

Residents objections

1. John Price

I write to object to the application for planning permission for camping and open air dining at the site near Clapton. I own land directly opposite and the consequences of having people who may camp, play music, and trespass or let dogs trespass is not acceptable. It would be acceptable if it only allowed use for pop up dining during licensing hours and the site was shut and cleared by 10pm and no dogs and no music and no camping were permitted on the site.

2. Richard Broyd

I write in relation to the above application, and wish to register my objections to the above application. Firstly, the narrow lanes and blind bends in this AONB would become increasingly unsafe with increased traffic flows to the proposed site, and where alcohol would be served - a concern especially as it appears the applicant's guests would only be able to reach and leave the site by car and in so doing giving rise to public nuisance. Also, in an age when the emphasis is increasingly to reduce car use, to increase car use in this AONB is unnecessary and without any merit to the either environment or the wellbeing of the local community. Areas of natural beauty are designated for good reasons. The introduction of a commercial enterprise, where alcohol is consumed, lavatories and sanitation required to be installed, outside, along with inevitable litter that will in likelihood arise, is contrary to retaining this AONB as it should be protected. I urge the refusal of this application

3. Professor Hilda Brown

1. The site lies within an unspoiled rural area and AONB which at present enjoys tranquillity and calm. Consumption of alcohol leads to jollity and an inability of people to control the volume of their voices. Any motivation to moderate noise levels will be low, especially if the drinkers think that they are far away from other people. This, however, does not take into account that noise travels widely in open spaces and carries on the wind. The campsite is located near to at least one outlying residence and two villages, the inhabitants of which will inevitably hear any noise, be this from voices, live or amplified music, or extra vehicle traffic.

This is a public nuisance. 3. The proposal to not only serve alcohol with a meal, but also at a bar opening into the wee small hours of the morning, will inevitably lead to noise at unsociable times and will disturb local wildlife. Serving alcohol late would also require more lighting and light pollution in the area. I have a major concern about the noise and traffic safety on the single-track road between the two affected villages, Clapton and Farmington. There are very few passing places and many blind corners and dips in the road with poor

visibility of oncoming traffic. The campsite is bringing significantly more traffic to the area, including the campers/customers, delivery vehicles, etc. There will also be increased traffic on the roads leading to the site through the villages of Farmington and Clapton.

4. John Marshall

In relation to the application by Cotswold Wild Dining for an application to sell alcohol I have concerns about public safety and public nuisance. Has the site where a licence might apply been shown to meet the approved standards of health, safety and hygiene in relation to preparation and serving of food and drink? Do the toilet facilities meet the approved standards for licensed premises?

Surely no licence should be granted until / unless the above questions can be answered in the affirmative as otherwise the safety of the public using the site cannot be guaranteed.

Likewise with car parking and access arrangements. Has the creation of a new vehicle entrance at this point (in addition to the existing agricultural use) been approved, given that the entry from and exit to the public road is on a blind bend on a single track road. Unless these arrangements for vehicular access have been inspected and approved then again there are concerns for public safety.

There is a proposal for music to be played on the site. Given that this is an open-air location, there is a risk that the noise might be carried to the nearby houses in Clapton village, thus constituting a public nuisance.

Is a licence to play music required at a venue such as this also require a licence, and if so is it part of the current application? The precautionary principle might suggest not issuing a licence until checks had been done to ensure that there was not any public nuisance. If the licence application does not also include music, then is the playing of music permitted at all?

A licence application at this point rather puts the cart before the horse, as there are so many unknowns relating to safety and other environmental matters. So far this proposal for the establishment of a camping site seems to have been pursued without any planning application, informal consultation or notice of intent prior to the appearance of the notices about the licence application. Therefore the applicant for the licence is unable to show that the facilities on the camping site have been checked and approved against relevant health, hygiene and safety standards. In these circumstances I recommend that the current application for a licence be rejected.

5. Geoffrey Howson

My concerns for the application as above is that of public safety and public nuisance.

The access to the site is on a dangerous bend on a narrow road. Many a time I have had to take swift evasive action at this point - whether in a car or on a cycle - this will become even more hazardous, and muddy, with traffic, possibly heavy, entering and exiting the site.

