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**Richard Lusty (Cllr)**

**From:** Peter Rate [peterrate@btinternet.com]  
**Sent:** 30 January 2011 21:18  
**To:** Richard Lusty (Cllr)  
**Subject:** Fw: Premises Licence Gloversbridge Farm.

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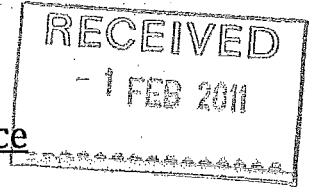
We the residents of Little Southernden Bungalow Grigg Lane, Headcorn, TN27 9LP wish to draw your attention to an application for a Premises Licence re. Gloversbridge Farm. The last 8 years our Summers have been ruined by the happenings at Gloversbridge Farm. Music and other generated noise is virtually 24 hours, when the site is occupied for an event. The persons who come, arrive on the Weds. prior to the event. From the Thurs evening music commences until 3-4am the following morning. This sets an evening pattern for the next 4/5 days, which can also be 24 hours at anytime. The wind is predominately S.W., and our Bungalow Bedrooms face S.W. This means we cannot open any windows. Just over 3 years ago, I met a licencing officer at Maidstone re this site, to be told it was not licenced. Also meeting an environment officer. We had a Sat. evening visit at an event to measure the noise levels. It would appear somehow the site got warning about an area visit. This meant that the sound levels we normally had were 20db down. Officers comment no different to Maidstone. WE are a Rural area not Town, Sound is more noticed. Last Aug. Bank Holiday we were disturbed many late nights/early morning by fighting/bad language coming from end off our private lane. Many trees/hedgerows have suffered damage, plus cars set on fire in the adjacent lane. Many of the residents in the area are elderly, and frightened when these events are held. Should you grant this Licence more problems will happen in Headcorn and its surrounding areas.

C & D.

Public Nuisance.

**Little Southernden Bungalow, Grigg  
Lane, Headcorn, Ashford, Kent TN27 9LP**

**31<sup>st</sup> January 2011**



Dear Sir/Madam, re Application for a Premises Licence

Gloversbridge Farm Grigg Lane Headcorn

In response to the Downs Mail insert. We the residents of the above property object strongly to this application. Over the years this site has become a nightmare. During the year we have "SMALL WORLD", "THE CAMP WITH NO NAME" these are music festivals. The numbers on site have trebled, due to internet advertising. Road traffic is fast and does not allow for a narrow lane with bends. Noise levels are high over a 24hr day period. The events last more than 5 days, with fighting / bad language day and night. We cannot open our windows because of noise. We have to ensure we keep our gates locked and our external doors. If we have rain during events site traffic coats the road with mud, making it slippery. We never see any Maidstone Borough notices re events. No known Police visits seen randomly. Last year there was a male death at this site, carbon monoxide caused. Should more alcohol be on this site aggression and other behavioural problems will increase. Local elderly residents are very concerned when these events are on. Headcorn and local areas will see increases of crime levels. We trust you WILL NOT GRANT this premises application.

Yours faithfully

P.R. Rate and Mrs W.D. Rate.

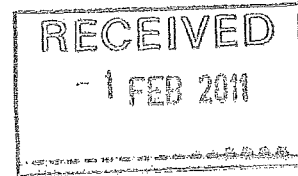
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**Glovers Bridge Barn, Grigg Lane,  
Headcorn, Ashford, Kent TN27 9LS**

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29<sup>th</sup> January 2011

Maidstone Borough Council Licensing Office  
Maidstone House  
King Street  
Maidstone  
Kent ME15 6JQ



Dear Sirs

**Application for a Premises Licence – Gloversbridge Farm, Headcorn**

I am writing to you with regard to the above licence application. I have lived at Glovers Bridge Barn for some ten years although it has been in my family's ownership for in excess of one hundred years.

I am the closest neighbour to the music festival. These festivals take place each and every Spring and Summer Bank Holidays making it impossible for us to enjoy our home or to invite friends to stay on these occasions. Each year they increase in size and become more problematic to people living in the locality.

My major concerns based on your Licencing Objectives are as follows:-

**Crime and Disorder**

To avoid paying an entrance fee, scores of people trespass through our field, even to the extent of climbing through our garden, causing damage to crops, fence lines and gates. Because of insufficient security we are often left to deal with these people ourselves. Groups of people pass within a few yards of our bedroom windows seeking access through our property right through the night. We feel we have to protect our property dealing with these groups on our own and putting ourselves at risk of violent behaviour. The fact that there are only a couple of full-time security staff means that they have to rely heavily on security volunteers. Most of these volunteers are unwilling or unable to deal with any security breaches.

During the daytime some trespassers on our property, when confronted, appear to be either drunk or high on drugs, they are incoherent and we are unable to move them off our property due to their intoxicated state. Festival goers both walking and driving vehicles down Grigg Lane wander all over the road, this is hazardous for local users.

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**Public Safety**

Due to the location and layout of the premises, it has insecure boundaries allowing access via open fields on three sides, the organisers cannot have any idea of the number of people on site at any given time. Although we understand ticket sales are stopped on the gate once capacity is reached scores of people still gain access through the fields. This must have an effect on such issues as Health and Safety, Fire Regulations etc.

**Public Nuisance**

**Noise** – Music and noise continues 24 hours a day, throughout each Bank Holiday Festival. We are unable to get away from this and our lives are a misery. Preparation for the Festival and subsequent clearing up lasts for several weeks both before and after the event.

**Litter** – litter coming from the Festival blows across the field to our home. In addition, our field is used as a unofficial toilet and the mess left behind ensures that we are unable to walk our dogs around our own property.

