept awake until 1.00 am.

Yours

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Boughton u Blean

From:
Sent: 13 September 2022 15:24
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Boughton u Blean

To whom it may concern,

Re: The Cave, Boughton Golf course wants to extend its music license Mon - Sun 11 - 1am.

Absolutely not !

It's already incredibly annoying and loud.

Has care in the community become a thing of the past now ?
Hasn't the Environment Agency set a limit at 11.00 pm for loud music etc... ?

Will the few individuals that would attend, be scarred for life if they can't continue after 11 pm ? Of course not.

So please do the decent thing and reject this license extension. The electorate will thank you for it.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: License Application from The Cave, Boughton golf club

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: 13 September 2022 15:57
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: License Application from The Cave, Boughton golf club

To whom it may concern:

I understand The Cave at Boughton golf club have applied for a license to allow music Mon-Sunday from 11pm until 1am.

We have suffered many noisy, sleepless evenings, particularly Fridays and Saturdays, up to 11pm. I would be horrified if this application was allowed. There are many people affected by the noise from the music and sometimes fireworks.

I would be very grateful if this application was refused.

Yours faithfully

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Comment on Market Place's Premises Licence Application

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: 13 September 2022 17:00
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Comment on Market Place's Premises Licence Application

I myself live at poplar view boughton and for me it will be to loud and very late for this to be aloud, so i am very much against it to happen

Thank you

Licensing Act 2003

REPRESENTATION FORM FROM OTHER PERSONS

This representation is made by other persons of the premises to be licenced as detailed below:

Your name	
Organisation name OR Name of body you represent	(Many private homes in the vicinity of The Cave Hotel and Boughton Golf Course)
Postal Address	
Email address	
Daytime contact number	

Name of premises you are making a representation about	The Cave Hotel, Boughton
Address of premises you are making a representation about	Brickfield Lane, Boughton under Blean, Kent, ME13 9AJ

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5. Please return this form, when completed, to:

Licensing Section
Swale House
East Street
Sittingbourne
Kent
ME10 3HT

Or by Email to: licensing@swale.gov.uk



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Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Comment on Market Place's Premises Licence Application

From:
Sent: 13 September 2022 17:58
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Comment on Market Place's Premises Licence Application

The Cave Hotel and Restaurant Boughton Golf Course

The premises is some distance from The Street, Boughton under Blean ,yet we are still impacted by the noise made by this establishment, and the traffic.

Sound (music/ fireworks) is loud and can be heard clearly by residents here in the village.

If the establishment wants to have outside wedding/ party marquees, I am very worried about increased noise pollution.

I do not think they should be permitted to do outdoor events including marquees in the evening, due to increased noise pollution.

The establishments clientele also increase traffic through Boughton, we is a village and this needs to be considered if they are wanting to increase events/ membership.

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Objection. Reference Cave Hotel - Boughton-under-Blean

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: 13 September 2022 20:17
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection. Reference Cave Hotel - Boughton-under-Blean

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to register my objection to the extension of the licensing application from the Cave Hotel, Boughton-under-Blean. There is already significant, regular and anti-social noise at unacceptable levels from the hotel and an extension of the licensing until 1 am will only make matters from bad to worse for local residents as well the regular disturbance of wildlife and livestock from the loud music and fireworks which again will be even worse.

I would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this email

Many thanks

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Comment on Premises Licence: Cave Hotel and Golf Resort

From:
Sent: 13 September 2022 20:50
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Comment on Premises Licence: Cave Hotel and Golf Resort

To whom it may concern

I object to the changes to the Premises Licence for the Cave Hotel and Golf Resort for the following reasons:

- provide live and recorded music after the time that is permitted as part of the Live Music Act 2012 and the Deregulation Act 2015 and Monday to Sunday between 11pm and 1am
- provide dance performances, Monday to Sunday between 11pm and 1am
- provide anything of a similar description to live music, recorded music or dance performances indoors, Monday to Sunday between 10am and 1am
- This leads to the potential for excessive noise throughout the week and not just at the weekends when it is more acceptable. Live and recorded music at the Cave is often delivered from the outside marquee which has inadequate soundproofing in order to contain the noise. Excessive noise is regularly heard late at night under the current licence and would only get more frequent and later under this proposed licence.
- I do not object to the changes to the serving hours of alcohol as this is not a particular issue for people in the surrounding area as much as the excessive noise from live and recorded music.

