

REPRESENTATIONS LIST

APPENDIX D

Application No: 048204 **Application Date:** 20 February 2019
Licence Type: Premises Licence WITH Alcohol **Licence No:** N/A
Application Type: New Application

Premises: Mansell Raceway Ltd
Dunkeswell, HONITON, Devon, EX14 4AH.

Applicant: Mansell Raceway Ltd
Dunkeswell, HONITON, Devon, EX14 4AH.

Person making Representation: Lesley Marion Kilvert Whipp
Lower Slade Farm, Sheldon, HONITON, Devon, EX14 4QS.

Representation Accepted: Representation has been accepted

Reason: N/A

Details: Public Safety - Motor racing and alcohol are not a good combination under any circumstances. This application is completely unnecessary

Prevention of public nuisance - Driving these small lanes is difficult enough, let alone under the influence of drink. This is a recipe for disaster.

Evidence:

Suggestion:

Person making Representation: David Whipp
Lower Slade Farm, Sheldon, HONITON, Devon, EX14 4QS.

Representation Accepted: Representation has been accepted

Reason: N/A

Details: Public Safety - The application is being made to provide alcohol at a venue associated with motor racing. As motor racing is a high adrenaline activity.

Prevention of public nuisance - The consumption of alcohol will have an effect on those members leaving the premises with some level of intoxication. This combination is dangerous on any road let alone the narrow lanes of Devon.

Evidence:

Suggestion: No - Keep alcohol away from racing drivers

Person making Representation: N Airey
Prospect Cottage, Sheldon, HONITON, Devon.

Representation Accepted: Representation has been accepted

Reason: N/A

Details: I wish to object to Mansell Raceway being granted a licence to sell alcohol. I gather that alcohol consumption may run into the night and even the early hours. This will cause noise and disturbance in a quiet valley in a AONB. The quiet of a rural area disturbed in the evening and night with lights, slamming car doors, music etc.

Evidence:

Suggestion:

Application No: 048204

Premises: Mansell Raceway Ltd
Dunkeswell, HONITON, Devon, EX14 4AH.

Person making Representation: Jennifer Ash
The Lodge, Sheldon, HONITON, Devon.

Representation Accepted: Representation has been accepted

Reason: N/A

Details: The application number is 048204 and has been submitted by Mansell Raceway Ltd, Dunkeswell, EX14 4AH

My representation relates to two of the areas under which I gather objections can be made:
Public safety and Prevention of public nuisance .

Public Safety

The premises relating to the application are sited on the side of a long unlit country road. The road is fairly straight and traffic often moves fast. For people travelling to the premises on foot, particularly from the village of Dunkeswell, there would be issues of concern around public safety.

Prevention of Public Nuisance.

This is the area that I have particular concerns about.

I note that the application is for an alcohol license covering 7 days and evenings a week.

If granted, the license would inevitably vastly increase activity at the Raceway which at present is limited, in particular in relation to large groups/Kart meetings.

I live across the valley, directly facing the Raceway and have a small Retreat Centre. An increase in activity would have a direct impact on myself and the people who come here seeking time in the peace of the countryside.

We are used to the noise that comes from the presently limited, Kart Track activities but I have found a way of adjusting in terms of not holding my events when Race meetings etc are on. Becoming used to the noise is about tolerance for the activities of others and acknowledging a need to "live and let live". This does not mean that the noise, particularly when the wind is in the wrong direction, feels alright.

My concern is that an alcohol license will lead to an increase in Raceway activity and hence noise which definitely feels like a public nuisance when you live nearby.

Apart from Kart Track activities, a 7 days a week food and alcohol license could be seen as a change of use for the Raceway, to incorporate other forms of entertainment. This raises concerns such as were highlighted when some years ago an application was made for additional premises to serve food and drink, an application that was subsequently turned down. There are already established facilities at Dunkeswell airfield, situated much closer to the village, serving food and drink.

