

From: Cllr. Jones, Barbara <JONESB12@CAERPHILLY.GOV.UK>

Sent: 30 March 2022 15:46

To: 'Licersing@caerphilly.gov.uk' <Licersing@caerphilly.gov.uk>

Subject: TOG FARM LICENCING APPLICATION

Dear Sir, I am submitting this representation to your committee in regard to the application of TOG farm to acquire a License to sell alcohol on site, this is an application I wish to oppose on behalf of the residents who have contacted me over the last year with there worries and concerns.

I am a County Councillor representing St James ward, as most Councillors, I receive many requests for support and assistance from residents, but last year residents began contacting me in quite significant numbers with issues and concerns around matters concerning TOG farm.

I received telephone calls and visits from residents, during the conversations I had with residents, many of them were distressed and one lady told me that if things continued as they were, she intended to try to sell her house and move away.

I appreciate that I have not visited TOG farm myself, however last summer, I was able to clearly hear the music from the farm while sitting in my garden, and I was able to see the increase in traffic during weekends.

I would like to give you an indication of the concerns expressed to me by residents,

The entrance to the campsite off the main, very narrow Rudry road is on a very sharp bend, this caused difficulties for passing traffic and difficulties for people trying to exit the farm track onto the main road, it is loose gravel and some cars skid and have difficulty getting purchase.

While leaving the farm after a weekend and waiting for their taxi to arrive, some have urinated and defecated in the road very close to the homes of those living close by, really upsetting residents.

While speaking to a Caerphilly resident this week, they told me they had attended an event at the farm and even though they had fun, the toilet facility was a bucket, as I have said, I have not visited the farm myself as I am disabled and would have difficulty walking down the track to the farm, however it concerns me greatly if this is true, and I have no reason to disbelieve the person concerned, where and how is the sewerage being disposed of ?

I was directed to look at Facebook by one resident and it was quite clear that alcohol was available on site,

Residents have made me aware that the Police have had to attend disputes on site on more than one occasion.

Residents reported that there are large dogs on the farm which have been known to attack other dogs,

There are also animals on the farm which children can visit but I am unaware of any safety protocols available to ensure the safety of the children

In conclusion, I would just clarify concerns raised by residents,

Escalation of behaviour of certain visitors

Health issues regarding the disposal of sewage,

Health and safety issues regarding children attending to visit the animals,

An increase in the amount of traffic.

An increase in the noise,

If a licence to sell alcohol is granted to TOG farm, residents are concerned that there will be an escalation of the unpleasant behaviour they have had to witness on many occasions already causing worry and distress, their lives are a continuous round of stress, upset and concern,

.

Cllr Barbara Jones

Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Caerffili | Caerphilly County Borough Council

✉ barbarajones@caerphilly.gov.uk barbarajones@caerffili.gov.uk