If the wind is in a certain direction, intrusive music will be heard in the village of Farmington - especially if this played in the open air. To what hour can the music play? And at what hour will it start in the morning? Will the applicant ensure that all litter is cleared from the site and nearby roadside? - Farmington prides itself on keeping the village clear of litter. Will the toilet facilities meet the necessary standards of hygiene for a licensed premise?

I further wonder if it is necessary to obtain a permanent license for an open-air site in an unspoiled location in an area of outstanding natural beauty? Are there likely to be any adverse effects on wildlife in the area around the site?

We have been unable to hold a Meeting in Farmington regarding this Application because of the Covid-19 restrictions. However I have received representations from local residents expressing opposition. The principal concerns are:

- The entry and exit to proposed site is on a narrow road on a sharp bend. This is totally unsuitable and dangerous.
- The disturbance to Wild Life - and flora – in a tranquil area
- The likelihood of noise of music reaching the village until 11.00pm and from 08.00am
- The possibility of increased litter being dropped on the roadside.

Please consider these concerns

6.Wendy Howson

I wish to express my strong objection in respect of application submitted by Cotswold Wild Dining off the road between Farmington and Clapton.

Location This is in the middle of nowhere with no existing building of any sort although I have noticed in the past month or so a vehicle parked at the top of the proposed site. Even this one single vehicle is an eyesore from the road and ruins an otherwise beautiful view of a Cotswold field going up to trees. The prospect of any further development of any sort in this beautiful rural spot is appalling not only from an aesthetic point of view but also for the abundant wildlife living there.

Approach to the site I have lived in the Cotswolds most of my life and in Farmington itself for over 35 years. The charming and unspoilt road between Farmington and Clapton, unchanged in all these years, is therefore well known to me as a driver, walker and cyclist. It is a road which does not adequately accommodate 2 cars travelling in opposite directions invariably necessitating one car driving onto the verge. It certainly cannot accommodate any more traffic than is currently the case without causing considerable damage to the road and verges. Furthermore if the application were successful Farmington itself would undoubtedly incur unwelcome increased traffic through this quiet unspoilt village with young children and dogs.

Car Parking and Access to Road Obviously due to the location the vast majority of customers will need to drive to and from the site. Therefore a designated car parking area will be required and also possibly a track from the car park to the dining site. This again will be not only a huge detriment to the beauty of the area but also a distraction to anyone passing the site and thereby a possible safety hazard. But the prime concern regarding safety is the totally inadequate access to the chosen site from very small road. This is totally unsuitable and dangerous.

Provision of facilities It is quite impossible to imagine how any of the facilities required to operate this operation can be achieved without totally destroying an area of outstanding beauty. It is therefore hard to comprehend why the applicants have chosen this site. Presumably in addition to amenities for storing and preparing food and all weather facilities and toilets. To comply with public health requirements I imagine the regulations are going to be very stringent - and all to be carried out on completely virgin territory with absolutely no existing facilities. Also if electricity is required, what methods will be used to get this on site?

Increased noise to local residents and wildlife Even though this site appears to be isolated, noise does travel especially when the wind is in certain directions. Residents have chosen to live in this particular area because they enjoy the quiet environment it offers. Whatever assurances may be given by the applicants in advance, inevitably there will be an increase in noise disturbance even without any music and as mentioned before this will affect the wildlife.

For the reasons mentioned above I vehemently oppose this application and suggest Cotswold Wild Dining find a more suitable area for this venture.

7. Bob Thompson

The following objections relate to the application for a premises licence by Cotswold Wild Dining for a proposed new business located in a disused quarry at OS coordinates SP 15418 17308 in Farmington CP.

1. **Public Safety** The proposed site is located near woodland called Farmington Grove where the authorised culling of roe deer occurs. The risk to guests is that they inadvertently wander into the woodland while culling is taking place - no fence exists between the CWD site and Farmington Grove. An inappropriate site has been selected for a camping venue, especially as alcohol is advertised as a such prominent part of the camping experience.

Vehicle access to and from the site is unsafe as it is located on an awkward 'S' bend with restricted visibility at the bottom of a steep incline where vehicles and cyclists travel at speed.

2. **Prevention of Crime** Car theft from homes in nearby villages has occurred recently, including forced entry to obtain car keys while owners were in the property. CWD guests will be directed to park their cars near a road overnight and this will attract unwelcome attention. Security is not mentioned in the CWD literature.