A license such as been applied for, would mean the need for outside lighting to ensure public safety, as well as the lighting emitted from the premises. At present the lighting used for the current (and limited) activities is intrusive on the surrounding area. It causes light pollution in this area of outstanding natural beauty, particularly as the site is on high ground with extensive views. When you live within the surrounding area, the bright light obscuring the night sky, is a public nuisance and intrudes on our accustomed way of life.

We moved to Sheldon in the 1970's because we valued the peace of a small community and a way of life lived in harmony with the natural world - something which is becoming increasingly obvious that we need to heed. To hear of current concerns about climate change etc and then to see an increase in noise and light pollution in an AONB, is at best frustrating but it is hard to see how granting this application, quite apart from environmental impact, would not lead to a substantial public nuisance.

My objection is thus based on the two areas of public safety and public nuisance.

Evidence:

Suggestion:

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Person making Representation: Dunkeswell Parish Council
c/o 16 Liberator Way, Dunkeswell, Devon, EX14 4XF.

Representation Accepted: Representation has been accepted

Reason: N/A

Details: The Council strongly object to this application. They feel that the current opening hours are long enough, that alcohol and driving is not a good mix, noise levels would be extended and the tranquility of the area disrupted, light pollution for wildlife and local people (mainly affecting Sheldon residents) would be vastly extended, this is contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan Page 22 Policy NE1. There is a likelihood of increased traffic, Please see Neighbourhood Plan page 45, Para 7.15.
Should you be minded to approve this application, the council would like to ask that the following be taken into consideration alongside the comments above, when the original application for the raceway was approved, the applicant indicated that they were not looking to increase the business & therefore an increase in traffic would not be an issue, The increase in opening hours, does not support this. We ask that if you seek to approve this, that the hours to which the license applies are limited to the current opening hours and that the applicant seeks a temporary/event license to cover any other requirements for extended consumption.

Evidence:

Suggestion:

Person making Representation: Sheldon Parish Council
Prospect Cottage, Sheldon, HONITON, Devon.

Representation Accepted: Representation has been accepted

Reason: N/A

Details: Sheldon Parish Meeting strongly object to this application.

1. Changing the use of the Kart Track to gather for race practice and race meetings plus corporate racing to an establishment for drinking not related to the above.
2. The location of the Kart Track would be on an emphasis to drive there as walking distance would only suit very few.
3. Barring in mind the walking distance for any local community which the kart track is not based in and would not serve. Those seeking to walk there and back would do so on an unlit road, without any foot path along a 60 mile per hour road
4. As public transport is very limited, driving is the most likely mode of transport to the Kart Track. This will obviously increase the traffic through Dunkeswell, Hemyock and Sheldon. Roads through Sheldon are single lane with high hedges and no lighting. Anyone leaving the Kart Track without due care, barring in mind the expected increase in traffic that licensing would bring about may have devastating consequences.
5. The establishment itself has no lighting from the main road to the Licensing area concerned. This situation is unlikely to change as the site is in a conservation area (AONB).
6. An application in 2010 for the Kart Track to have facilities for food and drink to be sold was not permitted because of the lighting required for obvious safety reasons would have caused pollution in a conservation area (AONB)
7. Any drinking outside of a building that has no boundaries can not be policed.
8. Any drinking outside of a building is likely to cause noise nuisance especially if crowds attend in large (unpredictable numbers).
9. Members of the Meeting thought the site isn't equipped to safely support the lengthy hours being applied for outside the hours of operation it currently has.
10. Sheldon agrees with Dunkeswell Parish Council's comment, limiting the site to current opening hours.
11. Any temporary licence, alcohol should be consumed only inside the building.
12. Sheldon Parish Meeting whole heartedly support Dunkeswell Parish Council and their comments.

Evidence:

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Premises: Mansell Raceway Ltd
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Person making Representation: Benedict Corke
Eastcott Barn, Sheldon, HONITON, Devon.

