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The Chair  
The Licensing Authority  
Uttlesford District Council  
Council Offices  
London Road  
Saffron Walden  
CB11 4ER

Monday, 30 May 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

## Application for Premises Licence for 17B Church Street CB10 1JW

I was somewhat surprised to return from an extended trip overseas to see that I only had 2 days to respond to an undated Notice of Application attached to the gate of the premises I know as Hart's warehouse. None of my neighbours were aware that such an application had been made and none had received a written notification, but perhaps, absurdly, that process only applies to planning applications and not to applications for a premises licence.

There does not appear to be a planning application in progress for a change of use of the premises and the plan attached to the licence application gives minimal details. It seems I am having to give a considered comment on the granting of a premises licence for a theoretical business concept, which could be amended once the principle of the licence had been established, in a property of which I have no detailed structural or design information.

The applicants are experienced in running hospitality businesses so presumably know what to say on an application form with reference to the four licensing objectives in order to receive approval.

The general description of the premises fails to mention the fact that there is to be a distillery on site, although they do mention they will be selling their products (presumably this is another change of use, from warehousing to manufacturing).

My obvious concern about having a licensed premise next door is the noise and nuisance from the venue which is, at present, a building constructed of asbestos sheets with no sound proofing. Human nature will result in cars parking in Church Street rather than Swan Meadow bringing inconvenience and nuisance to residents. This fact is acknowledged in the application which refers to 'potential disturbance for neighbours'. While the applicants will be able to control numbers at the venue and will apply age verification, they will not be

able to control what happens in the street at 23:00 seven days a week. It is difficult to tell from the plans but capacity could be 40 downstairs and another dozen in the distillery for 'experiential visits', a not inconsequential number.

As an interested party I object to the granting of a premises licence to 17B Church Street on the grounds that it is contrary to the licensing objective of the prevention of public nuisance.

Yours faithfully

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Michael Chappell