3. Prevention of Disorder Members of the public without a booking can be expected to visit the site on a Friday or Saturday evening in the summer to purchase drinks from the 'well stocked bar' and to enjoy the music. If they are refused service it is likely that arguments will occur which may put staff and guests at risk. Site access control is not mentioned in the CWD literature.

4. Prevention of Public Nuisance The road from Farmington to Goms Hole is narrow and winding with only occasional passing places. Increased road traffic due to CWD will result in delays and locals will suffer inconvenience.

In summary a premises licence for the proposed CWD site would put guests, staff, visitors and locals residents at risk. A more appropriate location for the business must be found.

8. Edward Alexander

I would like to object, very strongly, to the application of this Premises Licence, on the grounds of prevention of public nuisance.

The site for this activity is very close to Clapton on the Hill, where I live, and it would have a very detrimental effect on those of us in Clapton. The noise generated by this activity would travel, especially in the evening and night, when the countryside was otherwise peaceful. We do not need our peace to be disturbed by this commercial activity.

It is especially alarming that the person making the application hopes to utilise the site for other activities once Cotswold Wild Dining is up and running.

Please do not allow this public nuisance to be established.

9. Jillie Barrow

As a resident of Farmington I object to the cotswold wild dining outside the village, the increase of traffic, what it could grow into etc in the future.

10. Dr Colin Baxter-Jones

As a matter of principle, is there any precedent for granting a permanent license for an open-air site in an unspoiled location within an AONB?

A primary concern is road safety and measures that can be taken to ensure safe entry and exit onto the road. The site is located on a blind bend sitting on an unlit, single-track road which is used regularly by residents of Farmington, Clapton and Bourton-on-the-Water.

How will access to the site be restricted to guests who have booked in advance and provided personal details, rather than members of the public who become aware through local knowledge or happenstance that licensed premises exist in the proposed location? Similarly, have measures been taken to ensure that children (under 18's) are not permitted to purchase alcohol or for adults to procure alcohol on their behalf (under 16's)?

Has it been documented that the site meets the approved standards of health, safety and hygiene in relation to the preparation and serving of food and do the toilet and hand washing facilities meet the approved standards for licensed premises?

The chosen site is remote with little in the way of human activity. Are there likely to be any adverse effects on wildlife in the area around the site due to the significant increase in human activity?

11. Ann Mackaness

I feel this application is not in keeping with any thought to the unspoilt location. narrow and used by farm verticals, when in a car I often have to go backwards to be able to pass also the entrance is on a notoriously bad bend. The area is well known locally for its wild life. There are quite a lot of deer around who are bound to be affected by the noise and activities. There appears to be an old caravan at the proposed sight at the moment. Does it need permission to be there? Please do not give permission for this wild dining to go ahead.

12. Judith and Martin St Quinton

I refer to the above application and would like to register our objection to the granting of a licence to sell alcohol in this location.

We would be concerned about the increased number of cars on the narrow approach roads and the site itself is on a bad bend, which some motorists seem to take at speed.

If there is alcohol, there is noise, which along with any music noise from this outdoor location would travel for many miles which is most unfair on neighbouring farms and villages.

I hope you will ensure our safety on the roads and protect the area from harm.

13. Lucy Ormerod

I am writing in connection with the Application from Cotswold Wild Dining... I feel strongly that to allow 12 people to stay in six large tents on a regular basis, supported by catering and security staff plus others in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty to be totally unacceptable. The resulting noise from the music (which I see will be in the evenings and mornings) and lighting will be heard and seen over a large area. I read that the guests will be allowed to forage around the area with the inevitable disturbance of the wildlife in an incredibly peaceful place. I also think that to have cars and vans using an entrance off a

blind bend on a single track road to be highly risky. I read that bookings are already being taken, starting on the 16th April...is this acceptable prior to the licence discussed...?

14. Dr Margaret Dick.

I refer to the letter from Andrea Thomas sent to our Parish Council at Clapton on the Hill on 16 March 2021 together with a redacted version of the application along with plans. Unfortunately I was unable to read the location of the site from the plans and raised queries with the Parish Council which I understand from the Parish Council await your kind attention. In addition the Public Access Portal also was elusive.

