



**SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Licensing Act 2003**

**Representation by an "Other Person" as defined by the above Act.**

**Note:** Please be aware that this form may be viewed by the Applicant or by a representative of the Applicant. It may also be read out in public at the sub-committee hearing.

You may request that the Licensing Authority withholds some or all of your details, however, the withholding of details will only be considered in exceptional circumstances where the Licensing Authority believes there to be a genuine and well-founded fear of intimidation. Any person who wishes the Authority to consider withholding their details is advised to contact the Licensing Department prior to submitting this form.

An "other person" can make representations against a relevant licence application. Representations may be made on behalf of the above by a representative e.g. MP, solicitor, or a friend.

Please indicate in which capacity you are making this representation by ticking a box below:

- An individual person x
- A body representing a person e.g. Solicitor
- A person involved in a business
- A body representing a business

Representations are only relevant to an application if they relate to at least one of the four **Licensing Objectives** listed below:

- 1. The Prevention of Crime and Disorder**
- 2. Public Safety**
- 3. Prevention of Public Nuisance**
- 4. The Protection of Children from Harm**

Representations may be made at any time during a period of 28 consecutive days starting on the day after the application was given to the Licensing Authority. This period is reduced to the expiry of the 9<sup>th</sup> working day after the application was given for minor variation applications.

In the case of a closure order issued by the Police, representations may be made during the seven days that follow relevant notice being given to the Local Authority by the Magistrates Court, starting on the day after the day the notice was received.

Please enter your contact details below: -

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Please confirm name and address of person, represented person or business affected, if different from the address given above: i.e. this could be a shop premise in the vicinity but you do not live at the shop premises.

Name:	
Address:	
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Address of premises in application causing concern, which you wish to make a representation about

Name of Applicant:	Roger Lowe
Address of Premises	Melbourne Hall, Melbourne, Derbyshire
Application Details:	Application for Premises License

Please give details of your representation in the box below. Indicate which of the Licensing Objectives your representation refers to by ticking the relevant box/es:

- **The Prevention of Crime and Disorder**
- **Public Safety**
- **Prevention of Public Nuisance**
- **The Protection of Children from Harm**

Details of representation.....

### **Prevention of Crime and Disorder**

The applicant proposes to hold licensed events for up to 4,999 people. Inevitably some attendees will drink too much and, given the proposed numbers, it is highly likely that drunken behaviour will spill out into the village. This could result in criminal damage, littering and general disorder.

It should be noted that Melbourne Hall is not an isolated country estate, it is in the heart of Melbourne village and therefore any drunken and disorderly activity will inevitably take place within the village itself and have a significant impact on residents.

### **Public Safety**

A significant proportion of the 4,999 attendees at an event might be expected to journey by car. The roads around the village are not designed to take such a high volume of traffic and the risk of accidents between vehicles or the risk of hitting pedestrians will be high.

This risk is further increased because Melbourne Poole and the area around the hall is used by many families so, during the day, there will be many children in the area.

The proposal takes no account of where the 4,999 people attending the event will park. Inevitably they will park in the narrow lanes around the hall and cause obstruction which in turn could lead to increased accidents. This could also impede access of emergency vehicles.

### **Prevention of Public Nuisance**

Melbourne Hall is in a densely populated residential area. As such, any noise from the events will directly impact the residents of the village. Residents should be able to sit in their gardens in peace, without being disturbed by loud music.

The proposal is to hold events on up to 42 days between April and October (presumably meaning the start of April and the end of October- this is not set out clearly in the proposal). There are approximately 31 weekends during that period, which means an event is likely to be held most weekends, potentially ruining the peace and quiet of local residents every weekend during the spring and summer.

The offer of a telephone number to call with concerns about the noise during an event is meaningless, as firstly it requires the phone to be manned and answered, which is not a commitment, and secondly it requires a response, which is also not a commitment.

While there is reference to monitoring of noise levels, there is no reference in the application to what those noise levels might be and how they would be experienced by residents. This should be set out within the application for all to see, not something that is agreed afterwards.

Inevitably the streets and lanes around the entire area would be clogged with traffic. The road network consists of narrow streets in the village centre, which already only allow traffic to pass in single file, and narrow country lanes. The road network simply could not cope with the numbers. Moreover, no consideration has been given in the application to where 4,999 people will park. There are no significant parking facilities in Melbourne Village, which means people will park in the narrow lanes around the hall and, inevitably, across drives.

#### **General Comments**

It is extremely disappointing that, once again, the applicant has made absolutely no attempt to engage the local community in these plans. This failure to consult and take a responsible approach to the application causes significant concern that, if the application is granted, the implementation will show equal disregard for the local community.

The application itself lacks detail and fails to consider aspects such as parking. The fact that this proposal is clearly poorly thought through does not provide any comfort that key aspects, such as public safety and disorder, have been given appropriate consideration.

**If possible please suggest alterations to the application/licence that would resolve the problem mentioned above, again paying attention to the licensing objectives**

I do not object to the principle of events being held at Melbourne Hall but there are a number of aspects of the application that need to be amended:

- The total number of days should be reduced to 15
- The traffic management plan should be set out in the application and agreed with the local residents
- There should be no music performed with a strong bass
- The maximum sound that will be heard outside the walls of the hall (on the road to Poole Cottage) should be set out in the application so that residents can determine if this is acceptable.

I strongly suggest the applicant involves local residents in developing the application to (a) produce a much better proposal; and (b) demonstrate that the applicant would give any consideration at to local residents should an application be granted.

Once the Licensing Section has received this form you will receive a written acknowledgement and you may be contacted to discuss the issue prior to any referral to a sub-committee hearing.

If referred to a sub committee hearing:

Please tick this box if you do not intend to be present

Please tick this box if you do not intend to be represented

Please tick this box if you would like to remain anonymous

If you wish to withdraw your representation you may do so by confirming this in writing before the end of the last day of the 28 day consultation period.

Signed: ... ..

PRINT NAME:..... ..

Date: ...5 MARCH 2022.....

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