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To the Licensing Department, North Norfolk District Council

Dear Sir/Madam

Premises Licence Application: The Woodyard, Worstead, NR28 9RS

We object to the licence application for the above premises for Live music, Recorded Music and Sale of alcohol.

The premises are the Dilham side of Worstead and are close to the residential properties on Chapel Road.

The venue has been operating under a TEN and has caused Public Nuisance to the residents of Chapel Road with large volumes of traffic using Chapel Road which is a narrow, single track lane with no passing places, used by walkers, families, horse riders and cyclists. The traffic has been substantial going to and from the venue (over 40 vehicles in an hour). The noise and increased pollution from the traffic when an event has taken place is blighting the peaceful enjoyment of our properties.

The noise from any outside music is easily audible to our property and although this was considered at planning this has materially and substantially changed as the venue has now cut down a large swathe of woodland, which shielded Chapel Road. The effect of this has created a sound corridor which travels directly up Chapel Road. To have music and substantial traffic every weekend will prevent peaceful enjoyment of our homes and gardens and safe use of Chapel Road to the residents. We can hear the Worstead Festival, but this is one week a year and the Festival is several miles away, not right on our doorstep where the venue is situated. The cutting of the trees now also means there is substantial light pollution from the many external lights the applicants have put up. The area is close to Smallburgh Fen and an SSI site. Dilham also hosts a colony of rare bats. The lights are clearly visible from the venue in what was once a 'dark sky' area and is causing a public nuisance. With regard to Crime and disorder, the venue is only accessible by car as it is not on a direct bus route. The lanes are one car width with no passing places. If people are going to an event, the high probability from the amount of traffic we have seen from a TEN, is that people have driven after having consumed alcohol.

Public Safety – the fact this is a very rural isolated site with single track lane windy access means the likelihood of accidents due to the traffic is very high especially as it is used by lots of walkers, riders and cyclists. Also the drink driving risks.

We hope the Licensing committee will visit the venue and see for itself the unsuitability of the premises in its location and proximity to houses. I know this cannot be a re-run of the planning application but the applicants have substantially changed the surroundings by felling trees. They have also no regard to planning conditions having breached them continuously since the site has been operating.

Yours

