

APPENDIX H

Representations received supporting the Bygrave Plantation Variation application – 8 RECEIVED Application 18669 LC/2701

Hi North-Herts,

I am writing in support of the application to increase the premises licence at Bygrave Woods made by AEWA Farr Ltd.

I give my full support for this application as I had the pleasure in working there, for a festival that was donating a percentage of the ticket sale to mental health charity.

The organisation, security, health and safety that went into this event, for the attendees, let alone the residents of Newnham/Bygrave was professional and to a very high standard.

AE WA Farr Ltd are also trying to diversify the type of events at this location and I think is an excellent idea for the community since COVID. They are a professional hardworking family who actually care for the residents of Newnham.

Kind regards

Charlotte Gould
2 Caldecote Road, Newham, Baldock SG7 5JZ

To whom it may concern,

Please see attached my letter in support of the Bygrave Events application

Kind Regards & a Merry Christmas

Fabio

I am writing to express my support for the Bygrave extended events licence application submitted for our local area. As a resident who values the vibrancy and community spirit that such events bring, I believe that granting this licence will have numerous positive impacts on our community.

Community Engagement: This licence will facilitate events that bring our community together, fostering a sense of unity and belonging. Events like the proposed hot air balloon festival, food festival, and UK's agricultural show will offer unique experiences that everyone can enjoy.

Economic Boost: The events will attract visitors from near and far, providing a significant boost to local businesses in Ashwell & Baldock and the overall economy. Struggling local pubs will benefit from the increased footfall generated by these events, helping them to thrive and continue serving as important social hubs in our community. The Farris have a proven track record of organising successful community events that have had a positive impact on our local area. One notable example is the Sunflower Picking event, which was not only a delightful experience for participants but also supported local food businesses. By attracting visitors to the area, the Sunflower Picking event provided an excellent opportunity for local food vendors to showcase their products and services, resulting in increased sales and greater community engagement. This demonstrates the Farris' commitment to creating events that benefit the entire community, and I am confident that the new proposed events will continue to support and uplift local businesses in the same way.

Environmental Awareness: The events will promote environmental awareness and encourage sustainable practices. For example, the food festival could highlight local, sustainable produce and eco-friendly practices.

Inclusivity: The events are designed to be inclusive and accessible to everyone, ensuring that all community members can participate and enjoy the festivities.

Safety Measures: The FARRS have a proven track record of implementing comprehensive safety measures for their events. They have partnered with a reputable safety management company that they have successfully collaborated with for the past eight years. This longstanding relationship ensures that all safety protocols are thoroughly planned and executed, providing a secure and enjoyable environment for all attendees. The FARRS' dedication to safety is evident in the consistent success and positive feedback from their previous events, such as the Cereals Event 2024, which have always prioritised the well-being of participants. Additionally, the FARRS generously donate their field for use as a carpark for the yearly Ashwell Show. This contribution not only facilitates smooth and safe parking arrangements but also helps manage traffic flow and enhances the overall safety of the event. As a resident, I can confidently say that the events organised by the FARRS have never raised any concerns for me.

Positive Impact: Overall, these events will have a positive impact on our community, bringing people together, creating lasting memories, and fostering a sense of pride in our local area.

I wholeheartedly support the extended events licence application and look forward to the positive changes and opportunities it will bring to our community.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Yours sincerely,

Fabio Vincenti

Bull Pen, Lannock Manor Farm, Hichin Road, Weston SG4 7EE

I write in support of the proposals requested by AE & WA Farr Limited. I have lived locally, both in Ashwell, and now in Newnham, for many years. Over the years I have been aware of the events that have taken place at the Bygrave Plantation site and have appreciated the prior notifications made via the respective Parish Councils, along with assurances regarding numbers, sound levels, traffic management and security arrangements. I personally have not been inconvenienced by the past events and feel safeguards and assurances in place at the time were primarily adhered to. I feel content that any approved amendments requested by AE & WA Farr Limited will be managed in the respectful way that has been previously shown to the local communities.

Andrew Bartlett

1 Rose Cottages, Ashwell Road, Newnham, Baldock SG7 5JX

I'm writing to express my strong support for the FARRS licence to increase the maximum capacity. We are residents of Newnham. I have had the pleasure of witnessing first hand the positive impact and high standards that the FARRS consistently upholds.

The FARRS has demonstrated a commitment to excellence through a balance of supporting the farm, local business, and residents of the local villages.

I believe that granting the FARRS the licence will not only benefit their operations but will also contribute positively to the broader community and industries.

Their innovative approach and ethical practices make them a deserving candidate for the capacity licence.

Thank you for considering my support for the FARRS application.

Warm regards

Robert Lambert

Corner Cottage, Ashwell Road, Newnham, Baldock, Hertfordshire, SG7 5JX

To whom this may concern,

I am a resident of Newnham and would like to express my support for the Farr's application to increase the capacity of some of the events they host in the Bygrave Woods. My support is conditional on the number of events being limited in number, and provided that traffic, noise and safety management is handled professionally. In the past, we have had issues with anti-social behaviour and severe traffic (and therefore noise and pollution) build-up on the roads through Newnham (and past our house). As you will know, Newnham is a very small village with limited ability to handle vast amounts of vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

If I can provide any further information, please do let me know.

With kind regards,

Harrison Green

Pilgrims Cottage, Ashwell Road, Newnham, SG7 5JX

We understand that Bygrave Parish Council have lodged an objection to the above license variation application, and we would ask you to kindly note that the Parish Council do not speak for all residents. The village is a stronghold of Nimbyism, but not all residents feel that way.

We have lived in lower Bygrave for 18 years, during which time the Farris have held numerous events. Not one of those events has inconvenienced us or caused us problems.

The traffic management system that is always put in place works very well to alleviate pressure on Bygrave/Ashwell Road and aside from a flurry of activity as eventgoers arrive and depart (in each case, a relatively short window of time) we would hardly know that the events were taking place. We would suggest that no more pressure is placed on our narrow country roads than that produced by day to day farming activities and HGV deliveries to and from Ashwell along Bygrave Road.

Noise levels have always been a very long way from a public nuisance, and we have only ever been aware of a distant beat - no more annoying than the ever present sound of strimmers, chainsaws, barking dogs and the like.

We have certainly seen no evidence of anti-social behaviour, and there is no risk to public safety. Two members of our family have attended many of the events and have always been hugely impressed by the organisation and security.

Local taxi firms and mobile catering operations benefit from the events.

We therefore support the application to vary.

Daniel, Helen, Oliver, Laurence and Matilda Rushbrook
311 Wedon Way, Bygrave.

Dear licensing

I am a local resident living in ashwell close to Newnham events site.

Myself, family and friends of all generations have enjoyed attending events here for years. It brings together local residents of all ages providing entertainment in the local area, something which there is not much of usually.

What's more is that it brings visitors to the area providing business for local services- accommodation, eating, transport etc. Which is much needed in the current climate when small business need all the support they can get. These small businesses keep the local economy going and we should be doing all we can to bring customers to them and the local area.

In renewing this license it will greatly help for all the above reasons.

Best wishes

Kate Redfern
The old stables
Ashwell
SG75LU

Hi,

I would like to support Bygrave Woods in their license application.

The events and performing arts have suffered enormously in the last few years, and I would like to support them in their attempt to host live performances. This is so important for people's wellbeing, and to do this in an open and natural space is a wonderful opportunity.

Please allow Bygrave Woods to carry on hosting events and performances by granting them their license.

Regards,

Nicole Rees

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