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Stacey Walsham

From: John Taylor (john@jtay.co.uk) [jtay@btinternet.com]
Sent: 15 March 2011 00:01
To: Licensing
Subject: Premises License Application: The Old Rectory, Finmere - 25 June 2011

Head of Urban and Rural Licensing, The Licensing Authority,
 Cherwell District Council,
 Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury
 OX15 4AA

14 March 2011

Dear Sirs,

Premises License Application: The Old Rectory, Finmere - 25 June 2011

We understand that an application for a license for The Old Rectory, Finmere has been submitted for 25th June 2011 in order to stage a 'charitable event' for the Colonel's Fund of the Scots Guards.

We are totally opposed to this event being held in Finmere - a village location is highly inappropriate.

Our primary concerns are that the proposed event is likely to compromise Public Safety and will cause a Public Nuisance.

- **Safety** – With over 1,000 expected attendees the number of vehicles involved will be between 250 and 500. There is very limited parking at The Old Rectory and any spaces there are likely to be taken up by contractors, The Scots Guards, etc.

We understand that other parking arrangements have been made in a field at the junction of Valley Road and the Old Banbury Road – this will involve the attendees walking down Valley Road, past the junction with Mere Road to the village green. Finmere has very few pavements and, due to on-street parking which reduces road widths to a single lane; this route is highly dangerous at the best of times.

It is likely, particularly if there is inclement weather, that the attendees will park on the verges and grass in the village centre causing further danger, nuisance, annoyance and disruption. The roads in Finmere are too narrow for any additional on-street parking and only just allow the passage of agricultural and public safety vehicles at the best of times.

- **Nuisance** – Apart from the nuisance caused by having to accommodate up to 500 vehicles in the village there will be a other significant nuisances.

The Old Rectory is situated low down, beside the stream, in Finmere Village – it is near the Church and at the focus of a natural megaphone. Any noise there is naturally amplified and causes significant nuisance throughout the village and beyond. This was exemplified by a previous family wedding at The Old Rectory – imagine the effect of 1,000 attendees and a military band!

We understand that the proposed event will not be 'fully catered for' and involves an alfresco picnic. The 1,000 people will be expected to bring most or all of their own food. The street cleaning in Finmere is limited – usually about once a month. Any litter deposited by the charitable event attendees is likely to stay on the ground or have to be picked up by residents – that is unless it is cleared by The Scots Guards!

In summary, We fully support the Scots Guard charity but, for the reasons given, Finmere is an unsuitable location for this event and a license should not be granted.

John & Barbara Taylor

Belmont, Mere Road, FINMERE,
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From: Iain Helstrip [iainhelstrip113@btinternet.com]
Sent: 15 March 2011 16:12
To: Licensing
Subject: Premises Licence the Old Rectory Finmere

From:-
Mallows,
Fulwell Road,
Finmere,
BUCKINGHAM.
MK18 4AS

To:-
Attention of Head of Urban & Rural,
The licensing Authority,
Cherwell District Council.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wish to oppose the granting of a premises licence for an event at the Old Rectory, Finmere on 25 June 2011. The grounds for my objecting are detailed below.

- Firstly, the plans as presented at the public meeting on Friday 11 March, clearly demonstrated that insufficient planning and thought had gone into the sighting of the car parks and the proposal for attendees to walk from these car parks down the roads to the proposed venue. There are no footpaths in Finmere, and this therefore will endanger the general public.
- The roads in the village are narrow, and are quite unsuited to the additional vehicle traffic that such an event will attract, especially given the point above further endangering the public as well as being a public nuisance.
- The proposal to have the bus and coach drop off in the lay by opposite the school, will become a public nuisance blocking the road.
- The proposed tidal flow of coach and bus traffic down Fulwell Road, is an accident waiting to happen and will be a public nuisance and could well endanger children who frequently pedal cycle on the roads in the village.
- Whilst I appreciate many people like the sounds of bag pipes, and military bands. I do not (my taste is more towards Leonard Cohen) and therefore the noise will represent a public nuisance to me.

I would therefore urge you not to grant permission for this event to take place in our village.

Yours faithfully,

IAIN HELSTRIP

15/03/2011

Stacey Walsham

From: Jim Nicol [jim.nicol@dsl.pipex.com]
Sent: 16 March 2011 12:35
To: Licensing
Subject: Event Licence - The Old Rectory, Finmere. 25 June 2011

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Head of Urban & Rural
The Licencing Authority
Cherwell District Council
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PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION – THE OLD RECTORY, FINMERE

I write in opposition to the Premises Licence Application by The Old Rectory, Finmere for an event to be held on 25 June 2011.

While having some sympathy with the aims of the event, it is being held to benefit a single organisation, The Colonel's Fund of the Scot's Guards, whose only connection with Finmere would appear to be the owner of the premises at which the event would be held. It has been stated that the event would be beneficial to "local charities" but it is difficult to see how this would come about as, according to the organiser's representative who attended a local meeting to discuss the proposal, none of the proceeds of the event will be going anywhere other than The Colonel's Fund. As an ex serviceman I prefer to donate to charities with a wider beneficial effect such as Help for Heroes, the RAF Benevolent Fund, SSAFA and of course the British Legion poppy appeal and if my life is to be subject to upheaval I would be more amenable to it if the beneficiaries were a charity such as those.

The event is to take the form of a brass band concert and bagpipe music with Scottish dancing. I am no great lover of music and particularly dislike the droning sound of bagpipes. My wife and I like to spend summer evenings quietly enjoying the peace and quiet of our garden. The proposed venue is at one end of a valley which runs along behind Mere Road funnelling the noise almost in a straight line to my house in Mere Lane, a distance of some 400 metres or so. It is hard to see that peaceful enjoyment of my property will be at all possible during the concert.

The proposed traffic plan, based incidentally on a local map which is outdated and doesn't show many of the residences to be affected, describes 2 car parks, 1 at the top end of Valley Road and the other in a field at the bottom of Mere Lane. It was stated at the meeting mentioned above that approximately 700 cars could be accomodated at the Valley Road site and up to 150 at the Mere Lane site. Later in the meeting it became apparent that one of the owners of the two fields comprising the Valley Road site had withdrawn his consent, reducing the capacity by half; the

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From: David Smith [wdwsmith.32@googlemail.com]
Sent: 16 March 2011 12:41
To: Licensing
Cc: Kerford-Byrnes Mike; Councillor Barry Wood
Subject: Premises Licence Application Finmere

Head of Urban and Rural,
The Licensing Authority, Cherwell District Council.

We write to lodge our objections to the proposed Charity Concert at the Old Rectory, Finmere on 25th. June, 2011. We would, however, like to make it quite clear that we do not have any objection whatsoever to the excellent Charity proposed.

1) Car parking is quite inadequate for the proposed 800 vehicles and particularly now in view of the fact that Mr. H. Thornhill has decided to withdraw his permission for parking of 400 cars on his land in Banbury Road. Mr. Grimstone's paddock which is entered in Valley Road is extremely rough and floods easily after rainfall as all the water from Fulwell Road (including the Mere Pond and stream) and Water Stratford Road enters from a newly built culvert into a totally blocked stream which has not been cleared of rubbish and silt for very many years. The suggested exit for cars into Mere Lane is totally unsuitable. At present there is not any vehicular exit and to create a suitable one, if permissible, would be difficult with such a steep ascent to reach the lane. The lane is only a dirt track which is kept in useable condition by the residents and such vast numbers of vehicles would cause considerable damage and great inconvenience on the day to those people living there.

2) Finmere is only a small rural village with narrow roads and is often difficult to navigate on any ordinary Saturday. There are not any footpaths on most of the roads and residents walking with children, prams, elderly people and dogs would be put in great danger and inconvenience with large volumes of traffic. Many houses do not have garages and it is necessary for a considerable number of cars to remain on the roadside. Furthermore many coaches disgorging up to 60 people will cause another serious problem as there is only one small drop off place and that is used by residents at the weekend.

3) With a population of only just over 330 people we consider that such an event in this tiny village would be totally wrong in view of the disruption it will cause to all the residents. There are many much more suitable venues locally where it would be welcomed and no doubt well supported

Mr. & Mrs. W.D.W. Smith, Chippings, Fulwell Road, Finmere, MK18 4AS.

organiser had no warning of this and had had no time to plan the alternative. It is possible that the Mere Lane field could be assigned more use. Even so the use of Mere Lane by 150 vehicles in a "tidal flow system", that is all going down the lane at the start of the concert and then all going back up again at the end, is problematical in the extreme. Mere Lane is an unmade bridleway which is in poor condition and is also very narrow at the bottom end where it is proposed the traffic turns off the lane into the field, exact location unknown as there is no existing access, and the surface is even less durable than at the top. The surface is patched by the residents to try and maintain it's useability. A single concentrated occurrence of at least 300 traffic movements is without doubt going to cause significant damage and adversely affect the residents' use of the lane which they try hard to protect.

In the dry summer months the dust raised by even a single vehicle is considerable, the very thought of the nuisance caused by a stream of cars going down the lane in the late afternoon and then a queue trying to get out at the top at the end of the day fills me with dread. Of even greater concern is the junction of Mere Lane with Mere Road. Mere Road is the Traffic Authority's preferred route into the village and the junction is on a corner with very poor sightlines totally unsuited to high density traffic of the order of 150 vehicles in a continuous stream such as at the end of a public event. It is worthy of note that a proposed development at Tingewick House which included access from a converted stable block on to Mere Lane was refused by Bucks County Council planners on traffic grounds and was subsequently modified to remove this access.

In summary I am strongly opposed to this event being allowed. It is of no benefit to the village of Finmere, it will compromise my right to peaceful enjoyment of my property, it will damage the surface of Mere Lane causing considerable public nuisance in so doing and there is a high probability of a traffic accident at the junction of Mere Lane and Mere Road.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Nicol', written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

J Nicol

Stacey Walsham

From: Andi Padbury [andi.padbury@yahoo.co.uk]
Sent: 18 March 2011 17:04
To: Licensing
Subject: Premises Licence Application

Dear Sir / Madam

Premises Licence Application - The Old Rectory, Fimmere

I am writing to ask you to refuse the above application for June 25th. Although I fully approve of the charity it supports, I strongly believe that Fimmere is not the appropriate place to hold this event.

From information received about the event, and from a presentation given by a member of the Colonel's Fund for Scots Guards, there are a number of issues that I would like to raise.

1. Car Parking. I believe that some cars (approx 150) are being parked on a field that sits in the heart of the village. This means that these cars will have to travel into the village to get to the field. As there are virtually no footpaths in the village, this extra number of cars will raise real safety issues, not just for adults, but also for all the children and horses that use these roads regularly to walk through the village.

We were told that cars would exit this field by Mere Lane. This is simply not sensible as anyone who has walked this extremely narrow, old lane will be able to see for themselves. 150 cars travelling this lane would be impossible, especially if wet as the field becomes a bog in the area near Mere Lane.

It was also mentioned that some cars (currently approx 300) will park in a field at the top of Valley Road. This means that these people will have to walk down Valley Road to the The Old Rectory, to gain access to the ground. Not only is this along part of the road that the extra 150 cars are going to be travelling, but the top end of Valley Road (where they will have to start their walk) is very narrow. As there are few garages along that road, people park their cars on the road. There is no footpath. And it is impossible to get side by side, a parked car, a travelling car and a pedestrian. This means that (regardless of any work by stewards) every time a person walks down the road, it will hold up the traffic travelling. The safety problems would be immense.

And we are unable to establish where the extra few hundred cars will park. In the village ?? Again no footpaths and cars parked in roads.

There was also talk of coaches. We were told that these would park at the bottom of Chinnals Close. If this is the case, these people would be disembarking the coach very close to where all the traffic will be turning into the field to park. Safety ?? Then we were told they would park in front of the school. Again these people will have to walk through the village along the same road as the traffic on its way to the field. And then I believe the coaches will be driving through all these people to get out of the village. Safety ??

Public Nuisance

Although we were told that this event would finish about 9.00 / 9.30pm, this is very late to have a large band playing virtually in the middle of the village. I would imagine it would take at least 30 to 40 minutes for people to return to their cars, parked in various places, and then at least an hour for all cars to leave the village. Given that on a normal Saturday night you may see 2-3 cars an hour go through the village at this time of night, the nuisance caused by this extra '700' cars will be unbearable.

As I mentioned at the beginning, I am not at all against that Charity. In fact, it was suggested at the Village Meeting that this event be held at Finmere Air Field, much more appropriate where people could support the event without causing any public safety to the village.

I therefore ask that you refuse this licence.

kind regards

Andi Padbury

21/03/2011

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Stacey Walsham

From: Chris Padbury [chris.padbury@yahoo.co.uk]
Sent: 22 March 2011 10:54
To: Licensing
Subject: Premises Licence Application

Dear Sir/Madam,

Premises Licence Application - The Old Rectory, Finmere, 25th June 2011.

I write this letter to respectfully request you to refuse this application. I am fully in favour of the charity that the event supports but in my opinion the proposed venue is a totally unsuitable place to hold the event.

Given information that was presented to residents of the village by a representative of the Colonel's Fund for Scots Guards and other information received about the event I would make the following points.

Public nuisance

It seems that the event is scheduled to finish around 9.30pm. This is very late for a large band to be playing in the open air in what is virtually the centre of the village. Once the event itself has finished I estimate that it would take around 45 minutes for those attending to leave the venue and return to their cars which will be parked in various locations around and in the village. It would then take a further hour for all the vehicles to clear the village. With something in the region of 700 cars & possibly some coaches starting up and moving through the village it is not hard to imagine the disturbance & nuisance this will cause.

Car Parking & related safety issues

The proposal is that there will be various 'car parks' in the village. In one of those car parks it is proposed that approx. 150 vehicles will be accommodated. This particular car park is situated right in the heart of the village. It will mean that those 150 vehicles will need to travel into the village to reach the car park. This number of vehicles will raise serious safety issues as there are virtually no footpaths in the village and the roads are narrow & twisting. This will cause issues not only for pedestrians, adults & children, but also for any horseriders who regularly use these roads to walk through the village. We were informed at the public meeting that the 150 vehicles from this car park would exit via Mere Lane. Anyone who has walked this lane would tell you that this is simply not sensible as it is narrow, twisting and has an un-made surface. If weather conditions are adverse the field in which this car park is situated becomes boggy and it would be likely that the cars parked there could well become 'stranded'.

One other proposed site for a car park for a further 300 approx cars is situated at the top of Valley Road. This would mean that the people parking there would have to walk down valley Road to get to the venue. The top end of Valley Road is narrow and is a 'T' junction with the old Banbury road. This will not only be used by the people

walking to the venue from this particular car park, but will also be part of the route that the 150 vehicles using the other car park will travel. Not many of the properties on this part of Valley Road have a garage and, therefore, the residents have to park their cars on the road. There is no footpath. As I'm sure you will gather the potential for an extremely dangerous situation to develop on this part of Valley Road is enormous. Even with 'stewards' the safety problems are immense.

