

**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

Comments:

Further to my comments and observations of 07 March 2011 and attached as (i) on 21 March 2011 I received Email from the applicant with three attachments. The Email is attached as (ii) and the attachments are attached as (iii) – (v). These documents are described as follows:-

(iii) Transcript of a presentation to Finmere Parish Council on 11 March 2011 made by Steve Duffy Esq. on behalf of the applicant.

(iv) Revised Traffic Management Plan (not version marked)

(v) Letter supporting the application from the applicant.

In my initial assessment of this application I expressed the view that concern had been expressed locally in relation to the volume of traffic the event would attract to the village of Finmere. I made the recommendation that the event should be ticketed in advance with no tickets being available for purchase on the day of the event. This recommendation was made with a view to removing the need for ticket checks and sales to be made at the point of arrival and there by speeding up the passage to vehicles from the highway on to the event site.

The applicants have accepted this recommendation and the requirement should be conditional to any premises license granted.

The term 'day visitors' has been removed from the traffic management plan.

The location of the 'Coach Drop Off Point' mentioned in the previous version of the Traffic Management Pan has been defined as being 'outside Finmere Primary School' with vehicles being directed to leave the village via Westbury. The location chosen has sufficient space to accommodate a coach without interfering with the traffic flow along Mere Road. The applicants do however indicate that the event will not be sold on a package basis however there is nothing to prevent a group of individuals or indeed a company purchasing event tickets and arranging to travel to the event by coach. I would therefore recommend that a condition be attached to any premises license issued such that:

The access routes to the site shall be stewarded in such a manner that, without interfering with the flow of traffic, any coaches arriving at the site will be directed to the designated drop off point to unload before being directed away fro Finmere to the approved coach parking area.

At the end of the evening any groups arriving by coach shall be marshalled within the vent site before being directed to join their transport collectively.

Concern was expressed over the ability of Mere Lane to handle two way traffic and the applicant indicates in his Email that Mere Lane and 'Gate 2' will not now be used for event traffic.

Having considered the routing for both vehicles and pedestrian traffic described within the amended traffic management plan a revised site plan is needed clearly showing the routes to be used by both types of traffic. If a premises license is granted then a condition must be included as follows:

A definitive scaled and gridded site plan shall be prepared showing pedestrian and vehicle access routes to and from the site and within the event site. The plan must be submitted to the Licensing Authority for approval 56 days prior to the event taking place.

The capacities of the two car parks have been revised and based on the applicants' occupancy figures there will be sufficient space to accommodate the anticipated audiences' vehicles.

To ensure that all agencies are aware of the event, its location and profile the applicant shall be required to attend a Safety Advisory Group Meeting, 56 days prior to the event.

This requirement should be a condition of any premises license issued.

Rob Lowther
Anti Social Behaviour Manager
22 March 2011

A copy of this report is sent to the applicant(s) or their agents and to the Licensing Authority for the Cherwell District Council Area. Should you wish to discuss the contents of this report and its recommendations please contact Rob Lowther on 01295 221623 or rob.lowther@cherwell-dc.gov.uk.

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