Representation Accepted: Representation has been accepted

Reason: N/A

Details: I object under the objective "Prevention of public nuisance"

I Live directly opposite the kart track, in direct sight line across the narrow valley. From my windows, decking and lawn I can see the buildings and its windows lit up, I can also see the vans and caravans on race/practice meet days. This licence application applies to the building I can see from my house, if the licencing application is passed I will also be able to see and hear the people entering and exiting the premises and the deliveries. I have enjoyed the peace, tranquillity and wildlife of this part of the Blackdown hills AONB, it's the reason we live here and not in an urban environment where people with their associated noise and hustle and bustle like to live a less sedate lifestyle.

To make my objection a shorter read I bullet point my reasons for objecting;

1. There is already a licensed premises on the airfield with ample parking that employs locals and is dependant on the limited business it receives, the closure of the historic Royal Oak in Dunkeswell shows there is not enough business available to allow for further competition.
2. The hours applied for indoors amount to 92 hours per week of consumption, late into the night, every day, all through the year, on my doorstep. People do not stay indoors all the time, doors and windows are opened, people in high spirits come and go.
3. The hours applied for off licence account for close to all the daylight hours in the summer when we might like to be outside enjoying some peace. People will come and go less peacefully.
4. Necessary internal and external lighting will be visible to us contrary to a prior planning application condition, it will also be detrimental to the abundant wildlife in this area.
5. Wristbands for drivers or not, alcohol and motoring of any description do not go together and should be vigorously discouraged just as the advertising regulations in formula 1.
6. Noise reduction measures were meant to be implemented to combat the noise of the karts after previous planning applications, I am confident that the track has become more noisy, particularly as sound impeding trees have been removed between the track and our village.
7. With a touch of liquid courage in people a polite sign asking for quiet for the neighbours at best would be ignored and is more likely to encourage the opposite and with language to suit.
8. There probably isn't a licensed premises in the land that the emergency services haven't had to visit and this type of sport and venue with the age groups attracted to it will most likely be no different.

I see this application as an enormous step towards increased and constant attendance in contravention of everything such an idyllic and supposedly protected natural area has the right to be. I am not against alcohol or social events but in the right places and at the right times in places where better security and control can be maintained.

Evidence:

Suggestion:

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Person making Representation: James Page
Eastcott, Sheldon, HONITON, Devon, EX14 4QU.

Representation Accepted: Representation has been accepted

Reason: N/A

Details: Prevention of crime and disorder -
With the proposed license there could well be criminal offences committed by people at the kart track drinking and driving to and from the location. Drivers at the race track drink driving and the chance of causing injury increasing. The increase in drinking alcohol might lead to aggressive behavior and disorder within a pub like environment creating public order incidents.

Public safety -
With the proposed license and drinking at the Kart track I am concerned about public safety, in particular due to the rural location of the premises it is unlikely that people will walk there, if they did they would be walking on an unlit street in a 60MPH limit and be a danger to themselves or other road users walking to and from the location, and likely to be intoxicated causing a further risk to themselves and others. The increase in vehicle volume on small rural roads already overstretched by traffic.

Prevention of public nuisance -
The location is a rural location. Sound carries over the valley directly to my house at numerous times throughout the year from the kart track and activities there, there is often an array of caravan type vehicles obscuring the landscape, with the proposed license I fear that I will be further subjected to loud noise, increased lighting at night with the proposes internal and external lighting which will disturb my sleep and peace which I should be entitled to at home in an area of outstanding natural beauty. I fear this will breach my human rights for 'right to life'. Really concerned about lighting and noise nuisance from people drinking at the track.

Public transport is extremely limited at this location so there will be an increase in vehicles and potential for drink driving and increased vehicle transport. Drinking outside of the actual venue could not adequately be police and therefore would increase more noise nuisance.

Evidence:

Suggestion:

Person making Representation: Wendy Plimmer-Page
East Cott Farm, Sheldon, HONITON, Devon.

Representation Accepted: Representation has been accepted

Reason: N/A

Details: Prevention of crime and disorder -
Alcohol and kart racing do not seem to go hand in hand. A licensed premises will undoubtedly increase the risk of drink driving, be it in karts at the track or people leaving the venue. There is the likelihood of noise and public disorder due to alcohol. This will not be restricted to the current race weekends but will be seven days a week until late. There is also a great chance of under age drinking and drug use. Wildlife will be disturbed and put at risk on the roads at night due to increased traffic.