We have been unable to establish where the extra few hundred cars will park, but wherever it is it will only add to the seriousness for potential safety issues. All roads through the village are narrow, twisting and some with blind corners. Village residents' cars are often parked on these roads. There are few footpaths.

If there are to be coaches in addition to cars and we are told this is possible, this raises further safety issues. Originally, we were told that the coaches would park at the bottom of Chinalls Close which is virtually by the entrance to the venue and the proposed 150 vehicle car park. Passangers disembarking the coaches at this point would only add to the potential for disaster. We are now told that the coaches would drop off their passangers at the front of the village school. However, this would entail the people walking through the village along the same route as the traffic approaching the venue's car park. The coaches would then have to drive out of the village adding to the problems.

To sum up, I stress that I have no objection to the charity itself but I do have very serious concerns regarding the suitability of this particular venue for an event of this type, size & scope. I therefore respectfully ask that you refuse this application for licence.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Padbury

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Stacey Walsham

From: JONATHAN DAVIS [jonathan973davis@btinternet.com]
Sent: 19 March 2011 17:24
To: Licensing
Subject: Fw: SCOTS GUARD BAND CONCERT (FINMERE): 25 JUN 11

Jonathan Davis
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From: JONATHAN DAVIS <jonathan973davis@btinternet.com>
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Sent: Saturday, 19 March, 2011 17:22:59
Subject: Fw: SCOTS GUARD BAND CONCERT (FINMERE): 25 JUN 11

Dear Sir or Madam,

I should like to express my support for the proposed Scots Guards Band concert to be held in Finmere on Saturday 25 June 2011.

On hearing of the proposed concert I sought out the organiser, Mr Grimston, and went to meet him, I had not met him before. We talked through his plans and I raised some of the concerns that I had heard being aired by those against the project.

I specifically discussed: parking, traffic, litter, noise and drunkenness. Mr Grimston answered all my questions openly and honestly. Where my concerns were valid he agreed to address them.

Parking / traffic. Mr Grimston has organised offsite, edge of village parking within easy walk of the venue. Vehicular movement through the village will be limited to VIP and sponsor vehicles. There is alternative vehicular access which does not involve driving through the village. It is my understanding that this will be used for the majority of vehicles that need to access the actual venue. Edge of village parking has been organised with access that, again, does not require driving through the village. It is also my understanding that the parking facilities will be well signposted and marshalled by members of the Scots Guards who are giving up their time free of charge.

Litter. I pointed out that there were concerns about people dropping litter walking to and from the venue. The organiser accepted this and agreed to put in place a team of litter pickers.

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Noise. The concert starts at 7.30pm and is scheduled to end at 9.30pm. Whilst the band can be loud there is no amplification so what noise there is should not be intrusive at all during the concert. There should be no noise at all after 9.30.

Drunkenness. I put this to Mr Grimston. I am satisfied that the type of audience attracted to a Regimental Band Concert is not likely to be the type to get very drunk and cause trouble. The target market is mature people and families who want to be entertained by one of the best Regimental Bands in the world accompanied by all the pomp and circumstance that comes with a concert by a band from the Household Division.

I could not attend the meeting held last week as I was not at home but have received mixed feedback concerning the events that took place which included a circular from Finmere Parish Council where it states 'at a well attended public meeting...' and door to door canvassing by those against the concert.

I take issue with these actions on two grounds:

1. The well attended meeting consisted of approx 40 villagers. The 1991 census shows a population of approx 300. There has been considerable development in the village since then; it would be reasonable to estimate the total population to be approx 500.

The attendance at the meeting probably represents less than 10% of those living in the village. Despite wide circulation advising of the meeting the turnout at shows a very large majority in the village have no strong feelings about the concert.

2. I had a representative of the 'no' campaign call on my door today. A few simple questions showed that he was completely unaware of the facts, the information given was both inaccurate and alarmist.

When I asked about parking the response was that he thought the fields identified by Mr Grimston were unavailable. He spoke about 500 cars driving through, and parking in, the village. The representative then asked me to sign a petition which I declined to do.

My concern is that if the representative of the 'no' campaign was so poorly informed and villagers based their decision on the information he provided, the petition is fundamentally flawed and is not a true reflection of the feeling of the villagers.

I can see no reason for opposing this event and urge you to allow it to go ahead. It will be an outstanding event on behalf of a truly worth while cause.

If you would like to discuss this with me, please feel free to contact on my mobile.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Davis
077 3895 3410

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Stacey Walsham

From: Rob Pope [rob@pope.nildram.co.uk]**Sent:** 21 March 2011 18:32**To:** Licensing**Subject:** Premises Licence Application for a Charity Concert, The Old Rectory Finmere, 25th June 1011**To:**

The Head of Urban and Rural Services
The Licensing Authority
Cherwell District Council
Bodicote House
Banbury
OX15 4AA

Dear Sir

Re: Premises Licence Application for a Charity Concert, The Old Rectory Finmere, 25th June 1011

As a local resident I wish to express my opposition to this proposed event. The village infrastructure and amenities are not capable of sustaining an event of the planned size, which if allowed to go ahead would attract risk to public safety and at least cause nuisance. There are many alternative venues in the local area that would be suitable.

Your faithfully,

Mr. Robert Pope
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MK18 4BE

22/03/2011

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The Head of Urban and Rural
The Licensing Authority
Cherwell District Council,
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T.J. and Mrs J.R. Pallett,
Pine House,
18 Valley Road,
Finnere,
Buckingham.
MK18 4BG.

17.03.2011

Dear Sir / M/s.

We are writing with regard to the Premises Licence Application for a charity event to be held at The Old Rectory, Finnere on 25 June 2011.

In no way do we object to the proposed visit of the Scots Guards to our village, in fact we would be most honoured and wish to compliment and support them on their objective to raise funds for such an honourable and worthy cause.

However, our prime concern for any village activity of this size is with the movement of possibly hundreds of vehicles and of the safety of our parishioners. Therefore we strongly feel that the proposed venue is not suitable.

However, we suggest that a far more satisfactory site which is worth investigating is an area on the adjacent old airfield where the parking and movement of vehicles would be more sensible and much safer.

We were informed at the recent village meeting held on Friday 11 March 2011 that if another site was put forward and accepted, the Scots Guards would then make a considerable charge for their attendance. This we find hard to comprehend as if they are willing to give their services free of charge for such a worthwhile cause on one site in this area why not if a safer location was approved within the locality would not this generous offer still hold good. If this is the case might we suggest that the Colonel be asked to reconsider this ruling.

Yours sincerely,

T.J. and J.R. Pallett

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The residents of Mere Lane, south side
Little Tingewick
MK18 4AG

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22 MAR 2011

FAO Head of Urban and Rural
The Licensing Authority
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Friday 18th March 2011

Dear Sir or Madam,

RE: Premises Licence Application for The Old Rectory, Finmere, event date 25 June 2011

Whilst in full sympathy with the cause for which the above event is being planned, we, the residents of Mere Lane, South Side, would like to register our strong objections to the chosen venue of the Old Rectory, Finmere.

The proposed use of Mere Lane for access to one of the Old Rectory's fields, to be used as a car park – the plan refers to it as the 'Outer Car Park' – is ridiculous in the extreme. This could mean as many as 300 vehicles driving down the lane to get to or from the field. Mere Lane is not suitable for such heavy traffic for the following reasons (we have attached photos of the lane to illustrate our points):

- For most of its length, Mere Lane is single width.
- It is a no-through road that dwindles down to footpath and fields and is principally used by walkers and horse riders.
- The lane does not have a made-up surface, is full of potholes and can be extremely dusty/muddy, depending on the weather. We, the residents, do a little maintenance work on the lane, but it is not maintained by BCC (Buckinghamshire County Council) or CDC (Cherwell District Council). Any significant volume of traffic would churn up the surface and leave it in need of considerable repair work.
- The access into the field would involve putting in a full-width gate, which might set a precedent for more traffic use. Incidentally, would this require planning permission?
- We also doubt that the field will be suitable for parking, as the land here is boggy most of the year round. Vehicles could easily get stuck.
- A few years ago, BCC turned down a planning application from the developer of the Tingewick House site to create a new access onto the south side of Mere Lane for one of the houses he was building/renovating. The access was not allowed because of the lane's unsuitability to any increase in traffic.
- With this volume of traffic, we, the residents, would have severely restricted access to and from our homes and our children would be unable to play in the lane as they usually do.

In the wider picture, the whole village would suffer with such a large influx of day trippers. The village population is approximately 436. The concert is hoping to draw an audience of around 1,100.

The other proposed car park site, whilst on the edge of the village, could mean some 700 people walking down Valley Road to get to the event site. Valley Road is narrow, with no pavement, and residents need to park cars on the road, restricting it even more. Local traffic uses the road in both directions, making it dangerous for a large volume of pedestrians.

The use of the car parks is not mandatory, so Finmere could easily become a victim of excess on-road parking, causing a public nuisance. There could also be coaches coming up and down Mere Road and Valley Road, which include blind corners and bottlenecks.

We understand that there will be no use of amplification for the concert, but with a full military band playing, the noise will still be considerable, taking in the location of the venue. Of course, whilst some people might enjoy this type of music, it can be abhorrent to others. In the middle of summer at a weekend, when the residents wish to use their gardens, it would be a very public nuisance. The disruption to village life would not just be on the day itself, but also for days before and after the event, with lorries delivering and removing staging, toilets and all the other paraphernalia involved with this kind of event.

Finally, we are aware that The Old Rectory has applied for a premises licence in the past to hold wedding receptions - the application was withdrawn on the understanding that it would be refused. We are therefore extremely concerned that once a licence has been granted it would set a precedent for other events to be held at the Old Rectory on a regular basis; once a door has been opened it can be very difficult to close.

Yours faithfully,

G Angood. MR Angood

Mrs Glenys Angood and Mr Maurice Angood, Arabia, Mere Lane

Eva Paoli Jan Paoli

Mrs Eva Paoli and Mr Jan Paoli, Stop Gap, Mere Lane

L. Nicol

Mrs Lucie Nicol and Mr Jim Nicol, Alchester, Mere Lane

Michael Mitchell John Mitchell

Dr Michaela Mitchell and Dr John Mitchell, The Thatched Cottage, Mere Lane

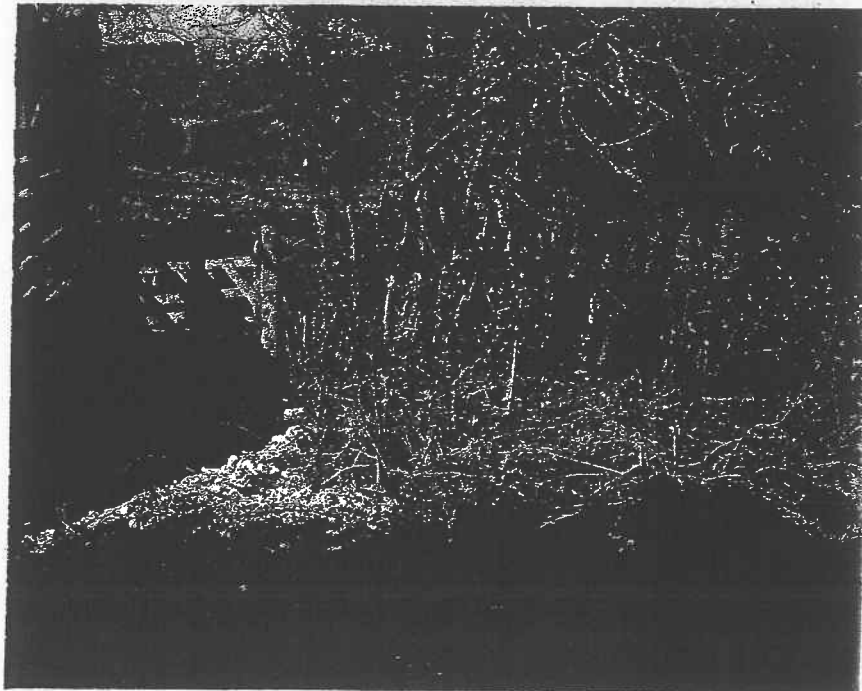


Potholes
in the lane
at its
widest point.
Residents
fill them in.



Here lane
dwindles
to footpath.
This is not
a road in
the usual
sense!

Existing gate
to 'outer
car park'
- single
width for
horse riders
& walkers



08011

To
Head of Urban and Rural
The Licensing Authority
Cherwell District Council
Bodicote House
Bodicote
Banbury, OX15 4AA

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22 MAR 2011

Arabia, Mere Lane,
Little Tingewick
Buckingham
Bucks
MK18 4AG

20th March 2011

Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to inform you of my total objection to the Premises Licence Application at the Old Rectory, Finmere, event date 25th June 2011.

Mere Lane, which is noted as the access /exit point for one of the car parks, is completely unsuitable for this use. Most of it's length is single track with many potholes in the stone and dirt surface. The visibility where it joins Mere Road is very poor. The number of cars using the car park would disrupt the use of the lane for the residents of the eight houses.

The other proposed car park will involve 500 to 1000 people walking down Valley road to the site entrance. Valley road is narrow with no pathway and is used by residents cars and through traffic. This would constitute a hazard to public safety.

The noise of a full military band playing on a Saturday in the height of summer when the villagers would be enjoying their gardens in the serenity of a village atmosphere would surely be a Public Nuisance.

The big worry for the residents of Finmere is that granting a licence would set a precedent for the site to be used on a regular commercial basis which would make life intolerable for the entire village.

Yours Faithfully

M.R. Angood

08012

The Thatched Cottage,
Little Tingewick,
Buckinghamshire,
MK18 4AG.



Email: jrdm1365@hotmail.com

21st March 2011.

Head of Urban and Rural,
The Licensing Authority,
Cherwell District Council,
Bodicote House,
Bodicote,
Banbury,
OX15 4AA.



Dear Sir / Madam,

We, as Interested Parties, are very concerned about the application for an events license from Mr Grimstone at the "Old Rectory", Finmere. Setting aside the problems for the rest of the village, the idea of using Mere Lane as access to the proposed car park for the event is not a good one.

Mere Lane is a very narrow and steep unsurfaced road which is unsuitable for heavy traffic. It is very slippery in the wet and it is easy to skid on the loose surface in the dry. If this plan were implemented we are sure that some vehicles would be unable to tackle the steep and slippery incline. This would cause an obstruction as there is no verge onto which a broken down or stuck vehicle could be moved to. The proposed "outer car park" is extremely boggy and we envisage great difficulties in getting parked cars out at all. The lane is not Council maintained and the residents' attempts to keep the lane in good order would doubtless be undermined by the usage which Mr Grimstone suggests.