Kind Regards

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Comment on Market Place's Premises Licence Application

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: 13 September 2022 21:06
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Comment on Market Place's Premises Licence Application

Hello,

I would like to formally object to this proposal. My address is ME139BH.

I object to this proposal because I think it will cause excess noise in a quiet village location far to late into the night (well, the early morning) and to extend its licensing hours in regards to the sale of alcohol will also cause a problem with noise (drunken people shouting) not to mention a potential increase in crime. It is not an area that's easily accessed during the hours proposed so I think the potential for drink driving and the risks that poses will also increase. I strongly believe that this is an improper proposal for the area and i object to it being granted.

Many thanks,

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: The cave

From:
Sent: 13 September 2022 21:18
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: The cave

I object to the new application re the cave Hotel extending their licence
Sent from the all-new AOL app for Android

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Comment on Market Place's/Cave premises Licence Application

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: 13 September 2022 22:01
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Comment on Market Place's/Cave premises Licence Application

Hello,

I wish to comment on the Cave hotel license request. I object to music being allowed until 1am 7 days a week. The location of the cave is a rural area, and the music can be heard for miles around creating disturbance for residents of Boughton and also a detrimental affect on the surrounding wildlife. A compromise could be on Friday and Saturdays only.

The current use of fireworks from the venue is excessive and incredibly distressing to the wider area. Every weekend children are woken by the late night displays at 10pm at night. Further the site has many fields surrounding it with horses and livestock - as you would expect for a rural location. The site is also close to the A2 and the excessive late displays do risk distracting drivers leading to accidents.

The application request for Outdoor screens or outdoor music should not be allowed due to the site location and detrimental affect on residents. The light shows can be seen from miles around, impacting all our quality of life.

Saying this music should be allowed indoors on limited days, and for reduce times than requested. The serving of alcohol till later should not be an issue due to the rural location of the site not leading public nuisance.

Thanks,

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Comment on Market Place's Premises Licence Application

From: evemilburn <evemilburn@btinternet.com>
Sent: 13 September 2022 22:04
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Comment on Market Place's Premises Licence Application

To whom it may concern,

We strongly object to the proposed change of license application at the Cave Hotel, Brickfield Lane, Boughton. Loud music until 1 a.m. is most unreasonable.

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: Cave Hotel & Golf Resort, Brickfield Lane, Boughton, Faversham ME13 9AJ

From:
Sent: 13 September 2022 22:41
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Comment on Market Place's Premises Licence Application

To Swale Council

We, the signatories of this email, do not consider the proposals in the application made by Cave Hotels Ltd, for their Boughton site, to be appropriate for the locality of the site. Boughton is a small country town, already blighted by being surrounded by two major roads and additional noise and traffic would be detrimental to the residents who live and have businesses there. Cave Hotels Ltd presumably knew this area to be the semi-rural area that it is before they invested in this property and we believe that they should respect this status quo.

Yours faithfully

ME13 9PG

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Comment on Market Place's Premises Licence Application

From:
Sent: 13 September 2022 22:44
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Comment on Market Place's Premises Licence Application

I would like to object to the lifting of license restrictions for the cave Hotel allowing music 7 nights till 1 am. This is a rural residential area. Music and fireworks are heard through out the village. Fireworks at 10am on a Sunday night wake small children from their sleep on school nights. Music in a marquee is not a suitable venue and allows the sound to travel. This stops residents sleeping. This would be intolerable till 1am 7 nights a week. The cave is becoming a public nuisance. People living next to a golf course now live next to a nightclub. They need to invest in a permanent insulated structure for their events. Not the marquee and restrictions should remain to protect the quality of life of local village restrictions

Kind regards

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Comment on Market Place's Premises Licence Application

From:
Sent: 13 September 2022 23:08
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Comment on Market Place's Premises Licence Application

I live in Selling which is over one mile away from the Golf Club, and two Saturdays in a row the very loud music was keeping me awake in the small hours, at first I thought it was a party in Selling, it was so loud the music or an illegal Event close by, I guess wind direction can cause music to become extremely loud and without sounding like a party pooper this is not something I would like to tolerate on a weekly basis, if the late license went ahead - they should compromise with the locals and not expect local residents to put up with loud music 5 or 6 days each week.

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Comment on Premises Licence for Cave hotel

From:
Sent: 13 September 2022 23:32
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Comment on Premises Licence for Cave hotel

To whom it may concern

With regards to the application to changing the current licence.

I do not object to the following:

- provide late night refreshment, Monday to Sunday between 11pm and 2am
- sell alcohol to hotel residents, Monday to Sunday 24 hours a day as permitted for hotel residents and their guests
- sell alcohol to customers, Monday to Sunday 10am to 1am

I DO OBJECT the following .

- provide live and recorded music after the time that is permitted as part of the Live Music Act 2012 and the Deregulation Act 2015 and Monday to Sunday between 11pm and 1am
- provide dance performances, Monday to Sunday between 11pm and 1am
- provide anything of a similar description to live music, recorded music or dance performances indoors, Monday to Sunday between 10am and 1am

Music can be heard in my garden and inside my home when windows are shut and open as it is often played in a marquee outside. It is impossible to soundproof a marquee.

Monday through to Sunday is not allowing anyone living in the area any respite and will cause residents extreme anxiety , tiredness, and poor mental health within their own homes.

Pubs must consider residents so why should the cave be different?

If they want loud music, performances etc they should have this inside a building that can be sound proofed.

People in Selling have been complaining of hearing music .

I attended a party at a village hall in Ashford at the weekend. This village hall had a noise monitor fitted. This was registering the noise levels & if it reached the limit, electricity would automatically be switched off.

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: Cave Hotel & Golf Resort, Brickfield Lane, Boughton, Faversham ME13 9AJ

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: 14 September 2022 07:23
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Comment on Market Place's Premises Licence Application

To who it may concern,
I strongly oppose this new proposal. The current level of noise and nuisance is already a cause for great disturbance.

Thank you.

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Cave Hotel & Golf Resort - Boughton

From:
Sent: 14 September 2022 08:40
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Cave Hotel & Golf Resort - Boughton

Dear Sirs

I am writing on behalf of my neighbour. The fact that I am writing on behalf of a neighbour indicates why we write with strong objections to the increased licensable activities of the Cave Hotel & Golf Resort. She has no internet and therefore no ability to e mail yourselves; I am happy to do this on her behalf.

We have chosen to live in the countryside and whilst you may receive only a few objections (given the low numbers in the area) the strength of feeling we hope to demonstrate is because of the anti-social and disruptive nature of the activities planned at the Cave Hotel & Golf Resort. We are already subjected to a number of nights each week of a dull thud or base line noise and on hot still nights the more piercing disturbance of the song words. The countryside provides us with the tranquillity we hope for and expect; by allowing music until 1am and 'late night refreshment' until 2am can only work towards shattering this.

We of course understand the need for business to flourish but I wish to strongly object to the application for these licensable activities until such a late hour.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Cave Hotel & Golf Resort

From:
Sent: 14 September 2022 08:46
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Cave Hotel & Golf Resort

Dear Sirs

I am writing with strong objection to the increased licensable activities of the Cave Hotel & Golf Resort.

We have chosen to live in the countryside and whilst you may receive only a few objections (given the low numbers in the area) the strength of feeling I hope to demonstrate is because of the anti-social and disruptive nature of the activities planned at the Cave Hotel & Golf Resort. We are already subjected to a number of nights each week of a dull thud or base line noise and on hot still nights the more piercing disturbance of the song words. The countryside provides us with the tranquillity we hope for and expect; by allowing music until 1am and 'late night refreshment' until 2am can only work towards shattering this.

