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**Licensing Application for Beacon Hill Café, Breakback Road, Woodhouse Eaves,
Loughborough LE12 8TA. Applicant: Leicestershire County Council.**

Dear Sirs,

On Behalf of CPRE Charnwood District I attach a completed form of Representations on a Current Application for the Grant of a Premises License under the Licensing Act 2003.

We consider that the application raises significant concerns regarding The Prevention of Crime & Disorder, Public Safety, The Prevention of Public Nuisance, and the Protection of Children from Harm and ask that our objections be fully taken into account.

Yours faithfully,

R F Hoyland



Representations on a Current Application for a Grant/Variation/Review of a Premises Licence or Club Premises Certificate under The Licensing Act 2003

Before completing this form please read the Guidance Notes at the end of the form. If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I/We: *R F Hoyland, Chair of CPRE Charnwood* wish to make representation in relation to an application that has been made in respect of the premises described in Part 1 below.

PART 1 – PREMISES OR CLUB PREMISES DETAILS

Postal Address of Premises or Club Premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description Beacon Café, Breakback Road, Woodhouse Eaves	
Post Town Loughborough	Post Code LE12 8TA

Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) Not known
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Number of premises licence or club premise certificate (if known) Not known

PART 2 – DETAILS OF PERSON MAKING REPRESENTATION

Please Tick ✓

- 1) A responsible authority (please complete (C) below) ✓
- 2) A member of the club to which this representation relates (please complete (A) below)
- 3) Other persons (Please complete (A) or (B) below)

(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL MAKING REPRESENTATION (fill in as applicable)

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other Title (for example, Rev,)

Surname

First Names

I am 18 years old or over Yes (Please Tick)

Current Address	<input type="text"/>		
Post Town	<input type="text"/>	Post Code	<input type="text"/>

Daytime contact telephone number

E-mail address (optional)

(B) DETAILS OF OTHER PARTY MAKING REPRESENTATION (e.g Body or Business)

Name and Address	<input type="text"/>
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Telephone Number (If any)	<input type="text"/>
E-Mail address (optional)	<input type="text"/>

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY MAKING REPRESENTATION

Name and Address	<input type="text"/>
CPRE Charnwood (The Countryside Charity) c/o R F Hoyland, Garden Cottage, Off Meynell Road, Quorn, Loughborough LE12 8BG	

Telephone Number (If any)	01509 <input type="text"/>
E-Mail address (optional)	<input type="text"/>

This representation relates to the following licensing objective(s)

Please
Tick ✓

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| 1. The Prevention of Crime and Disorder | ✓ |
| 2. Public Safety | ✓ |
| 3. The Prevention of Public Nuisance | ✓ |
| 4. The Protection of Children from Harm | ✓ |

Please state the ground(s) for representation (please read guidance note 1)

The Prevention of Crime and Disorder

- The proposed opening hours and remote location are likely to encourage abuse. Access to the site along unclassified country roads, particularly on winter evenings is potentially dangerous and there is no realistic public transport alternative. The large car park may facilitate after hours drinking when the bar has closed. Day time parking in the summer is already a nuisance (see below).
- The surrounding area is plagued with visits from drug users who dump cannabis waste along local roads. General littering including beer cans and drinks bottles are also a problem and would be likely to increase if the license was granted.
- We note also that the majority of horse riders who regularly use the permissive bridleway which adjoins the café, are women and likely to be the target of loutish behaviour from drink fuelled visitors.

Public Safety

- Loud music and the proposed entertainment activities threaten the safety of the many horse-riders who use the permissive bridleway and box their horses near to the café away from walkers using the main footpath on the other side of the car park. The proposed events are likely to spook horses which then become a danger to the public.
- There are already tailbacks along Breakback Road due to parking and access difficulties, particularly in the summer. As a result there are significant public safety and nuisance issues which will be impacted adversely by the licensing proposal.

The Prevention of Public Nuisance

- A key function of country parks is to emphasise and protect the natural world and provide an escape from the man made world of work and industry. The noise and lighting associated with the proposed activities will impact adversely on safeguarding wildlife and the quiet enjoyment of the countryside.
- There are already parking problems, particularly in summer months resulting in queuing to access the site with consequent rogue parking, delays and safety issues along Breakback Road. The proposed drinks and events license will exacerbate this nuisance.

The Protection of Children from Harm

- Country parks exist to encourage an appreciation and understanding of countryside and its values and are particularly important as an aspect of children's education. The attendance of responsible young families with children is likely to be discouraged by the possibility of inappropriate behaviour from drink fuelled visitors together with the real possibility that wildlife will move away.

Please provide as much information as possible to support the representation

(Please read guidance note 2)

I write as Chair of CPRE Charnwood District a group within CPRE Leicestershire whose members strongly object to this application. CPRE is 'The Countryside Charity' formerly known as The Campaign to Protect Rural England.

We consider that the supply of alcoholic drink sales together with the proposed live music, outdoor dance, play and film performances are inconsistent with the true purpose of a rural country park, particularly with regard to hours of opening. We suggest that alcoholic drink sales from 8.0am cannot be justified and would be likely to encourage abuse by visitors having no interest in wildlife or rural pursuits which should be the main focus of the park.

Specifically, we note that the proposed drink and entertainment activities adjoin a permissive bridleway used by many horse riders who also box their horses near to the café to avoid conflict with walkers using the main footpath on the far side of the car park. The risk of spooking horses presents a real danger to the public.

We further note that the majority of horse-riders are women who fear that the proposals may lead to their becoming a target for drink fuelled loutish behaviour. For similar reasons we feel that family groups with young children also will be discouraged.

The remote location, large car park and absence of public transport is likely to encourage drinking and driving to an area which already suffers from drug use visitors who fly tip cannabis waste along country roads and litter verges with drinks cans and bottles.

As presented we feel that this application is ill conceived, likely to lead to many unintended adverse consequences and cannot be approved.



Please
Tick ✓

Have you made any representation relating to these premises before?

No

If Yes, please state the date of that representation

Day		Month		Year			

If you have made representation before relating to these premises please state what they were and when you made them.

No previous objection

Part 3 – Signatures (Please read guidance note 3)

Signature of representative or representative's solicitor or other duly authorised agent. (See guidance note 4) If signing on behalf of the representative please state in what capacity.

Signature		Date	16 th April 2021
Capacity	Chair of CPRE Charnwood; Trustee CPRE Leicestershire		

Please Note – Your address will be a matter of public records if the application to which this representation relates is referred to the Licensing Committee to determine at a Hearing.

Contact name (where not previously given) and address for correspondence associated with this representation. (Please read guidance note 5)	
As noted above	
Post Town	Post Code

Telephone Number (if any)	
E-mail Address (optional)	

Notes for Guidance

1. The ground(s) for representation **must** be based on one or more of the licensing objectives.
2. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems, which are included in the grounds for representation, if applicable.
3. The representation form must be signed.
4. A representative's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
5. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this representation.
6. For further information about the Licensing Act 2003 please contact: The Licensing Section, Charnwood Borough Council, Southfield Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 2TX. Tel: 01509 634562 Email: Licensing@charnwood.gov.uk.