In addition we are concerned about safety on the lane. Mere Lane is a no through road and most of the houses have no gates. Our children are used to running in and out with no fear of traffic and all the children play happily in the lane. If a gate were to be installed at the bottom of the lane it would no longer be a no through road and we fear that in addition to the huge volume of traffic using the lane in connection with the proposed event, the nature of the lane would be irrevocably changed.

More generally, we have great concerns about toilet provision and litter collection, neither of which have been adequately addressed in the proposals. The event attempts to circumvent licensing procedures by declaring itself "dry". However ticket holders are, we

believe, intended to bring picnics which will most certainly not be abstentious, requiring adequate toilet facilities and potential for unruly behaviour and littering.

In summary, we suggest that Mr Grimstones plans are ill conceived and we request that the Premises License Application at the Old Rectory should be rejected.

Yours faithfully,

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is written in a cursive style and appears to read 'John Mitchell'. The signature on the right is more stylized and appears to read 'Michaela Mitchell'.

Drs John and Michaela Mitchell

08013

Stacey Walsham

From: Lance Baber [lance@juststuf.com]
Sent: 22 March 2011 09:53
To: Licensing
Subject: Premises Licence Application at The Old Rectory - 25 June 2011

Dear Sir

I write on behalf of myself and my partner, Kerrie Flaus, residents at The Squirrels, Mere Lane, Finmere, following the recent parish council meeting, called to discuss the above event.

Whilst I think I can safely say that the village was fully supportive of the Scots Guards charity event, it was equally clear that the choice of location, when a good number of more suitable local venues could have been approached, was not. The event representative suggested that the Scots Guard band would only play the Charity event for free, if it was held at the Old Rectory, and I think that should tell you all you need to know about the specific agendas behind this application.

There are numerous issues that make Finmere inappropriate for such an event and the failing of an event/premises application in 2008 provides testament to that.

Although the event representative changed his story on three occasions, what was clear was that Mere Lane was to be used for access, whether that was one-way in, one-way out or both in and out. Either way the Lane is totally inappropriate for such vehicular traffic as it is an un-adopted, dirt road that is full of pot-holes with an incline, that when wet, is difficult to navigate. I also believe that the field, designated for parking and access, is also not suitable as it is not flat enough for cars and is very often wet. The dirt road will be damaged beyond its current very poor state and this access will be damaged to the detriment of the residents.

The lane and village is not suitable for numerous cars and this will cause a potential hazard for the many children that play in the lane and in the village, which again is not acceptable. It is also not acceptable, particularly as a designated field / car park has been withdrawn from the proposal, which incidentally made use of a map of the area that was over 30 years old and did not show all the houses down Mere Lane, for village residents to be inconvenienced by so much traffic, people, street parking etc on the day.

I understand from the organisers that all marshalling and clean-up operations will be handled by volunteers which, I believe, will result in haphazard control of traffic and people and potentially non-satisfactory clean-up operation which will leave us. I believe that this does not provide any real control of people and with so many people in the village the opportunity for petty and more serious crime is increased.

Lance Baber & Kerrie Flaus

The Squirrels
Mere Lane

22/03/2011

08014

Stacey Walsham

From: Lyn Randall [lyn.randall@tiscali.co.uk]
Sent: 22 March 2011 16:25
To: Licensing
Subject: Licence - Event date 25th June 2011

FAO Ms Natalie Barnes

Scots Guards Colonel's Concert
The Old Rectory, Finmere

The details of this application have come to our attention in the neighbouring Buckinghamshire village of Water Stratford (about 2miles from Finmere).

Whilst we have no particular concerns about the event itself, which is in a most laudable cause, the traffic plan provides for coaches to be directed through Water Stratford (point 2.2). We have misgivings because our village street, in which motor cars park, is narrow and has a tight narrow bend at the south end. It is for this reason that there is an official sign, where the Water Stratford Road turns off the A422, that states that the road is 'Unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles'.

There is no indication as to how many coaches might be involved but at 3.4 the Plan states that 'At present, there are no plans to sell or offer any coach packages.' This leaves matter open for any number of coaches eventually to be directed through Water Stratford. More than just a very few coaches through the village has the potential to cause problems and disturbance.

I make this submission so that you may take account of all relevant issues in considering this licence application.

L. Randall

Clerk to and member of the Water Stratford Village Meeting Committee
Farrier's Cottage MK18 5DX 01280 848205

08015

Stacey Walsham

From: Nathalie Dyson-Coope [jtbandnc@sky.com]
Sent: 22 March 2011 16:52
To: Licensing
Subject: Formal representation: Premises License Application for 'The Old Rectory', Finmere, Event
Date 25th June 2011

I am writing to you regarding the Premises License Application at 'The Old Rectory', for an event the owners wish to hold on the 25th June 2011. I have grave reservations as to the suitability for the site to host such an event. I am making a formal representation to you to underline my total opposition to the event being held in this village location for the following reasons.

- The numbers expected to attend the event are between 500-1000 people. This will mean a similar number of vehicles passing through the village in a high concentration. I live opposite Finmere primary school, at 3 o'clock the roads in the village, Mere Road especially, become blocked with parents collecting their children. That number of vehicles is approximately 30-40 cars. This proposed event raises huge public safety and road safety concerns. The village infrastructure is simply not capable of supporting this volume of traffic.
- Almost all of the roads within the village do not have pavements. One of the proposed car parks is some distance from the venue and will require people to walk along the road. Combined with the very high levels of traffic I have mentioned, this again raises questions of public safety to both the residents of the village and guests of the event.
- Both of the proposed car parks are overlooked by residential housing. With the numbers of vehicles attending the event these will become a clear public nuisance to the local residents especially at the end of the event, late in the evening with everybody trying to leave at once.
- I am a home owner in Mere Road. My property backs onto one of the proposed sites for a 'car park'. This 'car park' is a field which has underground drainage running across it and overhead power lines spanning the field. Because this is a farmers field and the ground is unsuitable for large volumes of traffic and it's use as a car park, these amenities will need to be moved to prevent damage to domestic supplies in the area and secure public safety.
- The large number of people attending the event raises questions of security for residents of the village. Crime, disorder and anti social behaviour are more likely in areas where there is low levels of policing or security staff, non-existent or poor street lighting and no obvious security deterrents. More often than not, petit crime is not premeditated but opportunistic.
- The event intends to host a band. Noise pollution is a serious concern to the residents as this is a very quiet village and the event will run on late into the evening.

I hope much thought is taken over this decision and my points discussed. The village and it's residents will be severely disturbed if the proposals for this events licence are agreed to by the council.

Yours Sincerely

Jonathan Newman
15 Town Close
Mere Road
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23/03/2011

Mere Road,

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Finmere,

Buckingham.

MK18 4AW

21st March, 2011

Head of Urban and Rural,
The Licensing Authority,
Chesham District Council,
Briarcliffe House,
Bodicote,
Banbury. OX15 4AA.



Dear Sir,

re: Premises Licence Application - Finmere
25th June, 2011

An admirable cause; however, anyone with any knowledge of this small village will realize this venue is wholly unsuitable for such an event.

The village roads are narrow, many without pavement or even grass verge, and any additional vehicular movement of this degree would create a serious public safety problem.

Yours faithfully,

Aunty Bilbo

(Mrs. A. Bilbo)

08017

Stacey Walsham

From: Pat Hammerton [pat@caai.net]**Sent:** 23 March 2011 08:41**To:** Licensing

To whom it may concern:

I write with reference to the application for a license to hold an event at the Old Rectory Finmere on Saturday 25th June 2011.

I am writing to you as I am concerned that the increase in traffic that this event will bring could put our community at risk specifically:

The main road junction on the borders of Finmere and Little Tingewick, where the Banbury Road, Mere Road, Mere Lane and the Red Lion Car park join the main road between Tingewick, Finmere and the bypass. This is already a dangerous junction with motor vehicles and motor bikes speeding round the sharp bend on the apex of this junction.

I and others have on several occasions raised the matter at both Finmere and Tingewick parish council meetings hoping to persuade them to put pressure on the highway authorities of Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire to find a way to slow the traffic down, a roundabout has been suggested but to no avail. The buses to Bicester, Brackley and Buckingham also stop at this road junction, they are too big to go through Finmere village. So any increase in traffic even for a day is to be avoided. An additional safety issue is that on a typical summer Saturday afternoon, the village children are quite likely to be walking or cycling on the roads (few pavements), even one hundred extra cars and coaches trying to access a venue in the heart of the Finmere will put these kids at risk.

Whilst I support the charity the venue is unsuitable.

Yours faithfully
Patrick Hammerton

Patrick Hammerton, Fairview, Little Tingewick, Buckingham, MK18 4AG, Tel: +44 1280 847068,
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08018

Stacey Walsham

From: Peter & Joan Grimwade [pjpg2@btinternet.com]
Sent: 23 March 2011 10:46
To: Licensing
Subject: Premises Licence Application, The Old Rectory, Fin mere. 25th June 2011.

Dear Sir

We are opposed to the application of a Premises Licence for an event to be held at The Old Rectory, Finmere on Saturday 25th June 2011.

Finmere is a small village with only two roads which are narrow with blind bends and very limited pavements completely unsuitable for an event where it is anticipated that there will be up to 800 cars and over 10000 people attending.

The traffic plan submitted is inaccurate as it is out of date and does not show developments that have taken place over the last few years. These house will be badly affected by the number of cars and people through the village..

The traffic plan states that gate 2 is to be accessed via Mere Lane which is an unadopted,unsurfaced track forming the boundary between Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire with no vehicular to the proposed car parking area. It is understood that the owner of the Old rectory proposes to make a gateway from the field to Mere Lane.Surely planning permission is required for this gateway to be made.

We understand that the Band and some people will be arriving by coach but there is confusion in the traffic plan as to where the drop off and pick up points will be. The roads are not wide enough to have coaches dropping passengers near the two entrance gates.

We are also concerned about public safety with so many cars and people using the narrow roads in the Village as there does not appear to be any police in attendance to control the crowds only Stewards within the car parks.

We ask the Licensing Committee to take into account our concerns and reject this application.

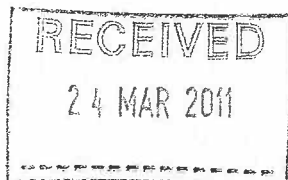
yours Faithfully

Peter and Joan Grimwade

Glebelands
Water Stratford Road
Finmere

23/03/2011

08019



25 Valley Road
Finmere
Buckinghamshire
MK18 4BG
23rd March 2011

Dear Sir/Madam

Ref: Premises Licence Application
25th June 2011
The Old Rectory Finmere

As residents of Finmere whose home is virtually opposite the entrance to the the Old Rectory we write as a family to express our strongest opposition to the granting of a licence on the above date.

The reasons why we oppose the granting of this application are listed below but we must first clearly and categorically state we have no issue with the cause in whose case the event is being held (the Colonel's Fund of the Scots Guards) all our concerns are reserved for and relate to the unsuitability of the venue for the event.

The venue is unsuitable because it is entirely in the wrong location to host an event of the proposed size. Situated as it is in the middle of a rural environment serviced by minor roads with its entrance off a junction the venue is not suitable – the volume of traffic entering and leaving the event onto these roads will present risks to public safety.

The roads to the venue contain parked cars from the families whose homes are on Valley and Fulwell Road this means there are no unimpeded access routes which in turn will result in vehicle build ups causing noise and fume pollution. These pollutants will not disperse easily and the noise will reverberate because they will each occur in a low lying and sheltered area. As well as the public nuisance vehicles will cause entering and leaving site there will be further problems caused by noise and light pollution from the site itself. We know this will occur because we have suffered previously having been prevented from sleeping because of disturbance from the site; situated as it is such a short distance from ours and other homes in the locality.

Finally we have a right to the peaceful enjoyment of our property. The significant volumes of traffic movements both towards, on, around and then off site will create increased noise, light and fume pollution which will breach these rights.

The proposed venture is entirely unsuitable for the reasons stated above and we therefore repeat our firm opposition. We therefore strongly urge that the application is turned down.

From and on behalf of the Cochrane Family

Alan Cochrane

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Head of Urban and Rural Services
The Licensing Authority
Cherwell District Council
Bodicote House
Bodicote
Banbury OX15 4AA

23rd March 2011

Dear Sir,



Premises License Application
The Old Rectory, Finmere
25th June 2011

Objection.

We the undersigned, wish to register our objection to the above application, on the following grounds,

1. Finmere cannot cope with the suggested traffic volumes associated with this application.
2. Safety of children and adults, as we have no footpaths to enable the residents to avoid the cars and coaches expected.
3. Safe and quick access for emergency services. [a previous application was turned down because of the lack of safe and adequate access
4. Extreme noise pollution, causing a nuisance.

Whilst we appreciate the charity cause, Finmere is most certainly NOT the place to hold such an event and other venues are better suited.

Yours sincerely,

R. Woodbridge . J. Woodbridge . J. Taylor

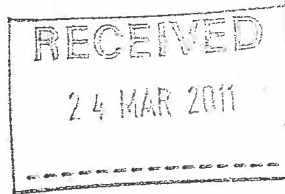
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Mrs E M Wood
16 Chinalls Close
Finnere
Buckingham
MK18 4BQ

24 March 2011

Head of Urban and Rural Services,
The Licensing Authority,
Cherwell District Council,
Bodicote House,
Bodicote,
Banbury, OX15 4AA



Dear Sir

Re: Premises Licence Application for Event at Old Rectory, Finnere on 25 June 2011

I wish hereby to formally object to the above mentioned Premises Licence Application.

The grounds for my objection relate to non compliance of the application with three of the four licensing objectives, namely:

- a. Public Safety.
- b. Public Nuisance.
- c. Protection of Children from Harm.

