

**Cherwell District Council
Safer Communities and Community Development
Anti-social Behaviour Units Licensing Consultation Response.**

Licensing Act 2003: Application for a premises license.

Premises:

The Old Rectory Finmere Buckingham MK18 4AR

History:

As a new application we have no previous history relating to the operation of the site under the provisions of a Premises License. The site has however benefitted from a Temporary Event Notice and the events have taken place without significant public nuisance.

Recommendation:

The application indicates that the event capacity will be 1,000 customers and that attendance will be regulated by ticket sales. Concern has been raised locally over the potential for road traffic to cause disruption to the village of Finmere on the day of the event. In order to keep audience traffic to an absolute minimum I would recommend that all tickets are pre sold and that the event promotional material includes the advice that there will be no ticket sales 'on the gate'.

At point 2.2 in the Traffic Plan accompanying the event users of GATE 1 are identified as VIP, *day visitors*, and disabled visitors. The term '*day visitors*' is not defined elsewhere in the plan and this term requires clarification.

The location of the coach drop off point mentioned in the same paragraph requires further clarification.

No mention of GATE 2 and the proposals for its use are made in this section. This requires clarification particular as GATE 2 is accessed via Mere Lane which is a narrow and in parts un made road way. It is questionable whether this route is suitable for tow way traffic.

At paragraph 8.2 the capacity of the INNER & OUTER CAR PARKS is stated as 700 vehicles. In the next line of text the capacity of the INNER CAR PARK is quoted as being 700 vehicles with the OUTER CAR PARK having a quoted capacity of 100 vehicles giving at total capacity of 800. Whilst it is accepted that both totals exceed the anticipated total number of audience vehicles these numbers do require clarification.

Although the event is not large in size due to its location it is recommended that a Safety Advisory Group Meeting takes place 56 days before the event.

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07 March 2011**