

## MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

**To:** Licensing Team, Mid Suffolk District Council

**From:** Philippa Stroud, Senior Environmental Protection Officer

**Our Ref:** WK/150641 **Dated:** 4th August 2014

**Subject:** Representation – New Licence Application – Stonham Barns Ltd, Stonham Barns Retail & Leisure Village, Pettaugh Road, Stonham Aspal, Stowmarket, IP14 6AT

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As a Responsible Authority under the Licensing Act 2003, we have received a copy of the Application for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003 for Stonham Barns Retail & Leisure Village from Stonham Barns Ltd. After consideration, we wish to make a representation in respect of this application under the 'Prevention of Public Nuisance' objective.

The application will potentially fail to promote the prevention of public nuisance, due to the location of the site, and its likely adverse impact on those living in the vicinity of the site. The boundaries for most licensable activities, as shown on Drawing No. 2561-06-8, dated 03/04/2014 submitted with the application, come very close to neighbouring properties.

Mid Suffolk District Council has a history of noise complaints against Stonham Barns with our complaint records going back to 14 June 2009, the most recent being received on Sunday, 27th April 2014 regarding very loud music during the daytime on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> April 2014. Complaints received previously have been about noise from very loud music, loud PA and noise from unsilenced cars in a hot-red event, also noise from hovercrafts.

We understand that, in relation to planning appeal decision APP/W3520/A/03/1113418, of 23rd October 2003, the Inspector stipulated the following condition:

*"2) The use of the site as a showground shall only take place between the hours of 08:00 hours and dusk or 21:00 hours, whichever is the later, and at no other time, save for a maximum of three events per year with at least 28 days separation between each, such events shall not extend beyond 23:00 hours."*

Whilst we understand that some of the noise complaints have been in relation to activities on parts of the site other than the 'showground', we are obliged to assess the application as it stands and in this regard we consider that there is likely to be disturbance experienced by local residents from noise.

The Planning Inspectorate decision would have been carefully considered with formal consultation at that time. We are aware of nothing that has substantially changed that would warrant moving away from that decision.

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