I understand the need for business to flourish but I wish to strongly object to the application for these licensable activities until such a late hour. The success of any business is surely not down to providing such entertainment until 1 and 2am; 11pm is still disturbing to us but seems to make sense.

Yours faithfully,

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Premises Licence: Cave Hotel and Golf Resort

From: >
Sent: 14 September 2022 09:08
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Premises Licence: Cave Hotel and Golf Resort

Hello,

I would like to add my comments to the application as outlined here:

<https://swale.gov.uk/news-and-your-council/consultations/premises-licence-cave-hotel-and-golf-resort>

I have a few concerns about the impact of changing the current licensing and object to the plans as they are.

I would also like to add that I do enjoy The Cave and am a customer but as a neighbour, I need to give you my opinions because if this is granted, then it could significantly affect our quiet and peaceful rural lifestyle – along with many others’.

I am objecting under three of the four licensing objections:

Public nuisance
Crime prevention
Public safety

PUBLIC NUISANCE

1: The application states:

If the licence is approved, they will be able to show films in hotel rooms, Monday to Friday all day and between 10am and 1am on an external screen.

There is no detail about the size or position of the external screen, nor how loud the accompanying speakers will be.

Is there also a level of light pollution that needs to be considered in such a rural location?

2:

It also states:

‘provide live and recorded music after the time that is permitted as part of the Live Music Act 2012 and the Deregulation Act 2015 and Monday to Sunday between 11pm and 1am.’

From reading the Live Music Act briefly, I can see that an order under section 172 would need to be granted per event to allow music past 11pm.

on animals. Families do not want children woken up or have trouble getting them to sleep with fireworks going off.

Best wishes,

ME13 9NN

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: The Cave Boughton under Blean

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: 14 September 2022 09:09
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: The Cave Boughton under Blean

To whom it may concern.

I understand the 'The Cave' in Boughton under Blean has applied for an extension to there music licence and I would like to object. Boughton is situated between two major noisy roads and more loud noise from the Cave will be intolerable. I especially feel for young families trying to get there children settled in the evenings, whilst being disturbed by loud music going on until 1am.

Your sincerely,

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Comment on Cave Hotel & Golf Resort Premises Licence Application

From:
Sent: 14 September 2022 10:03
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Comment on Cave Hotel & Golf Resort Premises Licence Application

I would like to voice some concerns over the application above.

We love going to and enjoying the atmosphere of the cave hotel ourselves, however as a family who live in the village what really doesn't work with this venue is the fact the music is played outside on their terrace, and/or in their Marque. Neither of these locations provide any barrier to the music emanating across the local countryside and across our village. I live towards the upper end of Boughton under Blean, off Bounds Lane and we can regularly clearly hear the music coming from the Cave Hotel which they are allowed to do under their current licensing.

We are a musical family, however find it unacceptable to have our evenings disrupted until late with the sound of music, especially the thumping base. If the Cave want to be able to play live or recorded music, and almost run the place like a night club, then it needs to do this from within a sound proofed building and not from their terrace or marque.

We really should not have to put up with this loud music all the time as it is very unfair on the villagers. Any additional licence grant can only be on the premise that they construct suitable permanent and sound proofed facilities, and they should not be allowed to play live or recorded music above a certain limit on the terrace after 10 pm. We did not move to the village to have a night club thrust upon us. I know the Cave now sees lots of custom, which is great for them, but respect to the neighbours must now also be given. Quite honestly, the current situation is bad enough for local villagers, so please do not make it any worse.

ME13 9AR

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: The Cave, Faversham for extended music.

From:
Sent: 14 September 2022 10:50
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: The Cave, Faversham for extended music.