I submit the following for consideration by the Licensing Sub Committee when the application comes before it for determination:

- a. Quantity 36 photographs of Finnere.
 - b. A Street Map of Finnere.
 - c. A 2008 Oxfordshire County Council (the Highways Authority) assessment of the nature and condition of the village roads in Finnere.
- I submit that this is a material consideration in the case, in relation to

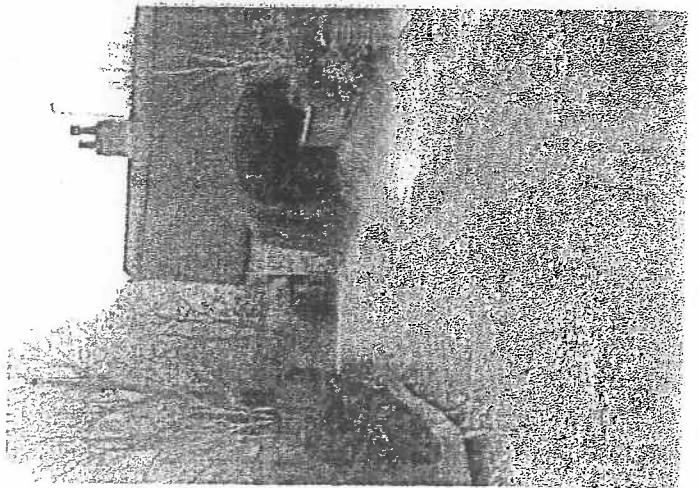
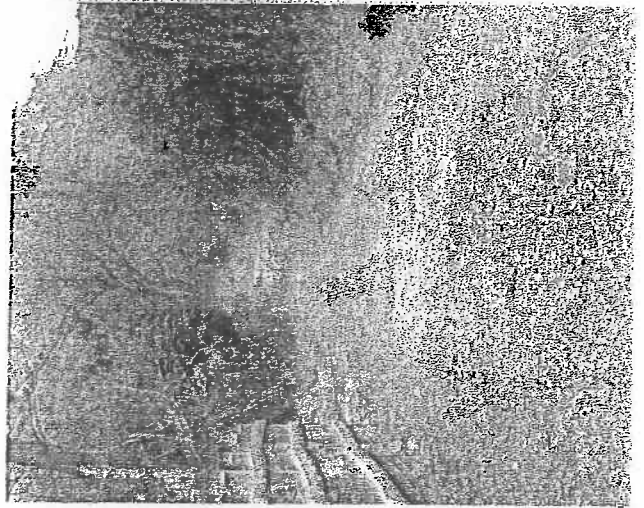
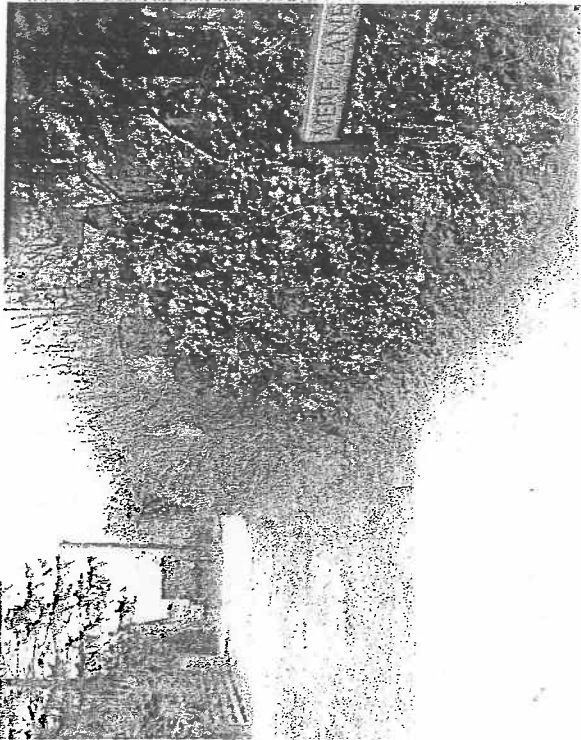
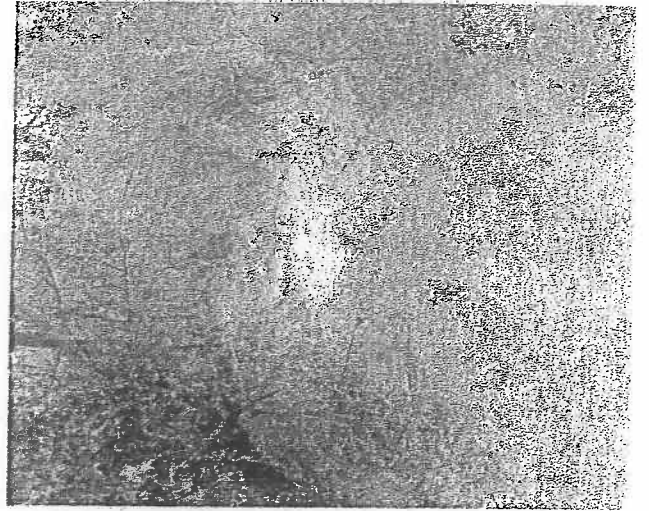
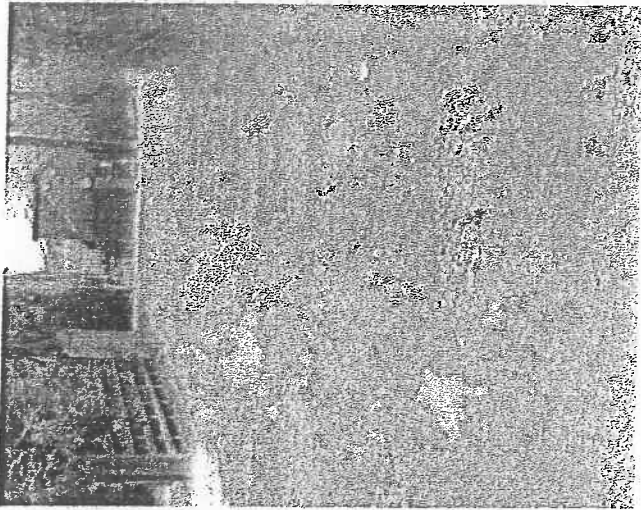
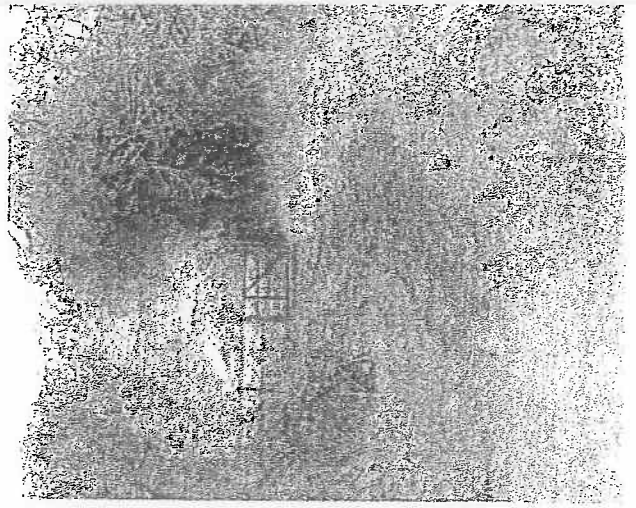
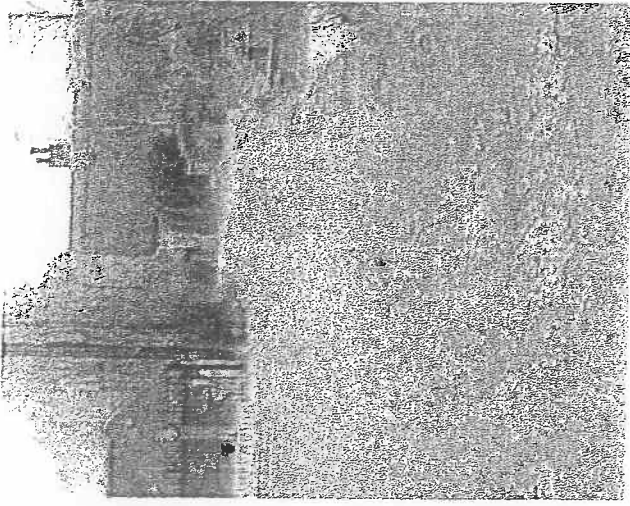
the Prevention of Danger to the Public, the Prevention of Public Nuisance and the Protection of Children from Harm. Furthermore, I cite the "Legal Status" advice for Licensing Authorities given on Page 12 of the Guidance Issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003, which clearly states that the Licensing Authority can give consideration to other scenarios or set of circumstances and may depart from the Guidance if they have reason to do so, as long as they are able to provide full reasons. The enormous risks to both event visitors and village residents alike posed by the quadrupling of vehicle movement numbers in the centre of a small rural community with an unsuitable road network, make it imperative that the opinion of the Highways Authority be taken into account. The Licensing Authority in promoting the licensing objectives, clearly has leeway to do this under the rules and indeed has a duty of care to take this approach in this case.

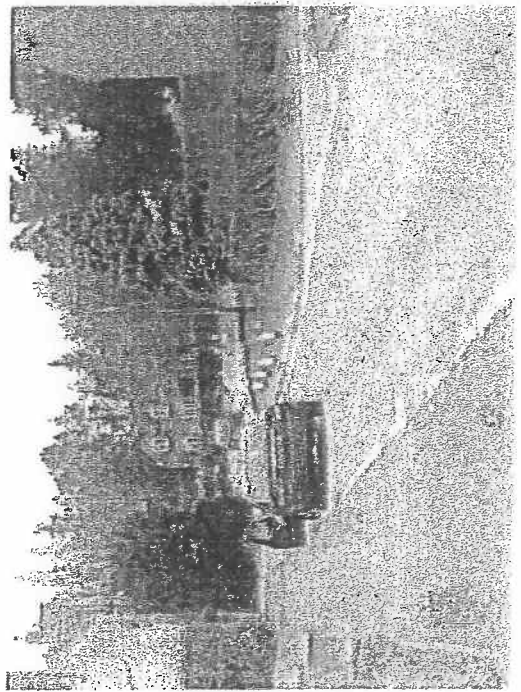
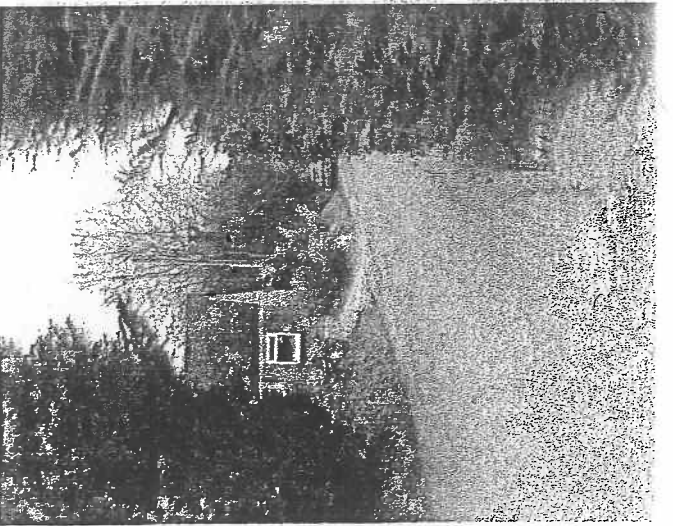
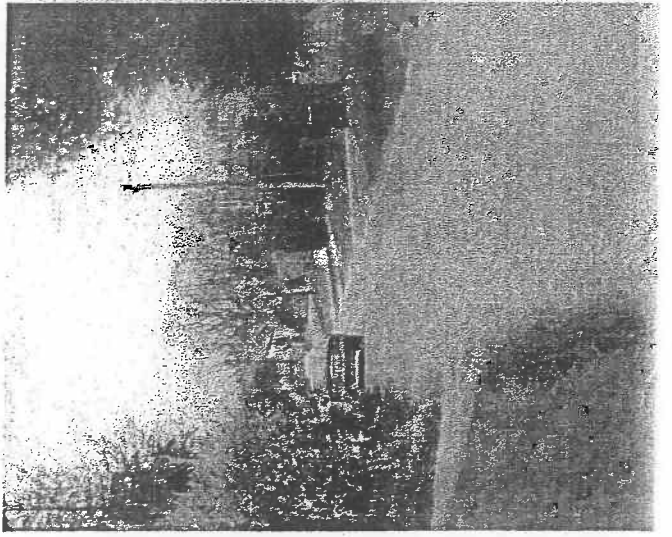
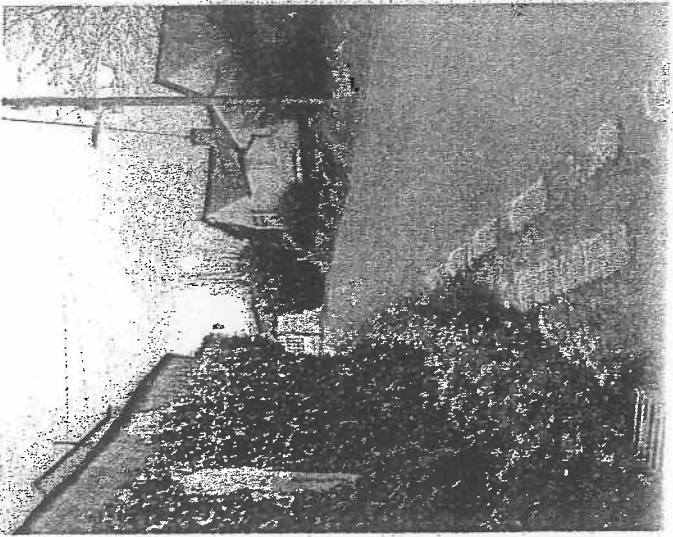
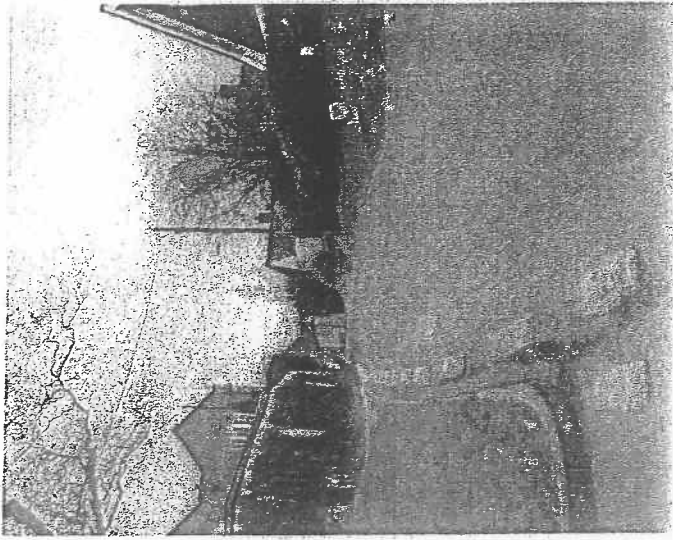
d. An extract from the Oxfordshire County Council website concerning Safety Advisory Groups. This clearly indicates that traffic congestion is considered a form of Public Nuisance.