In the meantime on one of my many walks in the area yesterday I located the site of a caravan and 2 cars (which I had seen previously) together with a newly placed Planning Notice affixed under blue transparent polythene on a tree next to the LHS of the Highway running off the between Clapton on the Hill and Farmington. This Planning Notice expresses the scope applying to such an application as this.

Given the situation of Cotswold Wild Dining Limited in the woodland between fields which this year are sown with cereals, which appears to be at OS GR 153171 ('the site'), I make the following formal representation.

1. Public Safety - Entrance to site (with caveat of absence of details of the Lease granted to Mr Richard Webber by the landowner): The site is off a corner in the road requiring great caution (and therefore application of the sound of a car horn on occasions) for depending on the type of oncoming pedestrians, cyclists, vehicles (including but not limited to 4x4s, combine harvesters of some magnitude, tractors with drills, muck spreaders and depending on the time of day even a school bus) barely room to pass without taking the option of reversing the vehicle or passing into the edge of the field leading to the Site. On the RHS of the road (travelling from Clapton on the Hill/ Bourton on the Water/ A429) the land slopes away should the oncoming vehicle believe there is the option of taking the RHS grass verge. If the oncoming vehicle is crossing over to the site against the vehicles on LHS there could lead to a health and safety issue. There is a designated car parking area in the field leading to the site which may affect run off.

The incoming and exiting from the site therefore could have consequences for more than just the residents of Parish of Clapton on the Hill.

2.Prevention of Public Nuisance: - Closeness of site to the Parish of Clapton on the Hill: Clapton on the Hill is within the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and in a Conservation Area; many of the buildings are Grade listed. We are informed by the redacted version of the application that the site is almost a mile away from the nearest house (within the Parish) by road and seems to be just about 3/4 mile South West (as the crow flies) of the village itself and less than a mile from at least one of the outlying houses to the West.

Even if it is Covid-19 alone that has to be dealt with, it seems that the supply of fresh water except perhaps at the far Nend of the glamping site is inadequate for frequent and thorough handwashing by guests and staff including First Aid staff; this together with absence of water supply for the preparation of food, bearing in mind the ingredients are from local sources and may not therefore be cleaned and packed. Later ideas on teaching children cooking and

cleaning at the site will require further attention to water supply amongst other important factors. We are not informed about the precautions the applicant is taking opposite Covid-19; (it is their responsibility for their guests). However with guests numbering 720 persons over the period of 10 months if a source of further infection by Covid-19 does arise it is likely that this will not only affect Gloucestershire.

In addition, smells from cooking may attract vermin and flies which will be of concern. There are two fires on the site and therefore the spread of fire from the site would also be concern in this AONB. There are just two fire extinguishers one placed at the caravan office and second near one of the two fires on the site. It is not known what each extinguisher contains or indeed the scale on the plan of the site (other than that it measures half a hectare of leased land) or indeed the nearest hydrant should it be required by the Fire Service.

The adequacy of conveniences situated at one point only, at the N end of the site also need attention especially after a 4 course meal, cocktails 'on the house' and a pay bar open between 6 and 11pm..Where are the contents of composted toilet and the food waste to be disposed of each evening? This Parish previously has had to request a termination of supplies from a sewage farm being spread over a fields very near to the main part of the village

In view of the proximity of the main part of village, noise (including ambient music during the evening to 11pm and again in the morning, voices including singing, 'kitchen' clatter, cars etc.) is likely to have an affect on it (including on outlier residences to the West and East of the Site) and not only when the wind is blowing from a W to SW direction but also on quiet days and evenings and when cyclists, pedestrians (including children) and wild life are on the move and especially between May and October. The tranquility of this AONB will be quite spoilt

3.Environment We have already been given a wake-up call by this pandemic on need to restrict the encroachment on the habitat of wild species as we are advised that yet another transfer between the wild and human populations is bound to be on its way.

There are herds of deer moving over fields and woods and roads. In addition hares, rabbits, grey squirrels and other rodents, pheasants, partridge, French partridge, raptors including buzzards, yellow hammers and other birds have all been spotted on walks along the several Ordnance Survey marked footpaths/bridleways in the area. It is noted that a bat survey and a badger survey but there is no information on their outcome (except no badger setts) or on other surveys including flora. From a distance the leased woodland looks to be fairly recently planted woodland as the trees (eg.field maple) or some of them are still within their corrugated jackets with stakes. We are informed in the application that the activities on the Site do not impact any local wildlife or harm the natural habitat in anyway. This is a surprise given the footfall in the 10 months on the site and in the knowledge (raptors competing with rodents)that there is ongoing competition amongst animal and plant species for food supplies.