Dear Team,

I would like to site my Objection to the extended hours of " The Cave's" music licence as it is not easy to sleep on the nights (weekends) that they are playing. The boom is horrible until the early hours. We live in Selling not far at all as the crow flies. I would be very upset if this is put through as I'm sure many others would be.

I would be keen to hear what happens from here, thank you.

Kind Regards

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Extended licence. No thanks the continual thumping of music and the fireworks , we have to have our own facilities up full blast or turned off. Why should we suffer.

From:
Sent: 14 September 2022 12:15
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Extended licence. No thanks the continual thumping of music and the fireworks , we have to have our own facilities up full blast or turned off. Why should we suffer.

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
To: Tim Valentine (Cllr)
Subject: RE: Cave Hotel & Golf Resort, Brickfield Lane, Boughton, Faversham, Kent ME13 9AJ

From: Tim Valentine (Cllr) <TimValentine@Swale.gov.uk>
Sent: 13 September 2022 18:06
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Cc:
Subject: RE: Cave Hotel & Golf Resort, Brickfield Lane, Boughton, Faversham, Kent ME13 9AJ

In view of the history of complaints of noise from the site in question, I wish to object to the licence applied for on the grounds that the playing of music outside has a long history of causing a public nuisance.

I would have no objection if the playing of music, live or recorded, or films or any other amplified sound outside should cease by 11pm.

There is a record of noise nuisance from the site held by SBC. I understand that Clare Lyden was the officer who investigated the complaints. Despite the intervention by SBC performance of music can still be heard inside the homes of neighbours. It is reasonable that this should stop by 11pm.

Kind regards,

Tim Valentine | Councillor | Swale Borough Council
Member for Boughton & Courtenay
Vice-Chair of the Environment Committee
Leader of the Green Group

My messages may arrive outside the working day but this does not imply any expectation that you should reply outside your normal working hours. If you wish to respond, please do so when convenient.

Swale House East Street Sittingbourne Kent ME10 3HT |
Email: TimValentine@swale.gov.uk | Web: www.swale.gov.uk

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Cave Hotel & Golf Resort, Brickfield Lane, Boughton, Faversham, Kent ME13 9AJ

From: Alastair Gould (Cllr) <AlastairGould@Swale.gov.uk>
Sent: 14 September 2022 12:52
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Cc: Tim Valentine (Cllr) <TimValentine@Swale.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Cave Hotel & Golf Resort, Brickfield Lane, Boughton, Faversham, Kent ME13 9AJ

Further to Tim's comments, I would also object on the grounds of public nuisance : My home is nearly a mile from the hotel, but I could easily hear the bass from the hotel up to 11pm the other evening : to extend this to 1am would be unreasonable, especially for those much closer to the hotel than myself

Yours,
Alastair Gould (Cllr)

From: Tim Valentine (Cllr) <TimValentine@Swale.gov.uk>
Sent: 13 September 2022 18:06
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Cc: Alastair Gould (Cllr) <AlastairGould@Swale.gov.uk>;
Subject: RE: Cave Hotel & Golf Resort, Brickfield Lane, Boughton, Faversham, Kent ME13 9AJ

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Email: TimValentine@swale.gov.uk | Web: www.swale.gov.uk

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Response to Licensing Application for The Cave

From:
Sent: 14 September 2022 17:43
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Response to Licensing Application for The Cave

Dear Sir/Madam,

I recently received notice of the application to extend licensing permits for the The Cave. I must object to this request in the strongest possible terms.

I live close to the Cave, on South Street just beyond the 1st green of the Cave's golf course. Despite this being quite some distance away from the Cave itself, the sound of music played from The Cave, predominantly currently on Friday and Saturday nights is incredibly loud. Our house vibrates with the bass, it can significantly disrupt our evenings and we often struggle to get to sleep before they stop playing the music. This is inconvenient for everyone, but particularly our young children, who often lie awake for several hours on these evenings, unable to sleep. The idea of extending this for a further couple of hours and also during the week, when my wife and I have work and our children school is incredibly anti-social and completely unacceptable.

