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Type of Application: New Application: Premises License  
Applicant: Stephanie Lee  
Location: The Barn, Loversall Farm, Bubup Hill, Loversall, Doncaster, DN11 9DD  
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**RE: An Application for Premises License to Sell Alcohol – The Barn, Loversall Farm**

I am employed as the Nursery Manager of Loversall Farm Day Nursery and I file this e-mail as an objection to the current Application which has been made for a Premises Licence in respect of The Barn, Loversall, Doncaster, DN11 9DD.

Our Nursery premises is immediately adjacent to the barn premises and our Nursery is open from 7.45am until 6.00pm Monday – Friday. We have 2 outside areas (our sensory garden and our own Courtyard area) that share boundaries with The Barn's courtyard area. We also have a large viewing window in our first floor Baby Room which looks out onto the Courtyard occupied by The Barn. Also, the windows and doors in our Reception area, 3-5's area and art studio all open outwards towards The Courtyard and The Barn. 5 of our 8 fire escape routes also pass over The Barn's Courtyard area.

The current situation is that The Barn applies for a temporary events license to host specific pre-booked events. As these temporary events licenses are limited in number The Barn uses them only when it is hosting weddings or other large events at weekends and Bank Holidays when Nursery is closed and children are not in attendance at Nursery. The Planning Permission for The Barn specifically prevents The Barn from using the Courtyard area, other than as a means of accessing their toilets, whilst Nursery is open. This means the children are effectively safeguarded at all times with no impact to their safety, learning and development. However, the new application submitted to Doncaster Council, requesting a permanent premises license to permit 'The Barn' to sell alcohol on and off premises, from 9:00am-10:00pm Sunday to Thursday and 9:00am-11:00pm Friday and Saturday, will in my opinion, adversely affect the safety and wellbeing of children in our care if granted.

I would like to object to the application for the following reasons:

1. We have a duty of care to safeguard the children accessing the nursery at all times. This however would be almost impossible when people are consuming alcohol in such close proximity to the nursery. We would be unable to manage incidents of anti-social behaviour, and other behaviours associated with alcohol consumption, i.e. smoking, aggression and the use of inappropriate language.
2. We have a legal duty under Ofsted, our regulatory body, to demonstrate how as a setting we ensure our children are safeguarded at all times. We would find it very difficult to demonstrate this if the premises License is granted in the terms of the application as the behaviour, language and noise levels of the people consuming alcohol, in such extremely close proximity to Nursery, would be beyond our control.

If Ofsted felt that we were unable to demonstrate that we could adequately safeguard the children in our care then we would most definitely lose our current 'Outstanding' status, and

if they believed the children are at risk, this would result in an 'Inadequate' inspection judgement. This would have a catastrophic effect on our business, as this would mean immediate withdrawal of 2, 3 and 4 year old funding by DMBC. The worst case scenario would be Ofsted withdrawing our registration, leaving us unable to operate, 20+ staff without employment and 150 children without childcare.

3. We regularly take children on walks around the outdoor environments but this would have to stop in order to safeguard our children from any incidents that could take place as a result of people consuming alcohol. This would have an effect on the children's outdoor learning opportunities. The facilities we offer and the learning that takes place when the children access our local community is one of the Unique Selling Points for the nursery and one of the reasons parents choose to bring their children to Loversall Farm Day Nursery.
4. Litter – On numerous occasions we have observed litter, empty wine bottles and glasses on tables at the front of the barn, that have been left following a pre-booked event. This is not a thing that parents and children should be exposed to under any circumstances.

We accommodate 60 children from 0-5 years at any one time, with approximately 150 children on roll. I believe children to be one of the most vulnerable members of society, who are very impressionable and I strongly believe that allowing the application to go ahead in its current form would be detrimental to their health, safety and well-being.

I would however also like to say that I do not oppose the current application in its entirety. Events held at evenings, weekends & Bank Holidays, when Nursery is closed, do not affect Nursery as long as provision is made to clear up adequately after events, keep fire escape routes clear etc. My only reservation is the noise and associated behaviours that would occur if a premises license should be granted at times when the Nursery is open. I do not therefore oppose the granting of a license outside of the Nursery's opening hours.

Kind regards

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