4.. Crime and disorder We have all experienced many days of Lockdown and do not wish to be forced to curtail our activities whether they be for walks, cycling or amateur astronomy (taking advantage of the absence of illumination in the Parish) or otherwise when finally

Lockdown ends. Can we be sure of our safety when the site between weekends (when the site is vacated presumably) becomes known (through social media) to persons with criminal intent. Are there procedures to deter guests from leaving the site on foot or by car to wander into the surrounding countryside and to visit the outlier houses and the village itself. A reminder that there are in and around the village resident children even if it only later the applicant proposes to teach children cooking etc.

5. Protection of Children from Harm The safety of all our children is paramount. One can say that we did not choose to come to this area to have disturbances such as Cotswold Wild Dining Limited with attendant advertising/ publicity which may attract undesirable persons to the area.

What communication system does the site rely on should there be an emergency.

15. Lorna Duffin Marshall

I am a resident of Farmington and have visited the site where Cotswold Wild Dining proposes to operate. I am not against people setting up new businesses. However, I have several concerns about the proposed site and business.

First, the safety of the site. It is in a woodland. The ground is covered in dry timber and the paths around the site are marked by dead dry timber. If it is proposed to have open fire pits for cooking and heating, the fire hazard seems quite considerable.

Second, the standards of hygiene. If food is brought to the site, cooked or uncooked, there is no refrigeration or other hygienic storage.

Third, the provision of toilet facilities. One compost toilet for 12 or more people who are eating and drinking and camping overnight seems woefully inadequate. How waste is to be dealt with is not known.

Fourth, the safety of the site. Will there be a responsible person on site during the night?

Overall, have the site and activities met the appropriate regulatory standards.

I hope these comments might be taken into consideration.

16. Janet Messenger

I would like to make an objection against Cotswold Wild Dining being granted a licence to serve alcohol.

My objection is for those who use the single lane road, which has a derestricted speed limit, for cycling, horse riding and walking, which my family and I use often. The road is also a cut off from a National cycling network route (48) from Farmington to Bourton on the Water. I use this route, on foot, pedal bike and horse. The Cotswold Wild Dining field entrance is on a bend with high trees which restrict view for both vehicles and anyone using the road for leisure. Thus, making cyclists, equestrians and walkers vulnerable. With the campsite having so far 62 nights available to book, 16th April to end October, Thursday - Sunday, the significantly increased cars on this road gives great cause for safety concerns, as this will be the time when most people use the road for cycling etc.

17. Corrine Carr

We are very worried about the access to the proposed spot. The bend is blind and dangerous. The Lane from the Farmington is narrow and increased traffic would be benifocial. There are many horses walkers and cyclists who use the road and what with local traffic it is busy enough. I am not sure whether music is allowed but that could and would cause unwanted noise as the sound would travel. But mostly it is the traffic increase that worries me.

18. Andy Whipp

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the application being made on behalf of Cotswold Wild Dining Limited to set up a site at the edge of the village of Clapton-on-the-Hill. There are a number of matters I wish to highlight:

Noise – the website suggests that there will be music playing for 5 hours in the evening while the dining experience takes place, and then again the following morning. Those attending the event will also be consuming alcohol and there is a likelihood that noise levels will be high. This noise will travel and would cause disturbance for the residents of Clapton-on-the-Hill, which is currently a quiet and undisturbed village.

Website - I note that the website advertising this product has listed a plethora of dates on which customers can book. Indeed some of them are already being advertised as "sold out". How is this possible if the application has yet to be reviewed and approval has not been granted? There seems to be little interest in the welfare and comfort of the local residents. In addition, if this is the attitude of the business owners - what level of confidence can we have that any reasonable restrictions or duties placed upon how the business could trade will be accepted and respected?

Access - the roads in the area are country lanes, narrow and unlit. They are not capable of taking high numbers of traffic. The prospect of additional cars running along them for 60 events a year is alarming. The condition of the road surface is poor at the best of times and this extra traffic will make this worse and the potential congestion will place an extra burden on the local area and residents.

