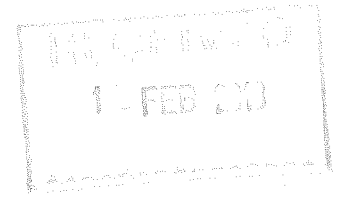
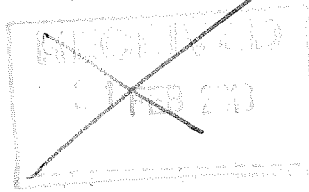


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Ref. Licensing Application at Hush Heath Winery, Five Oak Lane, Staplehurst, Kent, TN12 0HX.

Dear Ms. Neale,

We are writing to object to the above application. We live close to the winery and feel it's further development into a Wedding Venue detrimental to the area and to the local residents.

Having studied the application it appears to be deliberately vague and contradictory in explaining Mr. Balfour-Lynn's requirements and objectives. Presumably this is a phishing exercise, using the application to see "what he can get away with"!

Within page 20 of the application there are four points (b-e) which we object to. We have ignored item (a) as irrelevant.

b) If the opening hours are to be limited why apply for opening hours of 10 – 24 hours?

If the purpose of the application is to open a visitors centre to taste the products of the winery why mention a wedding venue? The thought of just sampling the products and not imbibing at a wedding whilst jiggling to "High Ho Silver Lining" is beyond belief!

c) Presumably this all correct, but probably irrelevant to the ambitions of the applicants, padding out the forms in our opinion. The safety of the local residents and their properties would be at danger from increased traffic on the lanes, all of which are single track. They just about cope with the traffic movements of the local farmers and their heavy machinery. We live on the corner of Five Oak Lane and Five Ash Lane and the thought of wedding attendees whizzing through the lanes following their "tasting session" is actually quite frightening. Presumably the type of guest Mr. Balfour –Lynn is hoping to attract can afford the £40 bottles (retail, more like £120 for "tasting" at a wedding!) of fizz he creates and will not be driving Morris Minors will they?

d) Again no drinking just tasting! Does this mean that the public will be tasting while the wedding guests are drinking?

e) Perhaps they could keep the children under lock and key and save the need for adult supervision so that they may have a longer "tasting session"?

We hope the above explains our objections and that common sense prevails, leaving the area to be enjoyed by the walkers, cyclists and residents as it is. One wonders what the Barn Owl that lives in the corner overlooking the winery will think of outside music?

Yours faithfully,



Phil and Dawn Lye