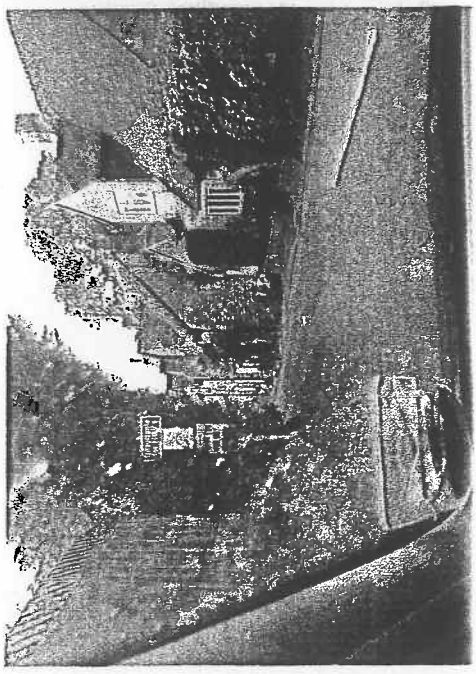
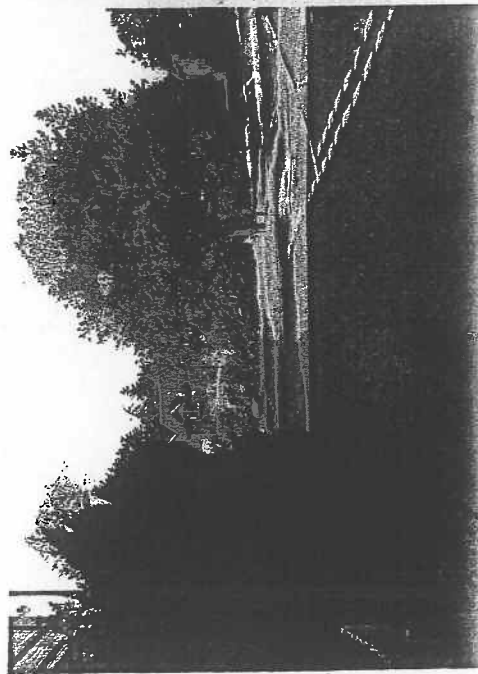
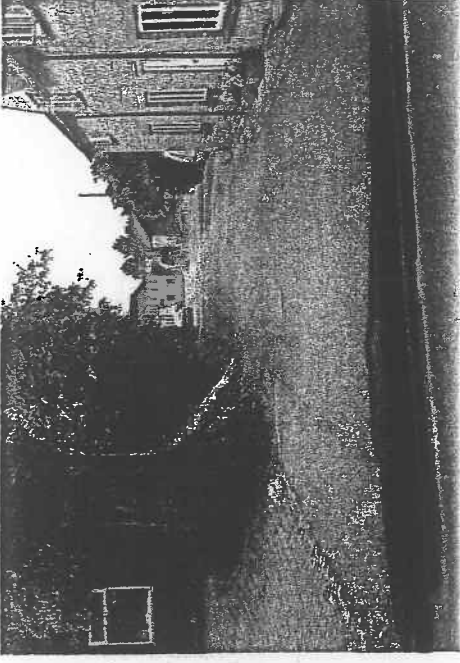
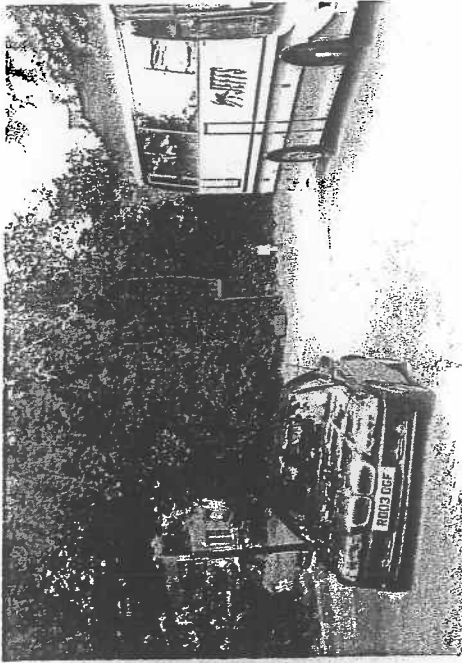
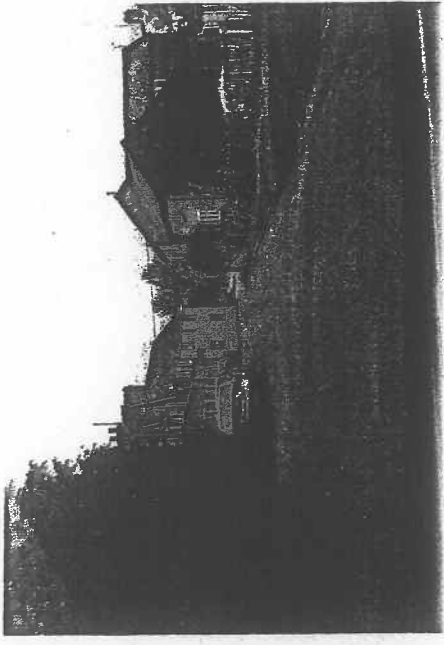
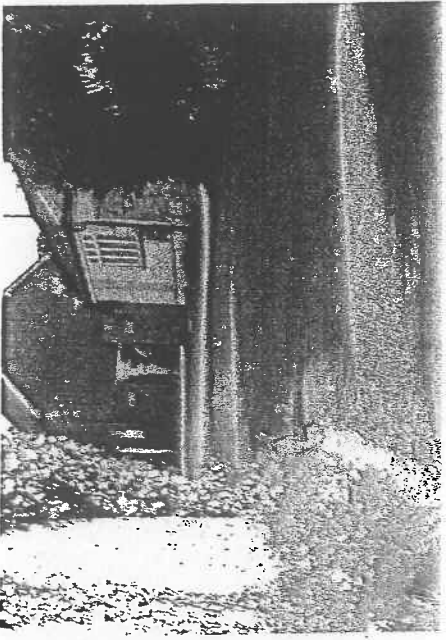
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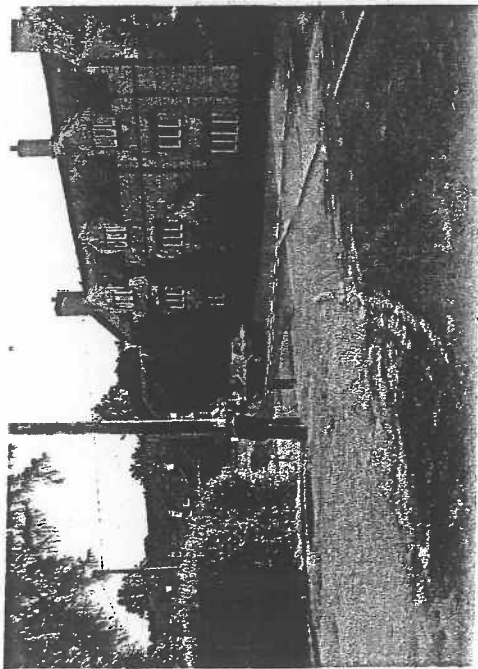
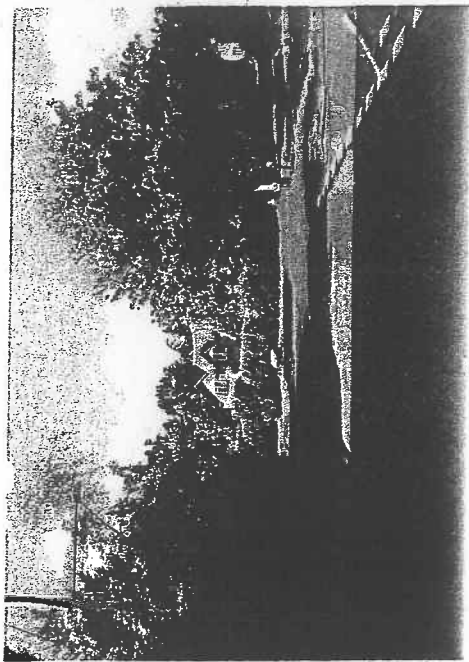
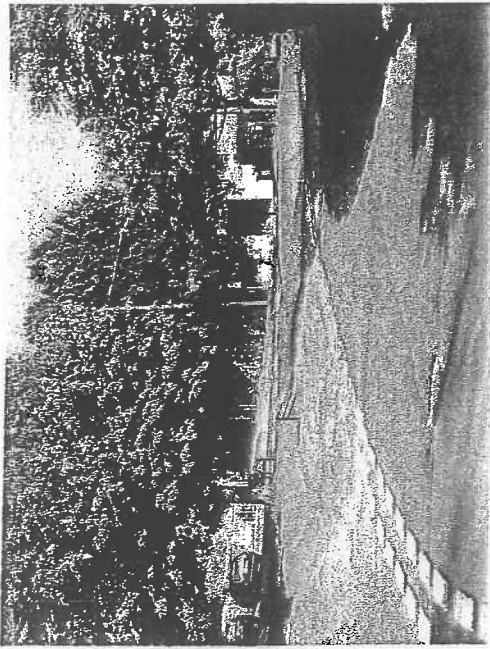
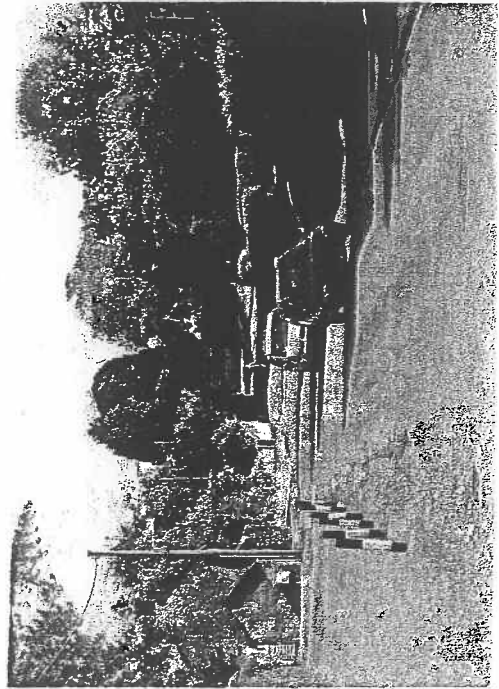
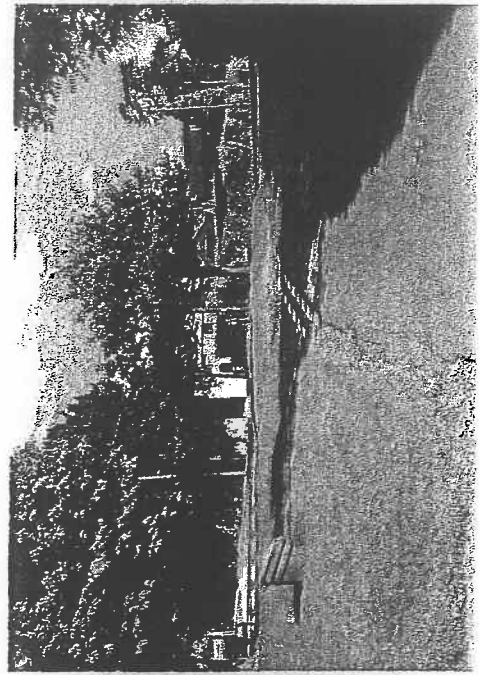
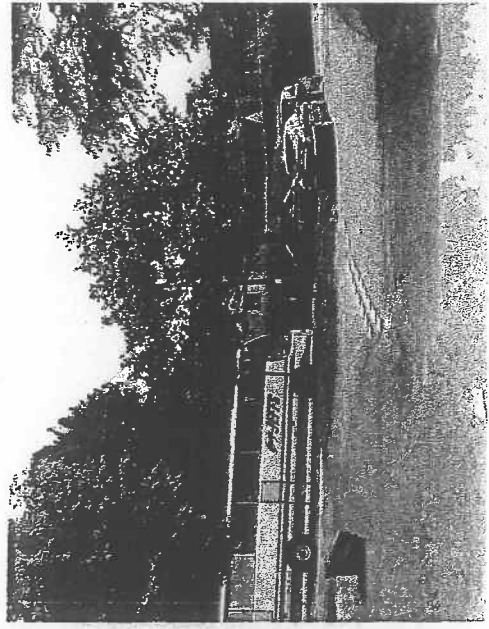
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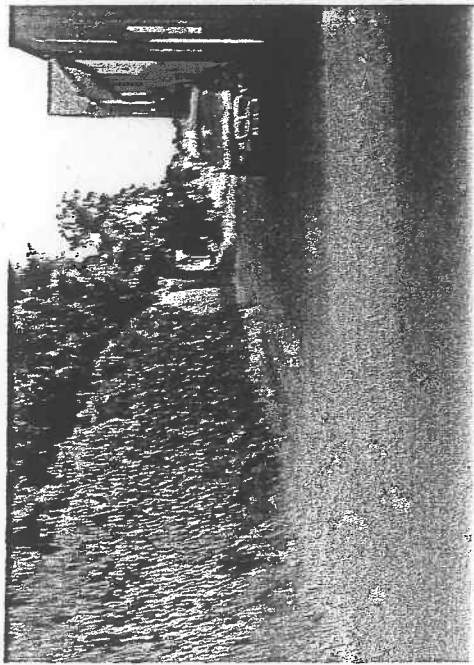
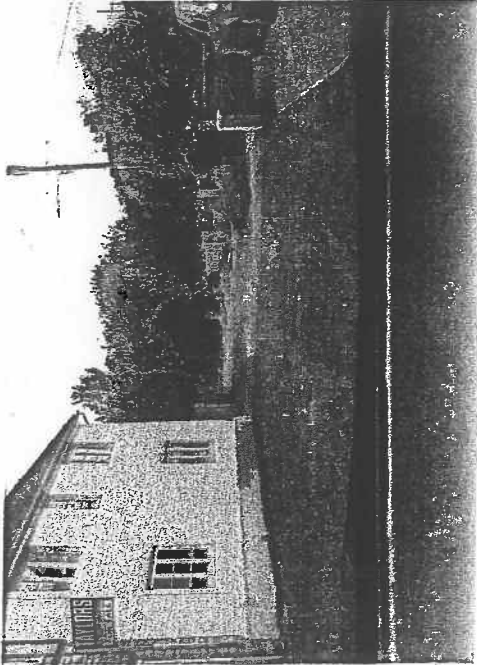
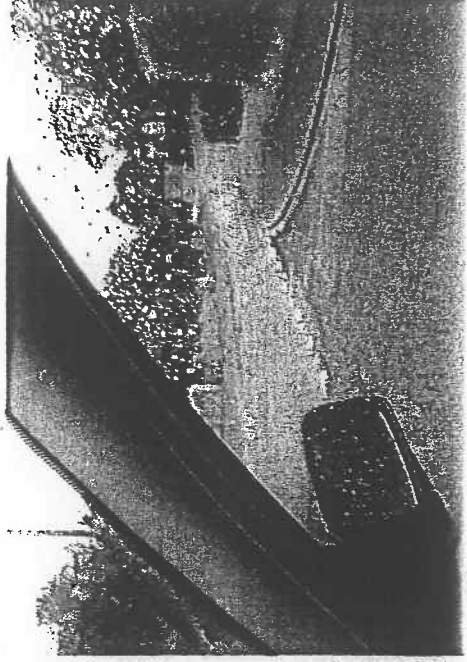
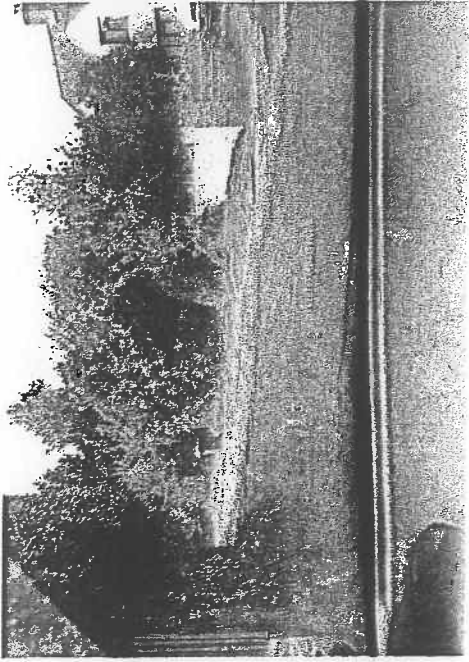
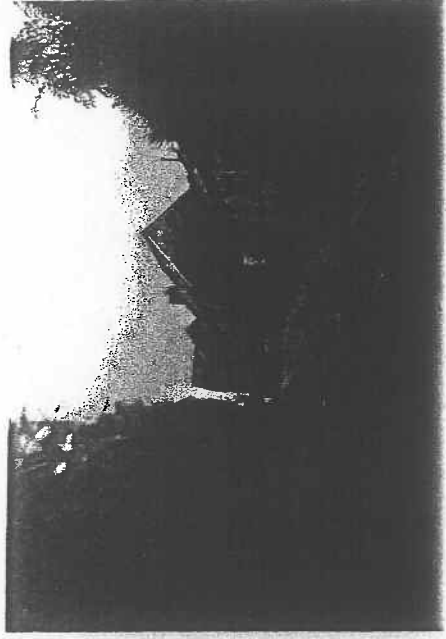
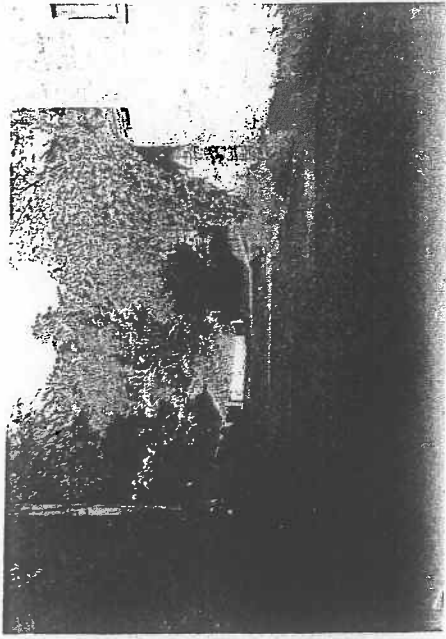
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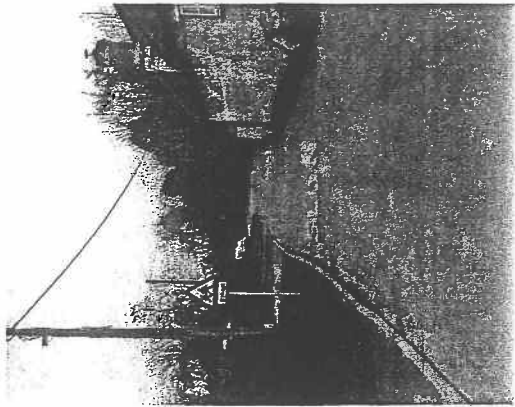
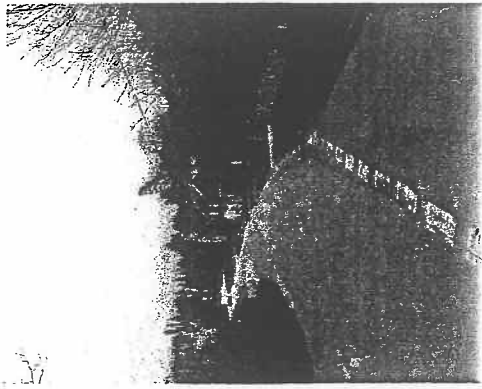
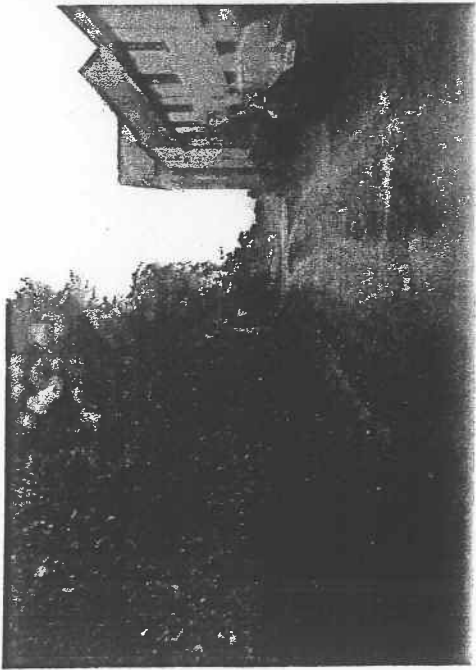
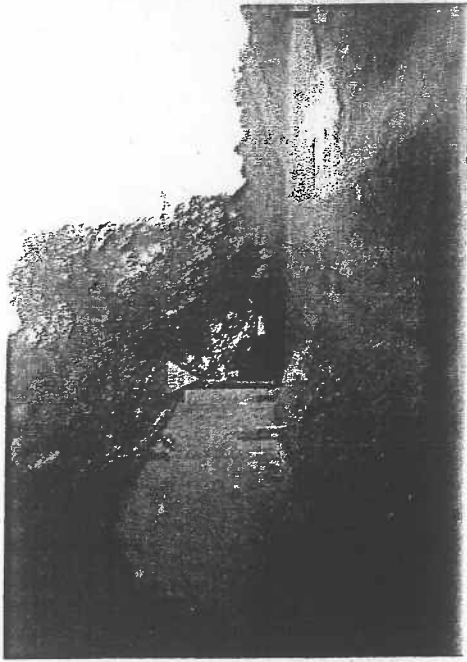
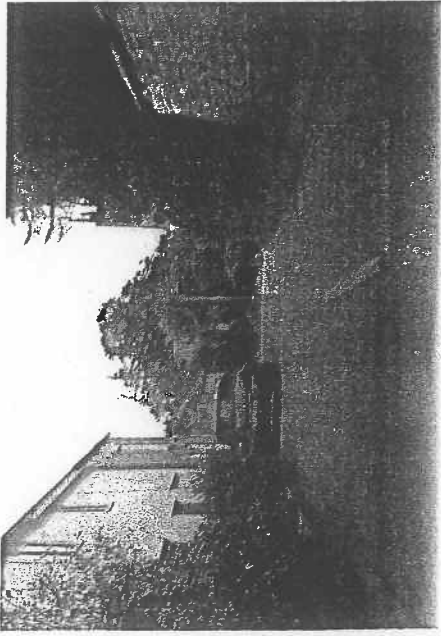