**Cars** – As the Festival goes on more and more cars are parked on both sides of Grigg Lane causing obstructions to local traffic, lorries and agricultural machinery.

**Protection of Children**

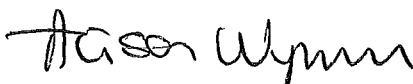
I am concerned that this year a Licence to Sell Alcohol is being applied for, not only could this lead to increased violence and anti-social behaviour, but the many children on site will be exposed to this environment.

Each year, in spite of being the immediate neighbours, we are often the ones who must call and request meetings with the Security Personnel as they do not voluntarily visit us to talk about our concerns before the Festival. No notification is given to us that the Festival is even happening. The Festival continues to grow each year, as do the associated problems. We have never before made any official complaint, but we feel that our concerns are not being met by the Organisers and feel compelled to write to you about this and the invasion of our privacy.

The Public Notice does not state whether the Licence is for a specific date, would the granting of a licence give approval for multiple events? In addition, does it last for one year or many years?

We have grave concerns that this festival will continue to grow in size and the disruption caused to our otherwise peaceful surroundings will become unbearable.

Yours faithfully



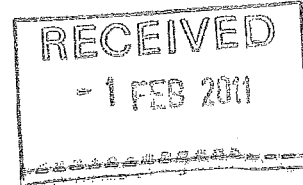
Alison Wynn

**H.J. & J.C. Emery,  
South Point Farm, New Barn Road,  
Hawkenbury, Tonbridge, Kent. TN12 0EE**

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29<sup>th</sup> January 2011

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Maidstone House  
King Street  
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Kent ME15 6JQ



Dear Sirs

**Application for a Premises Licence – Gloversbridge Farm, Headcorn**

I am writing to you with regard to the above application for a premises licence. I have a Farm Tenancy Agreement with Mr and Mrs George Gore of Little Southernden Farm, Headcorn and I farm land adjoining Gloversbridge Farm. Having experienced the Bank Holiday Music Festivals for many years I have the following concerns about the granting of a Premises Licence:-

1. Damage to Crops – Numerous people walk through my standing crops to gain access to the festival free of charge.
2. Vehicles parked/abandoned in the road and blocking gateways – making access with farm machinery virtually impossible and being a public nuisance.
3. Vehicles driving through the crops – In 2009 several vehicles drove through my standing crops, the Police were aware and some compensation was paid by the organisers of the Festival. I include this as an indication of the disruption caused.
4. Damage to fences and boundaries – having walked through my crops, people then climb over and pull down fences, they are then no longer stock proof. The neighbour's cattle are then able to gain access into my crops and do further damage.
5. The fields adjoining the Festival are used as public toilets and the resulting 'mess' constitutes a health hazard in food production.

Over the years these festivals have grown in size and disruption caused and I believe the time has come to look for an alternative venue.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J.C. Emery". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

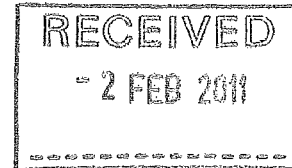
John C Emery

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Little Southernden Farm  
Grigg Lane  
Headcorn  
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TN27 9LP

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Maidstone Borough Council Licensing Office  
Maidstone House  
King Street  
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Kent ME15 6JQ



Dear Sirs

We are writing about the application for a Premises Licence at Gloversbridge Farm, Grigg Lane, Headcorn.

We are not in favour of this being granted for the following reasons

- The boundaries of the site are not secure and it is possible for people to gain entrance on all sides. We own the land close to the site and in the past have had vehicles and people crossing our land, damaging growing crops and breaking down fences which have allowed a neighbouring farmers cattle to escape and have access to the road. The organisers did provide some sort of compensation to our tenant and have attempted to block field entrances, but this does not stop pedestrian access.
- As the festival has increased in size the problems have increased. The festival goers wander down Grigg Lane and often seem unaware of traffic. Their cars are parked in gateways preventing access to the fields if required.
- The noise from the site can be very intrusive and continues through the night. The sound travels a long way causing sleepless nights for people in the area.
- If the Premises Licence allows for the sale of alcohol the situation would escalate as it only takes a few people to start a fight and it would put people at risk, particularly considering the number of families with children that are on site.
- Our daughter and son in law live next to the site and we know that their life is made a misery because of the intrusion onto their land and the behaviour of the people involved.

We do not mean to be killjoys and have no objection to the small groups that use the site at other times. The festivals that take place on Bank Holiday weekends are getting bigger each year and the problems for the neighbourhood are increasing.

We hope that you will consider these objections when you discuss the granting of this licence.

Yours faithfully

*J. P. Gore*

George and Jennifer Gore

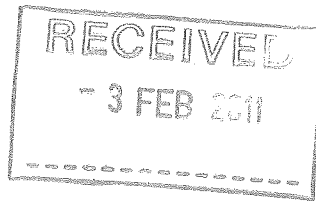
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N' Ashford

Kent

TN27 9LL

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011.



Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing to strongly object to the granting of a Premises Licence to Penny Kemp and Paul Michel at Gloverstodge Farm, Grigg Lane, Headcom Kent TN27 9LL.

I have a farm and our fields are opposite the camp site. Every year we suffer damage and disruption, they wander over our fields, opening gates and letting our animals out. They use our fields as their toilet and the fields are littered with bottles and cans. They block our gateways and park on our land. They play very loud music all night. The people we find on our land appear to be under the influence of drugs, and are quite intimidating. I hope the council refuses this application.

Yours faithfully,

Valerie Lewis (Mrs)