Parking – there is very little indication of where the parking will be. It seems that the local residents will be faced with cars being parked at the roadside or at the edge of fields. I read that the Cotswold District Council was seeking to ensure that "any development suits the needs of our communities and protects our landscape and heritage". This does not seem to fit with the application being made.

Air quality – there is reference to campfires and this will surely mean smoke billowing over the village and causing inconvenience for those living in the village.

Impact on the environment - the village is part of the picturesque Cotswold countryside and to have vehicle tracks, litter and unsightly signage brought into the area will have a very damaging effect on the views and the natural landscape.

Proposed expansion - I note that the application speaks about providing the service for larger groups than the 12 customers and 3 staff initially mentioned. If the business does expand, this will lead to yet more cars, more accommodation, more noise, more smoke and more litter and disturbance. Clapton-on-the-Hill is a quiet Cotswold hamlet and establishing an overnight festival site down the road will have a significant impact on its residents.

19. Lois Paxford

Tam writing to put forward my concerns regarding the licence application from "Cotswold wild dining" for a camp, dining and bar facility near Clapton-on-the-hill (reference number: C/21/00124/PRMA). Having been a member of the Clapton community for over 30 years I have concerns with the proposed nature of the site being licenced. Firstly, my major concern is the effect on the local wildlife and environment. Clapton and the surrounding area is very quiet due to its rural location. I feel that a business that allows people to sleep out in the fields will undoubtedly increase noise and disturbance levels for local wildlife (especially the populations of nocturnal animals which currently reside here). There is a proposal for music and bar licensing until 11pm which I feel is unnecessary. The plan for the business to play music is contradictory to their proposed aim of allowing guests to "immerse themselves in the tranquility of the Cotswolds". The music will actually destroy the tranquility that they are seeking to

offer their guests and disturb the quiet habitat that the area currently provides. The additional traffic on the single-track road to the site will also pose a hazard to the local wildlife that has become accustomed to crossing and using these roads regularly. My second concern is the impact on the residents here at Clapton. Currently a shoot occurs in the fields over from the proposed business site. The voices of those on the shoot trips can be heard from the houses in the village. As the proposed site is closer, music and voices from this site will be clearly audible from residents' houses, meaning further disturbance for those living in the village.

To allow a business to play music, drink alcohol and sleep outside in such rural and undisturbed habitats would be damaging to the ecology the Cotswolds is so admired for. There are other locations in the district that have already been disturbed by other business/housing developments that (due to their already diminished species richness) would be more appropriate for this site and have less impact on Cotswold biodiversity.

20. Pat Gill

The village community of Clapton on the hill have just been advised of a licensing application for a camping site near the village. As this is the first notification that we've seen of this site, I would like to register my concerns about the site and the licensing application on the following basis:

1) The site is in an area of outstanding natural beauty and the construction of a storage facility is not in keeping with the area. Please note the current storage 'structure' is a battered old caravan which is an eye sore. I noticed this caravan last week and I was going to report, as I thought it had been dumped. How will the council ensure that this AONB is maintained?

- 2) The application states that the site will be camouflaged from the road. The current storage facility is clearly noticeable from the road and so is the copse where the proposed site is to be located.
- 3) The entrance to the field is in a dip, which frequently floods and is muddy for most of the year. To allow traffic on site a driveway will be required and parking included. Without this additional development, cars will be forced to park on a single lane road during wet weather. This is not mentioned in the submission. Are you aware of this issue and has any permission been given to provide parking or a constructed pathway?
- 4) The application highlights that the site is 1 mile from the nearest house, by road. The site is however less than a mile from the nearest house by foot. Sound will not travel by road and is likely to cause annoyance. Has the council considered noise pollution from the site?
- 5) The application states that there will be no water or drainage pipes. The Company's website states that natural water will be used from a water butt, however fresh water is also available. How will this fresh water be supplied and are there plans to add piped water?
- 6) The website promotes foraging. Given the location of the site, foraging would impact the wild food that is available to the local wild life, including owls, birds and deer, which are very active in the area. Has there been a review on the impact of wildlife, excluding bats, as part of the application.
- 7) The toilet facilities are of concern. The site is using compost toilets, how will the Cotswold council ensure that the toilets are fit for purpose on this site and that any resulting compost is managed effectively to ensure no pathogens are introduced to the local environment?
- 8) I am concerned that the application suggests extending the facilities for Guide/Scouting. This will introduce additional noise in the local area, which is a very quiet environment. Have the council considered whether the site is appropriate for teenagers and has an appropriate health and safety review has been undertaken?
- 9) The site will bring additional traffic along a single-track road which is used extensively by cyclist and horse riders. Has a risk assessment been under taken to assess the impact of traffic?
- 10) The concerns that I've raised above relate to the site itself, which appears to have progressed without any local consultation. Is this normal for the council to allow this to occur without checking with the local community?
- 11) The website and the application states that there will be ambient music during the evening and in the morning. Ambient music, by its nature, should be aligned to the local conditions. How will the council police and restrict excessive, non-ambient, music and how quickly will it react to excess noise? I raise this point as I am concerned that in this