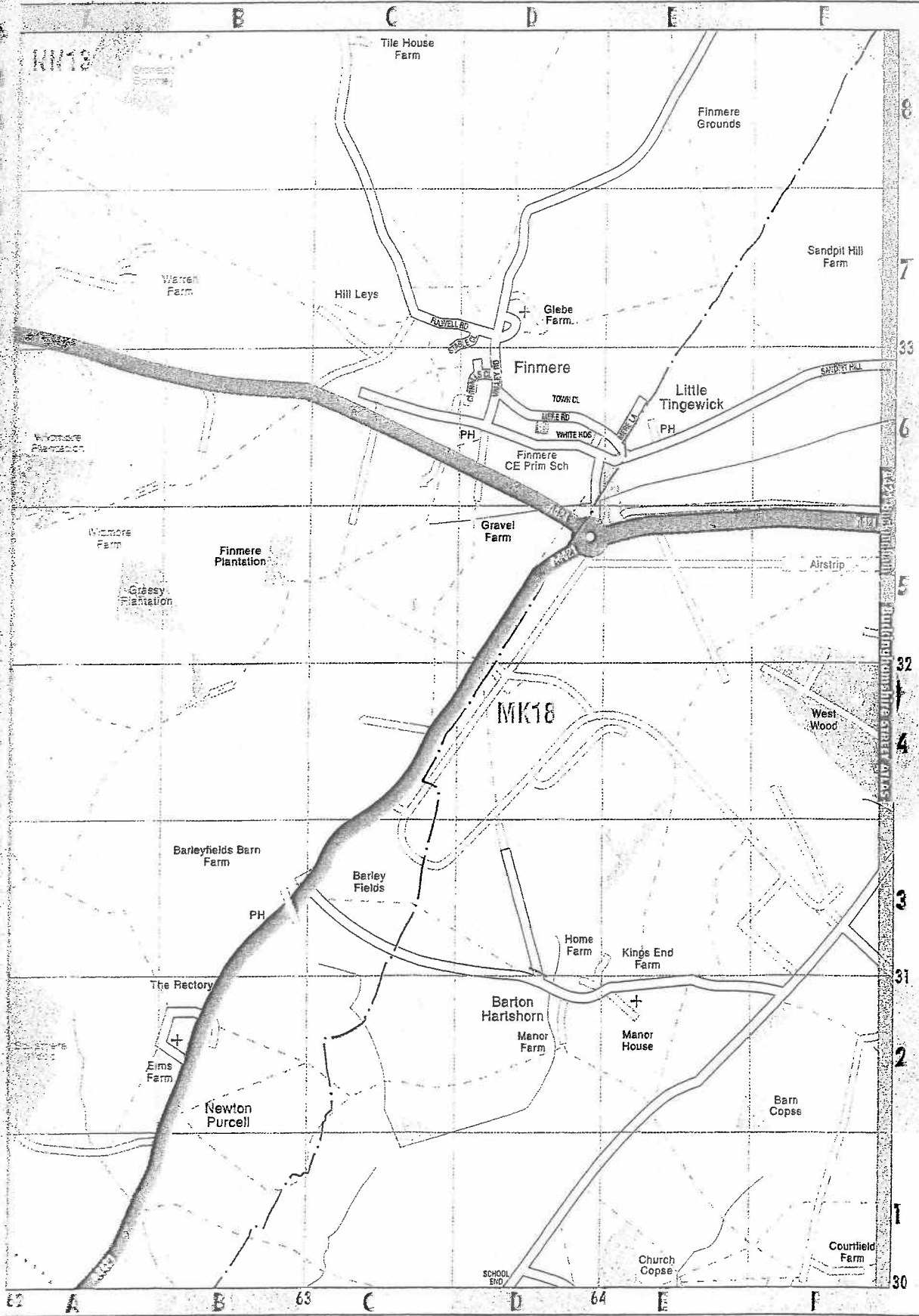












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Dear Caroline

The Old Rectory, Finmere

Thank you for your consultation on the above application which in brief proposes the construction of wedding and events venue to include dance hall, marquee and ancillary accommodation including car parking within the grounds of "The Old Rectory".

I have visited the site, and write with the Highway Authority's response to the proposals as currently detailed.

Sustainability

The site is situated in an unsustainable location, not well-served by public transport. Therefore the users of the facility are unlikely to travel to the site by means other than that of the private car.

Suitability of the Highway Network

The Highway Authority considers the local highway network to be inadequate to accommodate the additional vehicle movements that are likely to be generated by the proposals. The carriageways in close proximity to the site are narrow and tortuously aligned, lacking adequate footway provision.

Safety advisory groups

What is a safety advisory group?

Events that require licensing have to be assessed by a safety advisory group to make sure that they meet all necessary safety requirements. Safety advisory groups are made up of representatives from:

- Thames Valley Police
- Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service
- Oxfordshire Ambulance Service
- Oxfordshire County Council
- relevant district council (licensing officer and sometimes the emergency planning officer).

Does my event need a safety advisory group?

If the licensing officer decides the event needs licencing, they will recommend a safety advisory group (SAG) meeting to discuss your event.

Some small events may not be recommended for a SAG. On the other hand, there are events that do not require licensing that are still recommended to have a SAG meeting due to certain circumstances of the event, such as traffic issues or other safety issues not covered by the local authority licensing laws.

What do safety advisory groups do?

The safety advisory group's main functions are to advise the licensing authority (i.e. the district council) on appropriate conditions for licensed events, and advise organisers of both licensed and unlicensed events on:

- the prevention of crime and disorder
- the prevention of public nuisance (such as noise and traffic congestion)
- public safety
- the protection of children from harm.

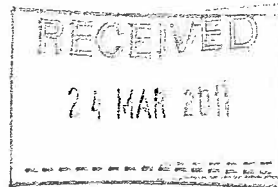
Depending on the nature of the event, the licensing authority (who is responsible for organising the SAG meetings) can call on other agencies for specialist advice if required.

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Mr B V Wood
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24 March 2011

Head of Urban and Rural Services,
The Licensing Authority,
Cherwell District Council,
Bodicote House,
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Dear Sir

Re: Premises Licence Application for Event at Old Rectory, Finnere on 25 June 2011

I wish to lodge objection to the above mentioned Premises Licence Application because there are overarching detrimental impacts that this "one off" event will have on village life. There is enormous cause for concern in respect of three of the four fundamental licensing objectives detailed in the Licensing Act 2003. These are notably risks relating to Public Safety, Public Nuisance and Protection of Children from Harm and cannot be sufficiently mitigated to allow this application to proceed.

Too, this particular licence runs contrary to the "Amended Guidance Issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003" (DCMS March 2003), in which the opening phrase in large bold type says "Our aim is to improve the quality of life for all.....". At Para 9.25 of the above mentioned Guidance, it also indicates that the Licensing Authority must promote the licensing objectives in the overall interests of the local community.

I understand that the Licensing Authority will be in receipt of many objections to this application from the local community and clearly therefore, they feel that the application does not meet the requirement to "improve the quality of life for all" and is not in their overall interest. The 160 plus letters of objection to this application is a very large number for a small village the size of Finnere and should not be discounted out of hand as unimportant. Indeed the above mentioned Guidance clearly indicates that weight should be given to the opinions and wishes

of the local community at large and should not pull against them. There are therefore sufficient grounds for a refusal.

I would be grateful if I can be notified of when the Licensing Hearing will take place, so that I can address the panel on these points

Yours Faithfully

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B V WOOD

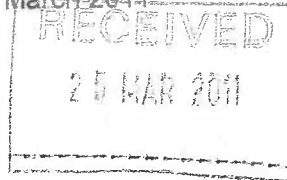


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22 March 2011



Dear Sir

Premises Licence Application
The Old Rectory, Finmere – 25 June 2011

As an ex-Serviceman and honorary life member of an Army corps institution, I wholeheartedly support sensible fund raising for wounded soldiers.

This application concerns such a fundraising event, in grounds owned by an ex-Guards officer in the centre of a small village, serviced by minor roads and lanes. It envisages up to 800 cars and 1100 people, and an open-air evening band, pipes, and dance concert.