I am a periodic patron of the Cave, both the golf course and its dining facilities. It has been a good addition to the local community. However, I oppose this application in the strongest terms. The proposal would be incredibly unfair on local residents. I live several hundred metres away from the Cave and Friday and Saturday evenings are often significantly disrupted and sleeping can be very difficult. I cannot imagine what it must be like for residents that live closer!

I have been meaning to make a complaint about the noise from the Cave at the weekends for some time. If this application proceeds, I shall have to lodge a formal complaint to our local MP and any other relevant authorities.

Very happy to discuss further.

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Comment on The Cave's Premises Licence Application

From:
Sent: 14 September 2022 20:16
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Comment on The Cave's Premises Licence Application

Hi

I would like to object to the increases proposed in this application.

We already suffer from noise and fireworks without any form of notice.

Sleep is impossible at times due to the noise, which can affect mental health.

I am also concerned about safety and crime issues.

With planned, large outside events, there will be an increase in people - therefore noise, and traffic. People leaving previous events do not have any consideration for neighbours and residents.

Kind regards

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Objection: Premises Licence: Cave Hotel and Golf Resort

From:
Sent: 14 September 2022 22:41
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection: Premises Licence: Cave Hotel and Golf Resort

To whom it may concern

We are writing to oppose the current application to extend their licence, by the Cave Hotel and Golf Resort on the basis that it will increase the already unreasonable amount of noise that affects us every week and lead to an increase in what is already a considerable public nuisance.

All year we have been subjected to loud music from the venue almost every Friday, Saturday and some Sundays. We live 600m south along the valley from the Cave and the sound funnels directly to us. They have an outside disco with speakers facing directly down the valley to us and a marquee that doesn't contain any sound at all. Hence, every weekend for weddings and their parties we are subjected to the most unreasonable noise, we hear the bass and most of the time all of the songs, word for word. Trying to enjoy our garden or sleep with the windows open is impossible and utterly unpleasant. Even watching the TV, we have to endure the background boom of bass. We have made several attempts to ask them to turn the levels down and nothing is done. A formal noise complaint by us and many of our neighbours has been submitted and so has a planning complaint as the current usage appears contrary to the approved planning for a hotel.

We are greatly concerned about the change in their licensing as it is clearly going to lead to longer and bigger parties and the resulting noise and music will only further add to the misery and stress of the weekends and potentially week days as well. There appears to be no consideration by the Cave to the local community at all; the published notices for this application seemed to be poorly advertised and they are also putting in planning for accommodation and another bar, yet there is no provision for indoor function space, so the only option for parties, music and 'dance performances' etc as listed in their application is outside.

I appeal that our and the voices of our fellow residents are listened to in this case and that the application is viewed with the full background of current outcry over noise resulting from their existing licence. Any officials are more than welcome to visit us on the weekend to hear what we have to put up with. If the application is granted, without acceptable noise control provision, then it will be a travesty and our health and wellbeing will continue to suffer as it is now. We both work full time, long days, and expect to be able to come home to enjoy peace and quiet of a countryside location.

We look forward to hearing from you.

ME139NB

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Comment on Market Place's Premises Licence Application

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: 14 September 2022 22:56
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Comment on Market Place's Premises Licence Application

Good evening

I consider The Cave Hotel's application for a premises licence inconsiderate. Those later hours are antisocial - there are many dependents in the close proximity, all of whom deserve a good quality of life without disturbance.

The Cave Hotel is open 24hours to its guests. There is no need for outdoor entertainment to continue into the early hours.

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Comment on the Cave Hotel and Golf resort ME13 9AJ Premises Licence Application

From:
Sent: 15 September 2022 09:44
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Comment on the Cave Hotel and Golf resort ME13 9AJ Premises Licence Application

I am writing with regards to the recent licence application for the Cave Hotel & Resort, Brickfield Lane, Boughton ME13 9AJ premises licence application.