environment, noise will differ from group to group, rather than being consistent across the groups. In which case it will be difficult to shut down noisy groups quickly.

Apart from the points above which relate to the site progressing without local consultation, I believe the licence application relates to the sale of alcohol. Here are my points of the alcohol side:

1) The site is up, what is generally, a muddy track used by dog walkers and deer. This makes it difficult for service vehicles to traverse. Will council service vehicles be required to take away rubbish, if so has this been assessed?

2) What facilities will be in place to store and dispose of bottles and general food detritus? Will rubbish bins be obvious in this AONB or has the council considered this issue?

3) As such my concerns relating to the impact of alcohol are mostly covered in the previous section, e.g. noise and waste, so I won't repeat them here.

4) I have checked out the company's website and the company has already sold out its 21/04/2021 date and various other dates throughout the year. This would suggest that this application is retrospective or has been pre-agreed. Is this the case? If so, on what basis? If not, what conditions will be put in place to prevent alcohol being served if the application is unsuccessful?

I have no major objections re the alcohol licence, but I do have major concerns over how the site was approved without local consultation. How will this concern, which the local community will express, be managed?

21. Julia Taylor

I have major concerns about this application and how it will negatively effect the local environment and community. Please see my concerns below:

Noise / Disturbance: Noise from loud music, people laughing and shouting after consuming alcohol (from the paid bar) will travel and will be very disturbing for the residents of the Village of Clapton on the Hill. The Village is extremely quiet and therefore noise pollution will be out of character and very upsetting for the residents. **Air Pollution:** Smoke from constant fires burning will bring air pollution to the village and cause inconvenience to residents.

Conservation Area: I am concerned about the adverse visual appearance and environmental impact this will have on our landscape. This is an area of outstanding beauty. Constant vehicle access in and out of the proposed new entrance area will cause deep vehicle tracks and ruts visible from the road, it will look unsightly and will adversely change the appearance of environment ultimately affecting wildlife. Signage will stand out and will lessen the beauty of the area. There is no mention of parking. If the cars are parked in view of the road this will also adversely affect the visual beauty of the area.

Business Promotion in advance of permissions: A good commercial enterprise planning to implement changes to land that may adversely affect nearby properties will inform the

occupants of the plans and allow them a chance to comment on them, well before seeking planning permission. However, this company is already advertising its services freely on its website, and has in-fact 'SOLD OUT' on particular days. This is an arrogant approach as it gives the impression this will be going ahead despite approval requirements. Rapid Business Expansion: I am extremely concerned that this business adventure will start off as a small glamping business allowing 12 people (15 including staff) would rapidly increase once a foot hold is in place. The business proposal already refers to larger operations for Girl Guides and Scouts, which would be a totally different experience for the neighbourhood. More, people, more cars, more sleeping accommodation, more fires, more noise, more pollution, more disturbance for the environment and the neighbouring village. This would be a disaster for the area. Additional traffic generation: The roads are poorly maintained in the area as it is. Introducing additional traffic and congestion at the new entrance will make the situation worse and affect local residents who use these roads on a regular basis.