Public safety -
The application will result in increased traffic to and from the premises on rural roads, many single lane, as public transport links are minimal, with risk to pedestrians, dog walkers, horse riders (activities that are consistent with a rural environment). Anyone wishing to walk to the premises would need to do so along an unlit road with a sixty mile speed limit. A premises selling alcohol would increase the risk of drunk drivers on the roads or drunk people walking on the roads.

Prevention of public nuisance -
This application will result in noise and light pollution. The applicant states there will be internal and external lighting. Due to the extensive hours that have been requested for opening, this will have a major detrimental impact on the night sky in an AONB and on residents who live nearby. Noise will also have a negative impact - the sound of people and cars arriving and leaving, noise from within when doors/windows open, music. The area is tranquil at night and this will have a seriously damaging effect.

Evidence:

Suggestion:

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Premises: Mansell Raceway Ltd
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Person making Representation: Moira Wood
Ruinsfield, Sheldon, HONITON, Devon, EX14 4QU.

Representation Accepted: Representation has been accepted

Reason: N/A

Details:

- Prevention of crime and disorder -
This is an unlit rural area and there is no possibility of the applicant being able to police activities following late night opening.
- Public safety -
As a kart racing venue the club should not be promoting dinking associated with driving. Premises are only accessible by car. Local lanes are narrow and unlit.
- Prevention of public nuisance -
There will inevitably be light pollution and noise in an area which is dark and quiet - AONB

Evidence:

Suggestion:

Person making Representation: Nancy Plimmer
Eastcott Barn, Sheldon, HONITON, Devon, EX14 4QU.

Representation Accepted: Representation has been accepted

Reason: N/A

Details:

Prevention of public nuisance
I wish to object to this application due to my concerns over this growing facility across the valley from my property. I live in an area of outstanding natural beauty (AONB) and enjoy the peace, tranquility and views of the countryside. We have lived alongside this kart track for many years and accepted that there would be race meets on specific weekends during the course of each 12 month period. However, the noise and light pollution has increased with the further building work completed this site in recent times and I am concerned to see that the club is now applying for a licence to serve alcohol, every day of the week until 10pm or midnight. Why is this necessary when the meets are limited? Does motor sport and alcohol go hand in hand? Is it really necessary as there is already 'The Aviator' across the airfield from the kart track which serves alcohol and food to both locals and visitors.

The conditions offered by the client state - 'internal and external lighting will be provided to promote the public safety objective', this will increase the amount of light pollution that is already in existence, which goes against the conditions when the planning permission was granted. The hum of lights, activity and traffic until late will be a disturbance and nuisance to residents in this area. The client states that 'noise reduction measures will be put in place to address the public nuisance objective' but does not explain what these are or how this will happen.

Evidence:

Suggestion:

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Person making Representation: Marie-Claire di Mambro
Sheldon Court, Sheldon, HONITON, Devon, EX14 4QU.

Representation Accepted: Representation has been accepted

Reason: N/A

Details:

Prevention of crime and disorder -

The licence to sell alcohol where fast cars are being driven is likely to result in the patrons of the raceway driving vehicles whilst under the influence. It would seem to be a lethal combination.

Public safety -

The licence sought will increase the number of cars on the roads around the raceway. The roads are very narrow and are used by cyclists, runners and horseriders. The roads are already stretched to full capacity and increasing the traffic anymore will increase the risk to cyclists, runners and horseriders and all other road users.

Prevention of public nuisance -

I object to this application because this property is in an AONB in a prominent position on the top of a hill where noise light pollution will be a big issue if this application is granted. The noise that we experience on race days is currently horrendous but adding an alcohol licence to those race days and very worryingly 7 days a week will mean that noise will be continuous and disrupt the tranquillity of this beautiful countryside. This will impact upon the local residents causing untold nuisance

Evidence:

Suggestion:
