

# Representation – Broughton Parish Council

Broughton Parish Council only found out about this licencing application accidentally after a member of the public bought it to the attention of the Parish Council. Firstly, the Parish Council would like to raise concern that there doesn't appear to be any statutory consultation with local residents or the Parish Council? I appreciate that site notices may have been erected but given this is currently a ruined building in the middle of a large area of green space i'm not clear where the site notices would actually have been erected? Can you clarify? And in the current Covid 19 pandemic a lot of people aren't accessing paper media as they once would do, and I have been unable to find any details of this licence application online, therefore it seems that the consultation process is almost in name only?

Having said the above Broughton Parish Councillors have considered this licence application via email as we didn't have time to convene a meeting with the timescales remaining to the Council when they were notified about the licence application, and the Parish Council have the below comments:

-Noise- The application states that noise limiters will be used and noise managed, however can this be included as a formal condition if the licence is approved, including on site automatic cut off devices to be installed if the noise exceeds eg. 34dBA. The noise will carry significantly if only contained by marquees, and this needs to be covered by appropriate conditions to prevent local disturbance.

-Time periods- To have amplified music in a tenant in a rural area, in relatively close proximity to residential developments after 11pm is unacceptable. Any approved licence should reflect this.

-Wider Site Plan- How does this licence application fit with the wider plans for the applicants entire site? The ABC Planning Department have recently placed on hold/paused a planning application for the Derwent Forest Site until the applicant provides a masterplan for the whole site to prevent incremental development and creep on the site. Broughton Parish Council would like this same approach to be taken here? As there is currently as the Parish Council understands an entertainment venue included as part of the Derwent Forest development, and a possible entertainment facility planed for the holiday caravans/lodges on Soddy Gap, this would potentially be a third hospitality venue in a currently green area surrounding the villages of Great & Little Broughton (and Broughton Moor/Dovenby etc).

-Planning-Is Planning approval required for this proposal? The Parish Council appreciate the marquees are temporary structures but if the applicant is planning on using marquees for more than 28 days per year, on what is a green in appearance brownfield site, is this not a change of use, and therefore is planning permission not required? Is the applicant intending to install any permanent infrastructure on the site? According to the ABC planning website there are currently no planning applications for a wedding venue on this site?

-Numbers of people- Will there be a cap on the maximum number of people allowed on the site?

-Waste/rubbish- The site is currently a ruined building and green fields, will conditions be included regarding waste disposal, human effluent (there are no toilets on site), and what conditions will be imposed about non damage to the site/reparations if required if damage does occur?

-What is the opinion of the Highways Department with potentially having significant volumes of vehicles leaving and re entering the highway from what is currently a field site? Is this a safe access/egress point? What risks are there of mud etc being transferred to the highways surface and being a possible hazard?

-Highways- In the opinion of the Parish Council there is no safe access routes for vehicles to the site, all routes involve passing through one of the settlements in local proximity e.g. Broughton, Seaton or Broughton Moor, all of these villages have already identified highways issues with volumes of traffic, this will only increase the traffic on small rural roads, that pass through residential settlements with infrastructure that is currently over stretched.

-Wildlife? There is currently a herd of Roe Deer, Badgers, Bats and migrating birds? What impact will the issuing of this licence have on these species, in particular with regard to noise, and the fact the applicant intends to install/provide lighting on what is currently a dark green field site? This may have a negative impact on wildlife and birds? Soddy Gap Nature Reserve and Community Asset is very close to this site, and this proposal is likely to have a negative impact on the site.

-Safe access/egress- What requirements would the licence impose on the licence holder to ensure that guests/clients are not leaving the site intoxicated and driving? There are no accommodation providers within walking distance, and no public transport? By the nature of weddings there is likely to be alcohol being consumed? Also does this mean that cars are going to be left on the site over night?

-Duration/Length of the licence- The Parish Council are not per-se against the proposal (subject to clarity of the above issues) but feel that a 7 day a week, 14 hours a day licence would be over- development of the site and would be a disproportionate burden on the local area. If approved the licence should be limited to 2-3 days per week, with the live amplified music ceasing by 11pm at the latest.

I would appreciate it if you could acknowledge receipt of this email, and I look forward to hearing back from you regarding the queries raised within it.

Kind regards

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