22. Kenneth Simms

- a) The proposed access will be a danger to local residents from Clapton and Sherbourne being on a 90% dangerous bend even now, on a narrow lane. The lane is constantly used by local farmers with tractors and trailers going about their normal farming business needs. On the bend is also an access entrance to the field used by riders and horses (from the existing racing stables further up the lane)
- b) Dramatically increased Air Pollution to the local area by delivery vehicles for restaurant supplies and vehicles coming to the restaurant and campsite all hours of the day or night.
- c) Is this an appropriate planning application in a designated area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and a conservation area.
- e) if my fading memory! still works. on the bend apart from access to and from Clapton, are 3 additional entrances and exits, a lane to Sherbourne, entrance to the existing property, and an entrance to the farm next to it,
- f) The bend is also subject to severe flooding in heavy rain spells
- h) at present the access to the planned development is protected by electronic gates. What is the plan for the future? will they be permanently open as guests will need access for 24 hours. If visitors have to stop on the bend for someone to open the electronic gates it will be an accident waiting to happen!!!!

23. Georgina Barrow

I'm writing to object to the application for a glamping site on the land between Clapton and Farmington. Most importantly: There is a live badger sett in the copse. It's illegal to disturb badgers.

The land in question is in an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The business owner has already started work, with no local consultation. Our wood ends 500 yards away. We

already experience considerable trespass problems: dogs off leads chasing pregnant ewes, gates left open and our horses escaping, plus trespassing whilst the deer cull is in progress. All cause great distress, and are bound to increase. The tiny road will experience a large rise in traffic, it's already very busy from tourist and cycle use. Noise from the ambient music, plus disruption from a business that is sure to grow is unacceptable, especially without locals having had any consultation.

24. David Oxnam

The road through Farmington on the way to the above venue is narrow, meandering and susceptible to ice at certain times of the year. Unlikely that it could cope with the increased traffic. Far too easy for it to be blocked.

25. Ian Tomlin

Further to our call, I have concerns for my children and my own safety and we regularly walk/ **exercise past** this conservation area and how the effects of an alcohol license may impact upon our safety. Especially, as there are not road lights down this country lane. Noise pollution is also concerning, outside of the alcohol licensed hours. Effects this will have on wildlife should also be **considered**

26. Mark Kendall

Response with concerns to Application for a Premises Licence - SP 15418 17308 - Cotswold Wild Dining Limited.

Date: 31st March 2012

Deadline for response: 9th April 2012

a. Misrepresentation of Facts

1. The Cotswold Wild Dining (CWD) plan claims that the site is almost one mile to the nearest house. This assertion is misleading. The nearest house is approximately 420 metres away from the proposed site. The boundary of the nearest house is approximately 250 metres away from the proposed site.



2. The CWD plan claims the site is 'totally camouflaged from the road'. A very dilapidated caravan inside the wood is clearly visible from the road. This is a very different picture compared to the imagery on the CWD website.

b. Public Nuisance Concern

1. There is a concern that CWD will not control direct noise from participants and entertainment activity due to its 'open-air' setting. This noise is likely to rise with increased alcoholic consumption.

2. Whilst the licence is for alcohol sales to 11 pm, there appears nothing to stop alcoholic consumption beyond 11 pm with noise emanating from the site into the early hours.

3. The CWD plan mentions solar powered LED lighting. Presumably there will be electrical power demands which will likely be powered by petrol generators inevitably creating an increase in noise. In turn the 'ambient music' will be increased, and therefore the music will no longer 'ambient'.

4. Indirect noise from vehicles coming to and from the site will invariably be greater than currently experienced in this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

5. There is a concern that CWD operations will cause litter and waste in the AONB. Uncontrolled litter, waste and general fouling will be unsightly for locals, and lead to a negative image of the area. (Whilst not relevant to the Licencing Authority's objectives the risk to wildlife is also increased and very real).

6. The CWD plan refers to an eco-composting toilet. This could produce offensive odours and disease which will potentially attract vermin as well as being a public health risk to site workers and customers.

7. Access to the intended car parking area is currently waterlogged potentially meaning customer vehicles will have to park in the lane restricting the flow of local traffic.

27. Farmington Resident

Cotswold District Council

Objection to Licence Application

by Cotswold Wild Dinings

With respect to Mrs. Branson R. DeGavin
application for 'Fine Dining' in the

Parish of Farmington, near Farmington Farm

is a Country track with no buildings there;

we write to object on grounds of disturbance

Poor access from small lane and general

alteration of the countryside which will

result in deterioration of the area

N.C. Shiner, E.E. Stirling

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