

About the application

Application number: 2020/90026	
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
The original planning approval was for a facility to support the agricultural element of the vineyard. This application is the latest of a series to metamorphosize the business from agricultural supporting venue to a full blown entertainment venue without any added value to the agricultural side but simply trading on its location and views. Simply an entertainment venue. Researching back through the original applications the agricultural nature was key to gaining PP. This application overturns the basis for the original approval for the buildings and licence terms that flowed from it. As it is, on busy days cars park on the road due to overflow so the promises to provide parking management on the narrow roads to prevent this were fanciful. Already the planning & licence conditions are "stretched" to put politely. The application adds nothing to the amenities of the Upper Holme Valley and its main tourist attractions of the countryside, walking, cycling and panoramas. It would create more traffic on dark narrow unlit roads in the early hours, At 02:00 people do not leave quietly and if the licence is until 02:00 the disturbances will continue for another 45 minutes as people wait for the limited number of taxis available at that time of night leading to more noise, littering and no doubt relieving themselves as there are no other facilities open within miles, or worse wandering inebriated on unlit narrow roads with no footpaths while taxis speed to pick up hires. Once the venue is forced to close early in the morning, revellers must congregate outside to await transport and continue alcohol fueled conversations, the effect of which will be amplified on quiet nights across the valley. This is totally mis-located as an entertainment venue which could be in self contained grounds with good shielding eg country hotels or in an entertainment quarter. Kirklees please consider the externalities of this application on others in the area for a gain accruing solely to the applicants which is in any case against your original terms of approval for the building of the facility. Other comments cover noise etc and I feel no need to add to them, but observe that a noise test in December is not representative of noise transmission to residents across the valley, particularly the effects of bass notes and rhythm in the summer when windows are open and wind levels are low.