As a resident of this village, I cannot support this application, since it is not sensible or safe to hold it in such a small village, with poor roads and many children.

There are suitable other venues in or near this area, with good road access and no danger to children, or likely nuisance for residents.

I appreciate that it is the Authority's task to determine the fitness of the venue. In this case, the venue cannot be dissociated from the village.

While it is not a planning matter, it is nonetheless the case that this venue has already been ruled unsuitable for public events by the highways authority.

There are therefore three issues. The first is the sheer scale of logistics in an unsustainable traffic environment. The second is the number of false assumptions and flaws in the application. The third is a previously failed attempt to obtain consent for a permanent event venue at the same location.

Finmere is a small village, with few footpaths, narrow roads, on-road parking, extensive horse and agricultural traffic, many young children, within a collective village road network already overburdened with substantial traffic movements.

In detail, it is proposed to park vehicles in two locations. The one adjoining the concert venue is invariably waterlogged, currently inaccessible and envisages a new gate via an unadopted, unsurfaced, narrow lane, running between homes not shown on the outdated application map, where children regularly play.

The other comprises two paddocks opposite a T-junction, which is the principal access to the village, and invariably one-way due to resident parking. One of these paddocks has since been withdrawn as a parking facility, since the owner was not told the numbers involved.

Disabled and other access is on a Y-junction, with a blind bend. Pedestrian access is via the village through road, where the traffic flow is at its greatest. Pedestrians will have to navigate three road junctions en route to the main gated access, and on their return after dark.

The application itself is flawed. It offers varying estimates of vehicles, and car parks. It includes an outdated map which does not show modern developments – on the lane to one car park and the road alongside the other.

The venue is itself unsuitable since it does not have sufficient car parking onsite. It is unsafe, in that its only small car park is an invariably waterlogged meadow. Access to the venue is off a busy, narrow road, and an unsurfaced lane, both dangerous to those attending.

The context in which this event occurs, of a venue which has already been turned down for regular, much smaller events, run on a commercial basis, calls into question the choice, and the suitability, of this venue, especially when others are available.

Public safety is the major issue, including the protection of children. There is also an issue of nuisance, with band, pipers and dance performers playing at night on an elevated location. The lack of assurance regarding consumption of alcohol onsite, and pedestrian safety and behaviour after the event are additional causes for concern.

On grounds of public safety and potential nuisance, the application itself is unsafe.

Finally, the Parish Council, representing villagers, held a public meeting, attended by over 100 adults, which called, with a single abstention from a Guardsman, for this application to be rejected and a different venue to be found. The venue owner failed to attend.

Every villager to whom I have spoken, or who spoke at that meeting, has voiced unquestionable support for the cause and every one has opposed this venue.

I share both views. Please reject this application.

Yours faithfully

Clive Birch mbe



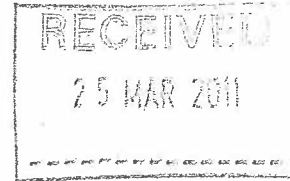
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Dear Sir,

**Premises Licence Application, The Old Rectory, Finmere.
25th June, 2011.**

We wish to object to the above application.

Whilst being supportive of the Colonel's Fund of the Scots Guards the location is totally unsuitable and the estimated volumes of traffic will cause serious safety issues to the people of Finmere.

We live in the centre of Finmere village and therefore can claim to be an interested party.

It is understood that the Highways Authority are not consulted regarding Premises Licence applications, a situation which surely must cast doubt on aspects of road and pedestrian safety.

In 2007 the owners of The Old Rectory applied for planning permission to build a weddings venue. Following opposition from the Highways Authority of Oxfordshire County Council and the Planning Department of Cherwell District Council the application was withdrawn. The Highways Authority stated in a letter dated 15th January, 2008 that the proposed location was unsuitable in that the village road network is unable to absorb the volumes of cars which at that time were given as approximately 200 per event. The current application estimates vehicle numbers of up to 700 and 1,100 guests many of whom will be pedestrians from what is referred to as the Inner Car Park.

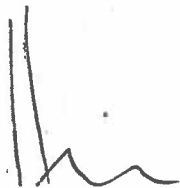
On grounds of safety this application is wholly untenable.

Finmere is a rural community and large agricultural vehicles pass through the village only with difficulty. The proposed event on 25th June will coincide with a busy time for local farmers and the vehicles and pedestrian traffic associated with the event will present a very real safety hazard.

The Parish Council called a public meeting on 11th March which was addressed by a representative of the Colonel's Fund. It became clear during the meeting that the Traffic Management Plan submitted with the Premises Licence application contains a number of contradictions and indeed car parking and coach drop-off points were changed during the course of the meeting; in short the plan is not credible.

The village of Finmere cannot safely accommodate the proposed event and we urge that the Premises Licence application be dismissed.

Yours faithfully,

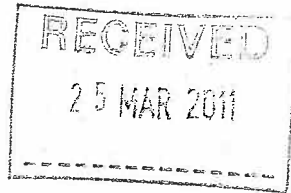


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22 March 2011

Reference :
Premises Licence Application – The Old Rectory, Finmere.
Event date : 25 June 2011

Dear Sir,

With reference to the above application, we would like to register our strong opposition to holding this event at the proposed location.

Whilst supporting the fund raising activities of such a worthwhile charity, our concern is about the unsuitability of the venue.

In 2007 an application was made to turn the location into a wedding and events venue. This generated strong local opposition, concerning noise, increased traffic with the associated public safety issues, and the intrusive and unsuitable nature of such a venue at the heart of a small, quiet village.

In addition to the many objections from the village residents, the Highway authority also considered the site to be 'unsustainable' and the highway network 'inadequate' for the additional traffic that would be present.

This is still the case, and there are many concerns relating to the large influx of vehicles, adequacy of parking, freedom of vehicle movement for village residents and the risks of accidents posed by large numbers of visitors walking from parking at the edge of the village towards the venue at the centre along narrow roads with no footpaths.

To hold such an event here would be severely detrimental to the village and we hope that the Premises Licence will not be granted.

Yours faithfully,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jonathan Greenough".

Patricia Hansom
Jonathan Greenough

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Stacey Walsham

From: Neil Corns [neil@omega-motorsport.co.uk]
Sent: 24 March 2011 23:09
To: Licensing
Subject: Premises Licence Application, The Old Rectory, Finmere, 25th June 2011

Dear Sir,

We wish to oppose the application for a premises licence for an event planned at The Old Rectory, Finmere on the 25th June 2011. We wish to make it very clear that we do not, in any way oppose the charity concerned, The Colonel's Fund of the Scots Guards, we do however, think that the location is totally unsuitable. Having seen the traffic plan and attended a public meeting at the Village Hall on 11th March 2011, it would appear that there are many contradictions as to the routing of pedestrians and vehicles allied to the fact that some parking fields have now been withdrawn from use. Will that mean that all attending cars will park in the body of the village? If that is the case then surely our road infrastructure would not be able to cope with such a vehicular onslaught, making it wholly unsafe for pedestrians.

Two years ago, we had a situation where an application for the same venue was submitted to be used for a total of 250 to 300 people and it was turned down due to the unsuitable road network. So how can three times the volume of people warrant the granting of a licence.

We and many other people at the public meeting asked, why not use the airfield? Three main roads, concrete hard standing, lots of space and more people able to attend the event. Surely this alternative venue makes more sense from the perspective of public safety and public nuisance within the village and as more people would be able to attend such an alternative venue, this would equal more money for a very worthy cause, which we wholeheartedly support.

We would ask the Licensing Committee to look closely at the issues raised and re-visit the application made two years ago as the Highways Authority deemed the local road network to be totally unsuitable and inadequate to cope with the additional volume of traffic.

Yours faithfully,

Neil & Siobhan Corns
Residents of Finmere

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Stacey Walsham

From: Wood, Adrian [Adrian.Wood@iconplc.com]
Sent: 24 March 2011 23:08
To: Licensing
Cc: Anna Wood
Subject: Premises License application for the Old Rectory, Finmere

Dear Sir,

Re: Proposed Charity event at Finmere – 25 June 2011 - Premises License application for the Old Rectory.

We are writing to express our views on the above mentioned proposed event in our Village.

Whilst extremely supportive of our Armed Forces, and their welfare, we have grave concerns as to how the village infrastructure could cope with such an event, given the proposed location in the middle of our very rural village. Access to the site is limited and there would be major problems with parking in and around the village. The Traffic management Plan, complete with a map at least 30 years out of date, showed that parking arrangements are woefully inadequate. This will lead to uncontrolled parking around the village with attendant safety and manoeuvrability issues. The likely presence of large coaches in the village will only serve to exacerbate the problem. For vehicles that would be parking on the site, the access is via a very narrow, unadopted and largely unpaved road (Mere Lane). There will be risk of damage to the visiting vehicles. Furthermore, they is likely to be damage caused to the road surface (especially in the event of bad weather). As the lane is unadopted, the responsibility and cost of its repair would fall to the residents of Mere Lane - which is grossly unfair.

Whilst arrival times are likely to be staggered, the departures will all occur in a short period, late in the evening. Street lighting in our village is poor, and the movement of up to 1100 visitors with their vehicles after dark is a recipe for disaster.

We strongly urge you to consider refusing approval, and suggest moving the event to a location that is much more capable of handling the arrival and departure of such a large number of people, for what is, a very worthwhile endeavour. Thank you for considering the points that we raise.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Adrian Wood & Mrs Anna Wood
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Sent: 24 March 2011 21:42
To: Licensing
Subject: Premises Licence Application

To:- Head of Urban and Rural, The Licensing Authority, Cherwell District Council
Re: Premises Licence Application at The Old Rectory, Finmere, Event date 25th June 2011.

As a resident of Mere Lane I am taking the opportunity of expressing my major concerns over the proposed use of Mere Lane on the day of this event as an access or exit to the outer car park. The Lane is simply unfit for purpose. It is an unadopted Lane not designed to take any form of traffic over most of its length. Even the part of the Lane that serves the houses is in a poor state and the residents do their best to maintain it but currently it has many potholes. The proposed level of traffic will simply compound the problem and make the poor surface even worse. Who would then make good any damage to the Lane surface following the event? Mere Lane is only a single car width track and is actually designated as a no through route.

The proposed level of traffic would be dangerous as it would have to pass very close to several houses where children frequently play. In addition there would be a public safety issue as inevitably people attending will wander into the Lane and would not be able to allow a car to pass without standing aside as it is so narrow in places. Who will be responsible should any accidents or injuries happen to members of the public if use of the Lane is allowed when it is clearly unfit for purpose? My wife recently fell in the Lane and broke her shoulder and this was entirely due to the poor surface of the Lane.

The village as a venue for this event simply does not work. Again public safety would be called into question as members of the public would need to walk through the village and would need to walk on the road as in alot of places there is no pavement. There would be major disruption to the normal activities of the people who live in the village. There would also be noise pollution issues with an event of this size in the village.

Also as I understand it granting of a Licence would make it possible then for numerous events to happen in the future. I believe that a request to use The Rectory as some form of events centre was turned down in the past and rightly so. Finmere is a relatively small village and is simply the wrong venue for events of this nature as it will not be able to cope. I attended a meeting recently held for the residents to give their views on the event and the granting of the Licence. Those attending made it very clear that they felt very strongly indeed that allowing this event to go ahead and the granting of the Licence would be wrong now and in the future. **Fred Lovejoy.**

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24th March 2011

Dear Sir/Madam

Premises Licence Application for 25th June 2011 - The Old Rectory Finnere

It is with regret that we feel that we must write to object to the licence application made for The Colonel's Fund of the Scots Guards charity event planned at the Old Rectory, Finnere on 25th June 2011.

We would like to stress that we support the charity and the undoubted good work undertaken by The Colonel's Fund, however, we cannot support the choice of venue for this event. We feel that the venue, being in the centre of Finnere, is wholly unsuitable for the volume of people and vehicles this will bring into our village and if granted this will compromise public safety and cause nuisance for the following reasons:

Volume of traffic

The licence application states that up to 1100 people may attend and at a public meeting a representative of the charity, Mr Steven Duffy stated that this could generate in excess of 700 vehicles. He also stated that there is the possibility of coaches bringing some attendees to the event; however the organisers had no control over this.

In 2008 the Highways Authority of Oxfordshire County Council objected to a planning application for an events venue at the same location stating "the local highway network is inadequate to accommodate the additional vehicle movements that are likely to be generated by the proposal. The carriageways in close proximity to the site are narrow and tortuously aligned, lacking adequate footway provision".

Given that the 2008 application was for a far lower volume of vehicles it must surely follow that the Highways Authority would view this application in a similar light and this must raise serious concerns about public safety, both in terms of the residents of Finnere and attendees of the event.

No vehicle access currently exists between Mere Lane and the Old Rectory field and a gate will need installing to facilitate this access point, and as such will require removal of part of the hedge, and excavation of the verge. Once this access is established there is the potential for on-going vehicle movements as a right of way could be established and this will alter and spoil the tranquillity of the environment for residents, walkers and horse riders who use the lane.

In summary, we feel that an event of the size proposed is wholly unsuitable for the village of Finmere and there are real concerns for public safety, and the creation of public nuisance. In the light of this we respectfully ask that the Licensing Committee reject this application.

Yours sincerely

Stephen and Susan Trice

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Stacey Walsham

From: Tricia Stephen [tricia.steve.millhouse@btinternet.com]
Sent: 25 March 2011 21:26
To: Licensing
Subject: PREMISES LICENCE AT THE OLD RECTORY - EVENT DATE 25TH JUNE 2011

25th March 2011

Head of Urban and Rural
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Dear Sirs

We would like to present our objections to the application by Mr C Grimston to hold a Charity Event on 25th June 2011 at The Old Rectory, Finmere, Buckingham.

The Village of Finmere does not lend itself to such a large event as Mr Grimston is planning. At present he does not have enough parking facilities to accommodate the amount of cars that will be attending this event and the village roads are not wide enough for the volume of traffic he anticipates. He says he has space for 130 cars on his own land and plans to have an entrance in Mere Lane with an exit in Valley Road. Mere Lane is an unadopted road that does not have a proper road surface so would be unsuitable for 130 vehicles to access Mr Grimston's proposed parking area. At the end of the proposed event the exit in Valley Road will also be an exit for pedestrians who have parked their cars elsewhere. Our village has very few pavements so to have 130 cars leaving his proposed venue together with pedestrians walking in the road to their cars parked elsewhere would most certainly be a cause for concern where public safety is concerned.

We believe Mr Grimston is trying to find further parking for approximately 700 vehicles which gives an idea of the number of pedestrians that will be using the roads.

There will be some attendees to this venue that will not want to park in the other areas he will propose and will take the opportunity of parking in the village which has no parking restrictions. This will cause a great nuisance to those who live in the village. When there is a wedding at the church or a funeral, cars are parked on Valley Road and Fulwell Road and with the blind bend at the junction of these two roads there is a great danger of two vehicles meeting head on.

