

About the application

Application number: 2020/70/90026/w	
What is the application for?:	Variation of conditions 5 (opening hours) and 6 (noise management plan) on previ
Address of the site or building:	Holmfirth Vineyard Ltd, Woodhouse Farm, Woodhouse Lane, Holmbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 2QR
Postcode:	HD9 2QR

User comments

Type of comment: An objection
Holmfirth Vineyard is situated very close to the Peak District National Park and lies within an area of designated Landscape Character. The Upper Holme Valley is a very rare example within Kirklees of an ancient and historic landscape with its preserved buildings, farming heritage, public footpaths and green lanes. Crucial to the preservation of this heritage also involves consideration of environmental controls including, as much as possible, pollution of all kinds. The current application to extend the opening hours of the vineyard restaurant from 11.00 pm to 1.00 am is insensitive to this environment. Visible and audible for miles around, the inevitable increase in light and noise pollution that will issue from the building along with the additional vehicle movements well into the small hours will be detrimental to the unique character of these rural parts of the valley. Much of the increase in visitors to the Holme Valley in recent years is due to the combination of unspoilt and beautiful countryside where people can enjoy walking, mountain biking and other countryside activities, being in close proximity to a vibrant night scene in Holmfirth town centre. To bring town centre opening hours into a rural setting will do nothing to enhance the visitor experience and can only lead to the break down of this town-country setting, the very thing that attracts people here in the first place. Please decline the application to extend night-time opening hours.