As a local resident I would like to express my and my neighbours serious concerns around the late night disturbance caused by the extension to the permitted times for live and amplified music at the hotel and do not believe the license should be granted. Over the past six months the disturbance caused by the venue on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening has increased with amplified music with excessive bass notes being played at unacceptable levels until late into the evening. This only serves to give me an insight into what can be expected up until 2am in the morning throughout the summer which is not in keeping with the local conservation area and nature of the surrounding environment.

I do not believe the venue currently has suitable indoor space to hold large functions that require entertainment and therefore marquees offering little in the way of noise deadening to the surrounding area are being utilised to this effect.

I am concerned that the effect this could have on the quality of our lives compared to the benefits it would bring the Cave hotel and golf resort and would very much appreciate your consideration given in relation to my objection in the extension of licensing times.

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Cave Hotels UK LTD License

From:
Sent: 15 September 2022 16:44
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Cave Hotels UK LTD License

Good afternoon,

I hope you are well.

I am writing as a resident of Boughton-Under-Blean. I have just seen a Facebook post where multiple people have said that they have written to you in regards to the above license application.

I just wanted to write and say that there are lot of lazy, sad people on the Boughton Residents Facebook page who have nothing better to do but try to prevent this license from being issued. As stated before, I am a resident of Boughton and have been for over 20 years - I have no objection to this license being issued because I'm not a busybody.

I appreciate it is late notice, but I would appreciate an invitation to the conference where the decision is made.

All the best,

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Cave license extension Objection

From:
Sent: 13 September 2022 22:13
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Cave license extension Objection

Dear Sirs/Madam,

I am writing to object about the application to extend the license by the Cave hotel and Golf resort.

Attached is a photo of how close we live. Since they set up their outdoor venue/marquee, our summer weekends have been affected by the noise. We have a dog and two young children who are regularly disturbed. This might be because of fireworks or because we are sweltering in hot rooms with windows closed to try to keep the sound of music out. This has gone on until midnight at times.

Only this week we were given a letter informing us of a fireworks display at the weekend on Sunday which would be at 9pm. However, it was 10pm and went on for around 10 minutes. This is surely unacceptable as not only was it on a Sunday night, but the first week of returning to school for all the children around here, and importantly, at a time of national mourning.

I have tried to lodge a formal complaint before using the online noise complaints service you have, but after working through it for a long time, the whole thing froze then quit. I am sorry but as a working mum of two young children I didn't have the energy or time to redo it.

***, our house, is so old that it is in the doomsday books and part of it goes back 800 years. It has always been peaceful around here but since the Cave have been doing their late night parties, our summer evenings have quite frankly, been ruined.

The public nuisance of the existing license is already an issue. By extending it would make our lives here in the summer unbearable and we would honestly have to move. Five generations of my partner's family have lived here, and how upsetting it would be for my family, that my children would be the last generation to live here on account of an unreasonable music license of a nearby hotel and resort.

I am in no way against the resort in general. In fact, my parents were the first ever customers there and have a very good relationship with some of the staff there. I have myself stayed there and enjoyed their food and beverages. I like what they have done with the place and express no further objections.

I just beg of you to not extend their license in particular regards to anything outdoors, and if there is another way (other than the online form that didn't work) where I can make a complaint about another summer we have just endured, please let me know. I already think it is a public nuisance, not only for us but for all the poor families at Poplar View next to the resort.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

Best regards,



Swale
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Licensing Act 2003

This representation is made by other persons of the premises to be licenced as detailed below:

Your name	[REDACTED]
Organisation name OR Name of body you represent	Private person
Postal Address	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ME13 9BL
Email address	[REDACTED]
Daytime contact number	[REDACTED]

Name of premises you are making a representation about	The Cave Hotel and Golf Resort
Address of premises you are making a representation about	Brickfield Lane Boughton under Blean Nr Faversham Kent ME13 9AJ



Your representation must relate to one of the four licensing objectives (see note 4)

