

C/26/00574/PRMA – Cotsfeast Representations

Residents in Support

B Collins

I think this is a great idea for the village. Great for locals and young people like me who doesn't have alot to do here. Will also keep kids of the streets causing trouble as they will be activities to go an do!

Lucy Gillespie

Full support of the Proposal. Will be good for the area and people can park on the school field, so it shouldnt bring move cars directly into the village high street.

Parish Objection

Objection. The four requisite criteria have not been adequately met in the Council's view, for the following reasons:

1. Prevention of Crime and Disorder: Does the venue have measures to deter antisocial behaviour, drug use, or violence?

- The application does not set out security measures nor monitoring procedures.

2. Public Safety: Is the venue safely laid out, with adequate fire exits, capacity limits, and crowd control measures?

- No adequate emergency exit provision.
- No evidence of first aid provision.

3. Prevention of Public Nuisance: Will the proposed operating hours, noise levels, or smoking/drinking areas unreasonably disturb nearby residents and businesses?

- Potential disturbance to neighbouring properties for an extended period each day is unacceptable.
- Concerns about an increase in litter along The Avenue and field itself.

4. Protection of Children from Harm: Are there strict policies in place to prevent underage sales and protect youth from adult entertainment?

- Nearby pre-school operates during summer holidays and this would be too close in proximity to very young children.
 - Alcohol should not be sold next to a car park, school or pre-school.
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Residents Objecting

D Jenkins

In a village which is already suffering hugely from overtourism, adding a venue like this will only increase the suffering of locals from antisocial behaviour, extra vehicles causing more congestion and pollution and increased noise pollution to people living down moore road and the avenue. This is a ridiculous proposal and will only profit the person making the application, not the village as a whole. Not to mention that it's right next to two large schools who would be impacted negatively with the use of their turning circle but also I've no doubt would have to deal with extra rubbish being deposited which would include used drug paraphernalia, putting their pupils at risk. I would have thought that this should be thrown out just on the risk factors alone. Please remember that this is our home, not a facility for tourists. If this is approved, so many people would be affected by noise, littering and antisocial behaviour and this would make living here even more untenable. This would also have a massive negative impact on housing prices. And where exactly would these people park? This is not an appropriate place for such a venue and I respectfully request that the application is refused.

E Fenton

We do not need any more drinking or eating establishments in the village we have enough.

We do not need to encourage anymore people into the village when it is already at capacity all through this period. It will cause even more traffic congestion and the village is gridlocked most days in the summer. This congestion already causes risk for people who live here and the people who visit.

This is running 7 days a week for 7 hours this gives no respite for people who border into this it will create more rubbish and is not necessary. It states it is for locals but this is rubbish the majority of people attending will not be locals most locals

hideaway in the summer holidays as the village is already over crowded and has an unsustainable levels of tourism.

Dr J Vinar

I'm a long term resident of Bourton on the Water and live roughly opposite the school turning circle at The Cotswold School. I'm vehemently opposed to the current application for a licensed event to run during summer holidays.

Firstly, the school already implements school field parking for visitors throughout the summer school holidays. There are frequently long queues of traffic waiting to turn into the school creating congestion and acting as a choke point preventing the free movement of traffic into the village to further along Station Rd where multiple additional parking is available. Hosting an event on the same site will further add to the volume of traffic which is already unacceptable.

Secondly, the village doesn't need more food and alcohol provision. We already have a huge number of cafes, restaurants and licensed premises for a village of this size. More than enough to meet current demand. The village is already suffering problems with overwhelming visitor numbers, more than the existing infrastructure can reasonably cope with and events of this nature would inevitably increase tourist footfall.

Thirdly, it will create food smells along with noise and pollution for the village as multiple generators will be in use close to residential properties.

Fourthly, events of this kind are normally confined to a few days once a year. The proposal is unreasonable as it sets out an event running 7 days a week, 7 hours a day for the entirety of the school summer break.

Finally, it's completely out of keeping with the character of the village, is it really appropriate to have a months long summer festival incorporating crazy golf in an area of outstanding natural beauty in a historic village? The village is already being dubbed the 'Blackpool of the Cotswolds' by locals. It risks damaging the reputation of the village as a charming, rural destination at a time when the high tourist numbers are already attracting negative press.

A Ferguson

Bourton is already suffering from excessive tourism. This event will draw more people to the area and cause traffic safety concerns on an already congested route. My house backs on to this field and the noise and disturbance this event will create would be detrimental to myself, the community and its occupants. I strongly object to this application.

J Coaker

I object to this application as there is no end date or times in the boxes. This is wholly unacceptable. There is already far too much traffic and disruption in BOTW. This would bring the village to a standstill & gridlock the roads. There are no emergency provision should there be a terrorist attack or even an accidental attack. There are already plenty of places to buy or consume food & drink. Currently the District Nurses cannot get through the traffic to visit seriously ill patients who are house bound or Kate's Home Nursing cannot get through either to visit terminally ill patient or get urgent medication from the local chemist. This will generate an overwhelming amount of rubbish which even if it is collected it is bad for the environment. This is not environmentally friendly; there will be more waste generated around the area. This collected waste will not help the environment, how is it being disposed of/is it recycled or just fly tipped. The wildlife will be disturbed, and residents will not be able to protect themselves from the music/noise/screams. This is also an area of outstanding Natural Beauty and a Protected Historical Heritage area. Please do not allow this to happen, safety first should be a priority, what if there was a fire in the field? We already struggle with having police/fire/ambulances attend in out area. We only have 1 policeman. Please do not allow this to go ahead.

D Robinson

I OBJECT to this application. Bourton-on-the-Water is already experiencing significant issues related to over-tourism, including well-documented concerns regarding coaches and vehicles parking and driving dangerously, sometimes mounting pavements, with insufficient enforcement action being taken.

The Avenue currently serves as one of the few safe pedestrian routes through the centre of the village. Introducing a venue that encourages daytime alcohol consumption adjacent to a car park raises serious concerns about public safety, making the Avenue an unsafe area for women and girls and encouraging drink-driving among visitors who park in this field.

For these reasons, I urge the Council to refuse this application.

J Hopwood

Hi there, I firstly want to say I am all for the crazy golf course as it would be amazing for the locals if they use it and especially it will be something for our younger generation to be able to enjoy, there are only parks locally which are not for the teenage age range so crazy golf would be beneficial to a lot in the village.

I do however have concerns for the request to sell alcohol, as this may lead to the noise of people leaving the premises to disturb the local residents, and cause other public disturbances.

Thank you for reading.

C Wallace

In reference to this application, I think it is completely unrealistic and damaging.

It adds more people, more cars, more businesses into an area that is already over congested.

Access to and from the area will cause disruption to the surrounding area. It will add to the existing issues with litter, congestion, noise and pollution.

Bourton needs to reduce the amount of people coming to the village, not increase it.

S Gee

I object to the current application for a new licenced premise on the playing fields, Cotswold School, Bourton on the Water (C/26/00574/PRMA)

I live in Bourton on Water, close to the Cotswold School. Now the school field is open for overflow parking throughout the school holidays in addition to weekends in the tourist season it has been much more congested on Station Rd as cars queue to enter, preventing traffic from progressing further into the village where more parking is located. If planning permission is granted there will be more cars wanting to park at the school, more vehicle noise, more traffic congestion and more vehicle pollution in a village already over-burdened with high traffic volumes.

We already have sufficient cafes, restaurants and pubs in the village. This is just more of the same with a bit of crazy golf thrown in but with noisy, polluting generators to make it all work. Cafes, pubs and restaurants also have extractors designed to limit food smells.

It seems to me that this is intended to be an annual event, timed with the school holidays and operating 7 days a week, so a significant contributor to footfall in a village during the height of the tourist season when we have far too many tourists already. We don't need any more tourists and we don't need a semi-permanent festival parked on the school field diminishing the historical nature of the village. People speak about the 'disneyfication' of the Cotswolds and Bourton on the Water in particular and this proposal plays directly into that narrative.

We certainly don't need a covered marque area which would not be secured or overseen outside opening hours and allow groups of people to congregate for the purpose of socialisation and possible anti-social behaviour. The covered bus stops on Station Road already attracts groups of people, predominantly youths who disturb the peace and have successfully vandalised the shelter on corner Station Road and Roman Way. I hear loud noises at least once a week when people are kicking the perspex, kicking the bins and generally carousing. I've reported this to the police before but invariably it's too late by the time they arrive on the scene.

S Conway

The increased traffic associated with the premises, particularly in the evening periods, is likely to result in noise and disturbance from vehicle movements, doors slamming, engines idling, and customers congregating in the street. In a relatively quiet residential area (compared to the centre of Bourton e.g. the High Street) this would significantly impact residents' amenity at times of the year when they may have their windows open, or wish to have reasonable enjoyment of their outside spaces.

M Hibbs

OBJECTION TO PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION: 10455671 (The CamperVin Co Ltd)

Premises: The Playing Field, The Avenue, Bourton-on-the-Water, GL54 2BD

I am writing to formally register my objection regarding the premises licence application submitted by The CamperVin Co Ltd for an outdoor event space at the Cotswold School playing fields on The Avenue. As a local resident whose home directly overlooks these playing fields, I have serious concerns regarding the promotion of the licensing objectives - specifically The Prevention of Public Nuisance and Public Safety.

I wish to object to the proposals on the following cumulative grounds:

1. The Prevention of Public Nuisance: Visual Intrusion and Proximity

The application states that the event intends to operate seven days a week from the end of July until September 2026. Because my property directly overlooks the playing fields, a continuous commercial operation will cause an immediate and highly intrusive public nuisance. The proposal includes setting up bars, food stalls, and portable toilets in an open-air environment. The inevitable noise generated by patrons congregating outdoors from midday until 1900 daily will severely disrupt the peace and quiet enjoyment of nearby homes, with no solid structures to absorb or contain the acoustic impact.

2. Public Safety & Traffic Congestion: An Overburdened Village

Bourton-on-the-Water is already exceptionally busy and heavily congested during the peak summer months. The influx of tourists during this specific period routinely pushes local infrastructure, pedestrian pathways, and rural roads to their absolute limits. Introducing a daily commercial attraction on The Avenue will inevitably draw substantial additional vehicular and pedestrian traffic to an already highly gridlocked area. This creates a clear public safety risk, increasing vehicle-to-pedestrian hazards and threatening to block critical access routes for emergency services along The Avenue.

3. Lack of Commercial Need and Risk of Disorder

There is absolutely no demonstrable need for additional licensed premises selling alcohol in this specific area. Bourton-on-the-Water is already well-served by numerous established, permanent pubs, restaurants, and licensed cafes that adequately cater to both residents and visitors. Introducing a dedicated open-air drinking facility directly adjacent to residential properties and educational grounds increases the risk of alcohol-related anti-social behaviour, littering, and general disruption, undermining the community's safety and well-being.

Conclusion

An open-air commercial site operating non-stop for nearly six weeks in the dead centre of the summer peak is entirely inappropriate for this location. It places an unfair, daily burden of public nuisance on the residents overlooking the site and exacerbates an already strained traffic situation.

I urge the Licensing Sub-Committee to reject this application in its entirety. I look forward to being kept informed of any upcoming hearings regarding this matter.

D Taylor

I wish to object to the proposed New Premises Licence for Playing Field The Avenue Bourton-on-the-Water Gloucestershire Ref C/26/00574/PRMA under the following grounds.

Under The Protection of Children, the proposed venue will be operating right next to the Pre School at Bourton on the water Primary which operates throughout the proposed application period.

Under public safety with the proposed venue, it would increase footfall traffic on the Avenue with only one way in and out, along with increase vehicle traffic around the school turning circle with no clear plan for controlling the access routes. There is no provision made for first aid or security to monitor the event.

Under Crime and Disorder Prevention the area has already experienced anti-social behaviour resulting in several properties experiencing criminal damage of gates and fences being kicked in, which has been report to the police by all parties concerned. We have also had people urinating along the foot path at Piece Hedge which runs adjacent to the venue, with the provision of alcohol and fast food I envisage this will only get worse.

Under Public Nuisance Prevention the extended hours on the car parking to accommodate the proposed venue will result in more noise as currently the school only has cars on the field up to 6pm but most have left by 4pm. if the venue opens until 7pm by the time people leave will be closer to 8pm. We have also experienced noise and other anti-social behaviour with drones being launched and flown over our property by tourist when parked on the school grounds, which again has been reported to the school but there is no provision for someone to be on hand to monitor this.

The village already has numerous cafes and food outlets along with 8 public house / licences premises which is more than enough.

The background given at the parish council planning & highway meeting held on the 3rd June 2026 was this event was to ease the burden over tourism on the village and give tourist another place to go but I'm sure that if you are coming to visit the village as a tourist your not going to want to sit and eat & drink in the school field when there is adequate facilities in the centre of the village.

The school itself raises enough fund from the 142 days parking they have so I see no reason for them to need more from this type of venture.

J Robinson

I have 2 key concerns: Firstly this allows for the sale of alcohol near the nursery at the primary school. There will inevitably be intoxicated people and bad behavior, broken glass etc. near the nursery which operates holiday clubs over the summer. The application has no end date in section 5 meaning it could overlap with school operating times which is not acceptable, for both schools. My second concern is that Bourton is already massively over-touristed. The volumes of vehicles and people at the peak of summer make this village unsafe on the pavements. The Avenue is one of the few safe passages into the middle of the village. Making this space inhospitable with loud music, drunkards and broken glass will make the centre of the village a no-go area for locals at peak times. This additional disruption to an over-crowded village is unnecessary and unwelcome. The application is also inconsistent as sections 10 and 11 state no music will be played but Section 18D states "Entertainment will be managed responsibly and limited to reasonable hours to minimise disturbance to nearby residents" so what kind of entertainment are they proposing that could potentially cause disturbance if it is not music?

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