Although Mr Grimston has said his event will be a "dry" event, no alcohol being sold on site, attendees will obviously bring their own. The proposed event will start at 10.30 am and possibly finish at 10.30 pm which could mean that a lot of alcohol may be consumed during this time. This could lead to disturbances occurring at the venue and spilling out into the village which would be a public nuisance.

We would also like to point out that we have been informed that the map of the area that Mr Grimston has supplied to show where the event will be held and the suggested routes for vehicular access is very much out of date and does not show the layout of the village as it is now with the houses that have been built in recent years.

Although the Charity benefitting from this event is a very worthy cause, it is our opinion that the village of Finmere is unsuitable for such a large function.

28/03/2011

Yours faithfully

Mr R W Stephen and Mrs P J Stephen

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25 March 2011

Premises Licensing
Cherwell District Council

Please find below our comments on the Application for a Premises Licence at the Old Rectory, Finmere, on June 25 2011.

These comments have been created as a result of the views expressed at a public meeting held in the village on March 11 2011, and subsequent exchanges between eligible Parish Councillors.

The meeting was attended by a representative of the event organisers who discussed the application with over eighty attendees.

Following some detailed questioning, a number of facts emerged which influenced views and opinions. They are largely linked to the Traffic Management Plan (TMP).

The TMP states that parking will be off-road in two areas – the Inner Car park, on the edge of the village, and the Outer Car park, on a field adjacent to the concert area. The Inner Car park will comprise of two parcels of land, with one being designated as “overflow”. The anticipated capacity of the two Car parks is stated to be 700 vehicles, of which up to 150 will be accommodated in the Outer Car park. It therefore follows that the Inner Car park will be able to accommodate up to 550 vehicles in the two parcels of land.

Although the TMP indicates a capacity of 700 vehicles, the expectation of the organisers is that, with an audience of up to 1100, the number of vehicles to be parked is unlikely to exceed 450.

It emerged at the meeting that one of the parcels of land forming the Inner car park was now no longer available, and as a result there will only be off-road parking for a total of about 300 vehicles. It therefore follows that there will be a requirement to park up to 150 vehicles on the roads in the area of the event, assuming the above estimates are correct..

Finmere is an old, rural, community, with a road infrastructure originally built to support agricultural activities that were commonplace over 200 years ago. As a consequence many of the houses have no front garden at all – they open directly on to the narrow roads.

Farming is still a major activity in our community, albeit on a much more commercial scale than before, and the event is scheduled to be held at the time when the harvesting of the winter sown corn is at its height. The equipment in use is much larger than that for which the road infrastructure was originally intended. Even on a quiet day, the necessary progress of agricultural vehicles is often difficult.

The prospect of up to 150 additional vehicles being parked in a largely uncontrolled manner throughout the village at the time when large tractors, with even larger trailers, are trying to negotiate their way through, gives rise to a significant concern over the safety of the public, both villagers (who know their way around the area) and concert-goers (who do not).

It was also disclosed at the meeting that the vehicles directed to the Outer Car park would be routed down Mere Lane. Mere Lane is a very narrow, unadopted and largely unpaved road. Most of it is single track. There will be risks of damage to the visiting vehicles. Furthermore, they will have the ability to damage still further such road surface as is present. As the road is unadopted, the responsibility and cost of its repair would fall to the residents of Mere Lane. This is an unfair burden to impose on those unrelated to the event and that the cost of repairs would be a **considerable nuisance to all the residents of the road**. In addition, the passage of a large number of vehicles in a relatively short period of time, down a very narrow road is likely to endanger any pedestrian usage of Mere Lane. **Their safety would be at risk.**

It was revealed at the meeting that the set-down and pick-up location for coaches had been changed to the small layby at the school in Mere Road. This layby can only cater for one coach at a time. The organisers are not providing any coach packages for potential attendees but are unable to predict the number of coaches that will be arranged privately. We are therefore faced with the arrival and departure of an indeterminate number of coaches to and from the centre of our village, access to which is via Mere Road, which is both narrow and far from straight. This raises a number of issues. Firstly, the scheduling of the arrival of the coaches, which may necessitate some queueing at the edge of the village in order to prevent the blockage of Mere Road. Competent marshalling can address this. Secondly the coaches, having discharged their passengers, will then have to proceed through the village, negotiating residents vehicles parked outside their property (and any 'extra' vehicles parked in the village as a result of the inadequacy of the off-road parking), and park on land to the east of the village, passing through the village of Westbury and the settlement of Water Stratford, both of which are in Buckinghamshire. Westbury and Water Stratford were established in the same era as Finmere, and also suffer from very narrow winding roads and the difficulties posed by the passage of large vehicles. Finally these coaches will return at the end of the concert to pick up their passengers. This will be at dusk or shortly afterwards. There is the prospect of a number of coaches all seeking to collect their passengers at a single layby some 300 metres from the exit from the event in the semi darkness. Most of these passengers will be unfamiliar with the village and, with the additional traffic attributed to the departure of the 'on-road' parking, there is the distinct likelihood of **considerable nuisance to the village** by virtue of noise and the confusion of the exiting attendees.

Even at this late hour, modern harvesting methods mean that agricultural traffic is likely to be passing through the village at this time. In addition, given the lack of familiarity of the attendees with the village and the far from adequate lighting, **there is a risk to their safety.**

In addition, the meeting learned that all egress from the event will now be via the single gate in the centre of the village, at the Western end of the Outer Car park. The consequence is that approximately 150 vehicles and up to 1100 attendees will all be passing through this single gate into a poorly lit village in a very short space of time. Some may be in search of coaches, whose pickup arrangements have already been brought into question. Given that there is uncertainty as to the whereabouts of on-road car parking, and the lack of familiarity with the area by the majority of the attendees, there is considerable scope for confusion **and an attendant risk to their safety** especially when the light is poor or worse. **The nuisance to the village of the exodus of such a significant body of people and vehicles at that time of night has already been highlighted**

Finally, the representative of the Event organisers confirmed that alcohol would not be sold at the event, but admitted that there would be no constraints imposed. There would be no restrictions on the consumption of alcohol brought on to the site as part of a picnic. Whilst we have the expectation that the event will be incident-free, we are concerned that there is nothing in place to deal with any misbehaviour, that could manifest itself as **crime and disorder.**

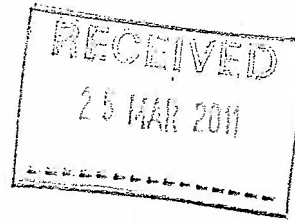
At the end of the meeting, there was a unanimous vote which supported the charity and its objectives. There was a similar feeling that the location of this event in the centre of Finmere was simply unsustainable and the Parish Council were asked to represent these views to the Licensing Authority.

On behalf of the village of Finmere, we ask you to reject this Application for a Premises Licence, and cite in support of the request our concerns regarding Public Nuisance, Public Safety and, to a lesser extent, Crime and Disorder.

Mike Kerford-Byrnes
Chairman, Finmere Parish Council
24 March 2011

23rd March, 2011.

Head of Urban and Rural Services,
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Dear Sir,

Premises Licence Application
The Old Rectory, Finmere.
25th June, 2011.

As residents of the village of Finmere or Little Tingewick and thereby "an interested party" we oppose the application for a Premises Licence for an event planned at The Old Rectory, Finmere on Saturday, 25th June, 2011.

The proposed event is to be staged by a charity, The Colonel's Fund of the Scots Guards. We wish to make very clear that we in no way oppose this cause, which has our wholehearted support.

The cause is indisputable but the location is totally unsuitable. Viable alternatives exist.

At a public meeting called by Finmere Parish Council on 11th March, 2011 public support for the charity was clearly expressed. The meeting was addressed by a representative of the charity but it was clear that the Traffic Plan submitted in support of the application contained numerous contradictions -- expected vehicle numbers, routes and car parking facilities.

Indeed, it was only after the Application and Traffic Plan had been submitted to your authority that owners of the fields designated for the Inner Car Park gave permission for their land to be used on 25th June.

In addition to the volume of cars associated with the event, the Traffic Plan states some visitors may arrive by coach and refers to the drop-off point on Valley Road, in the centre of the village, near Gate 1. During the public meeting, that point was changed from Valley Road to the layby on Mere Road, near Finmere School.

These contradictions raise questions as to the credibility of the Traffic Plan.

The Traffic Plan states that Gate 2 will be accessed via the Old Roman Road (more correctly, Mere Lane). Mere Lane is an unadopted, unsurfaced track which forms the county boundary between Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire. To permit use of this lane for the event would be an intrusion on the amenity of residents in the immediate area. The width and surface condition of the lane make it totally unsuitable as an access route into the event area added to which any surface damage would need to be repaired at the expense of the residents. There is currently no vehicular access from Mere Lane into the proposed car parking area.

It was stated that food and drink would not be offered for sale at the event but there is nothing to stop visitors bringing picnics and alcohol onto the site. No controls have been mentioned, much less defined, to ensure that drink-related problems do not occur.

The Traffic Plan states the event will be marshalled by Stewards. The public meeting was told that Stewards have yet to be identified, which inevitably raises questions regarding their experience, availability and suitability, and the consequent potential risks to public safety.

In 2008, the Highways Authority of Oxfordshire County Council objected to a planning application for an events venue at the same location, stating "the local highway network is inadequate to accommodate the additional vehicle movements that are likely to be generated by the proposals. The carriageways in close proximity to the site are narrow and tortuously aligned, lacking adequate footway provision". That application, which drew such a strong reaction from the Highways Authority, and opposition from the village, was for a far smaller number of vehicles than is proposed in the current Premises Licence application. It was subsequently withdrawn, when the applicant was advised of the authority's objections.

We have very real concerns for public safety and public nuisance resulting from additional vehicle and pedestrian traffic that will be generated by the proposed event in what the Highways Authority has stated to be an unsuitable location.












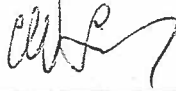


We ask that the Licensing Committee take account of these issues and the strength of public feeling and reject this application.

Yours faithfully,

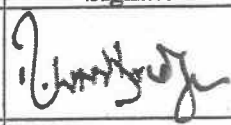
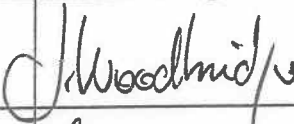


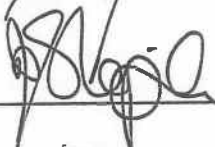


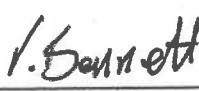





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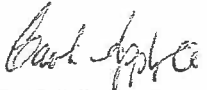
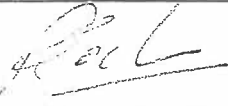

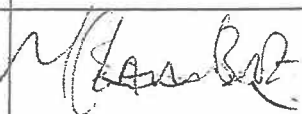

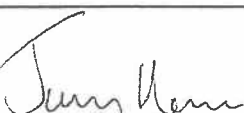
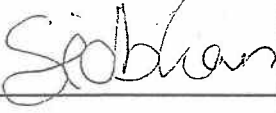

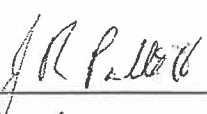
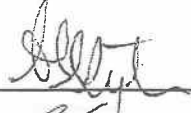

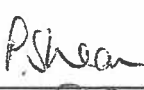
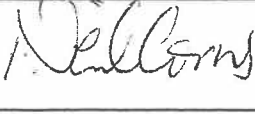
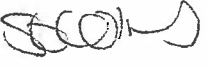
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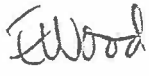

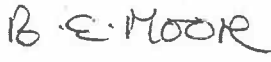
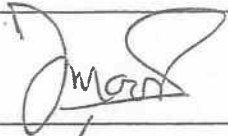


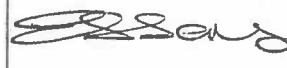
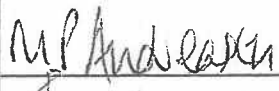
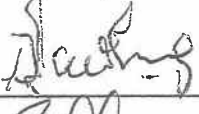



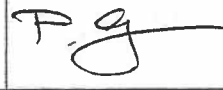
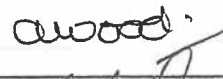

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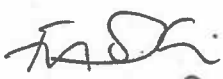






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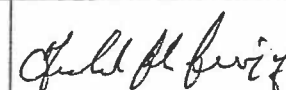

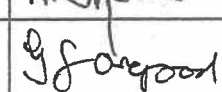
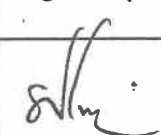
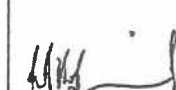
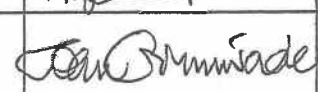
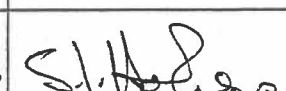
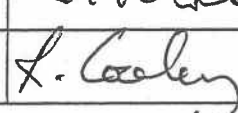
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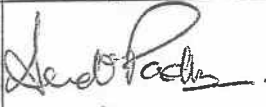

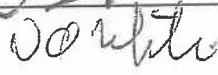
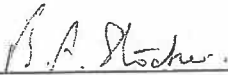




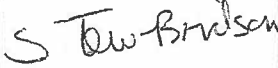


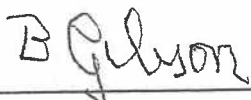
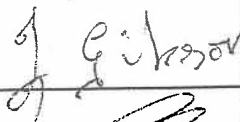
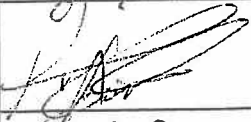

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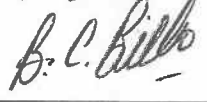





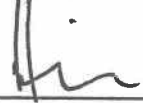

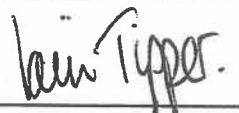
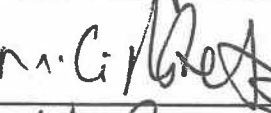
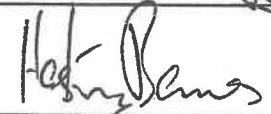

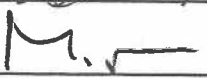
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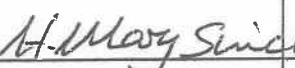

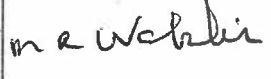
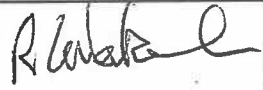
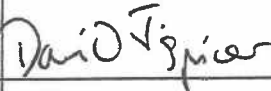







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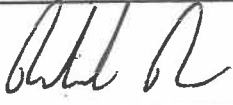





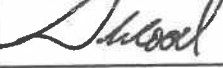
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