Licensing Objective	Yes/No	Please detail the evidence supporting your representation OR the reason for your representation. Please use a separate sheet of paper if necessary
Prevention of crime & disorder	Yes	After previous events at The Cave we experienced trespass and littering (including human waste) at our property.
Public Safety	No	
Prevention of public nuisance	Yes	<p>As a neighbour, I already experience a high level of noise pollution from The Cave on many weekends, which have sometimes been of such a level that we (myself and other neighbours) complained to Swale Council on a number of occasions by phone – of which Swale Council will have records.</p> <p>The continual thumping music is such a disturbance that any rest is very difficult. It is so intrusive that the stress caused is detrimental to good mental health. As an elderly widow with a heart condition, rest is essential.</p> <p>The noise pollution we already experience contravenes article 24 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights – the right to rest and leisure. This will only be worsened if the licence application for extended hours is granted.</p> <p>The continual high levels of noise have the potential to devalue all of the neighbouring, mine in particular, which is a grave concern.</p> <p>For these reasons, I strongly object to the licence application to which this representation relates.</p>
Protection of children from harm	No	

SIGNED:



DATED:

13 September 2022.



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Award

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Cave Boughton Golf Course

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: 15 September 2022 19:52
To: licensing@swale.co.uk; Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Cave Boughton Golf Course

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm writing to object to the Caves application to extend their music license.

My wife and I have already been disturbed by the constant thump of base (not music) across the valley to Gushmere/Selling from the Cave. The idea that they should be able to disturb numerous people over a large area of quiet countryside is not acceptable.

Having had insight from members of staff who work at the hotel I understand the police are frequently called to the hotel due to various antisocial behaviour. This venue is not adding value to our community but actually costing the local services extra resource, time and money due to people it attracts.

In addition there are no other venues in a Faversham with extended licensing and this application should not be provided in a quiet rural area because it adds absolutely no value at all. In fact it will detracts from everyone's quality of life who live in our peaceful community.

I do hope you consider my comments and please do keep me informed of the next steps.

Your sincerely

Chris Hills

From: Licensing (SBC)
Subject: RE: Cave license extension Objection

From:
Sent: 13 September 2022 22:13
To: Licensing (SBC) <Licensing@swale.gov.uk>
Subject: Cave license extension Objection

Dear Sirs/Madam,

I am writing to object about the application to extend the license by the Cave hotel and Golf resort.

Attached is a photo of how close we live. Since they set up their outdoor venue/marquee, our summer weekends have been affected by the noise. We have a dog and two young children who are regularly disturbed. This might be because of fireworks or because we are sweltering in hot rooms with windows closed to try to keep the sound of music out. This has gone on until midnight at times.

Only this week we were given a letter informing us of a fireworks display at the weekend on Sunday which would be at 9pm. However, it was 10pm and went on for around 10 minutes. This is surely unacceptable as not only was it on a Sunday night, but the first week of returning to school for all the children around here, and importantly, at a time of national mourning.

I have tried to lodge a formal complaint before using the online noise complaints service you have, but after working through it for a long time, the whole thing froze then quit. I am sorry but as a working mum of two young children I didn't have the energy or time to redo it.

***, our house, is so old that it is in the doomsday books and part of it goes back 800 years. It has always been peaceful around here but since the Cave have been doing their late night parties, our summer evenings have quite frankly, been ruined.

The public nuisance of the existing license is already an issue. By extending it would make our lives here in the summer unbearable and we would honestly have to move. Five generations of my partner's family have lived here, and how upsetting it would be for my family, that my children would be the last generation to live here on account of an unreasonable music license of a nearby hotel and resort.

I am in no way against the resort in general. In fact, my parents were the first ever customers there and have a very good relationship with some of the staff there. I have myself stayed there and enjoyed their food and beverages. I like what they have done with the place and express no further objections.

I just beg of you to not extend their license in particular regards to anything outdoors, and if there is another way (other than the online form that didn't work) where I can make a complaint about another summer we have just endured, please let me know. I already think it is a public nuisance, not only for us but for all the poor families at Poplar View next to the resort.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

Best regards,