

# APPENDIX D – Valid Representations

	Name	Contact details	Representation	Date received
1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	For the duration of the NT campsite opening in March and closing in January the residents of Mill Street are subjected to chaotic traffic ,comprising anything from motorcycles to large caravans on a road which was never designed to support such vehicles or in such numbers. Despite double yellow lines and prominent no-parking signs the length of the road these are routinely ignored by people using the site. There is zero enforcement of these restrictions and residents regularly cannot access their own properties as a result, often being subject to abusive behaviour by visitors who are unable to park in the very limited space at the campsite. Noise from the site is already a constant complaint, often late into the night which goes unchecked since the permanent NT employee's position was disestablished. It is commonplace to witness drunken individuals wandering Mill Street into the small hours, urinating in gardens and leaving a trail of empty cans and bottles. Drug dealing is also a regular occurrence. The disturbance detailed above which lasts for 10 months of the year is already unacceptable and will, without a shadow of doubt, be multiplied many times over should any of the NTs proposals come to fruition and the number of 'security' staff required to police any such activity is far and away beyond the Trust's resources. The proposals should be comprehensively rejected to protect the already heavily impacted quality of life in and around the site.	17.05.2023
2	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	The proposals are unacceptable for any number of reasons not least that traffic on Mill Street which is already unbearable would increase dramatically. The sale of alcohol for consumption on and off site will without any doubt result in delinquent behaviour already witnessed at Houghton Mill and significantly the lock, where police are called on an almost daily basis already each summer with youths jumping from the structure and bridge and leaving bags of rubbish for villagers to pick up in the mornings!!! Also with the parking again the traffic was so bad last year that emergency vehicles struggled to get down Mill Street so getting to an incident at the Mill in an emergency might not be possible therefore putting lives and property at risk !!	17.05.2023
3	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Status: OBJECTION  The sale of alcohol in such close proximity to the river and in particular the weir is very much ill-advised and I fear that we will see a plethora of incidences of drunkenness, antisocial behaviour and, god forbid, alcohol-related drownings as a result. I also believe that this application is particularly at odds with the Houghton Mill and Waterclose Meadows site's attempts to restrict members of the public's access to the river banks in that area because of their safety concerns regarding the close proximity of the Mill's water wheel. Additionally I don't believe that the National Trust has the capacity or wherewithal to correctly police the sale of alcohol to minors or prevent its over consumption at this	18.05.2023

			site and I do believe that this will inevitably lead to an increase in incidences of public nuisance and risk to children's welfare.	
4			I have no objection to alcohol being sold at the National Trust Cafe. However, this application is far too wide. Quoting from the application "an ice cream bike" is one thing, but a truck traversing the borders of the site selling hard liquor as well as "simple things" and possibly creating a Public Nuisance is quite another. Regarding Public Safety, if the actual Mill is used its construction would make it extremely difficult to comply with all the requirements of the Licensing Act of 2003.	23.05.2023
5			There was a dispersal notice on the area covered by the application put in force last summer due to the amount of teenagers drinking and being anti social. The area is quite heavily used by large groups who bring there own alcohol and leave rubbish and behave in an anti social manner. I think that providing alcohol sales on site would only exacerbate the problem.	26.05.2023
6			I am writing to you as a local resident, a Houghton Parish Councillor and District Ward Councillor. I strongly object to the application for the following reasons: Noise The National Trust site is visited by discrete groups of limited visitor numbers incurring very little noise or disturbance to residents befitting its location within the precious conservation area and Great Ouse Valley. At the moment the car park is open daily from 8.30 am – 4 pm, the Tearoom is open daily from 10 am to 4pm and the Mill is open Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. The Car park has very limited capacity and 2 hour waiting limit. Should this licence be granted with such wide conditions i.e. 7 days a week throughout the year from 9am to 11.30pm for the whole footprint of the site the potential for a huge increase in the operation, and footfall would increase dramatically from the current limited usage that the National Trust undertakes. The site it uniquely positioned within the centre of the village. It adjoins numerous houses in Mill Street and Thicket Lane with very little screening for noise abatement. The film application requested gives the opportunity to hold events up to 500 people under current legislation. The impact of even a lesser amount of people, perhaps 100, arriving and leaving at one time will be fundamentally different to the current usage. Combined with the effect on behaviour of alcohol consumption would surely have an adverse noise effect on the residents in the area. Nuisance Should the application be approved, it could increase anti-social behaviour. As mentioned, parking is severely limited on the site and adjoining roads and the village square. The National Trust currently has had issues with nuisance caused by the existing parking during large one-off events and during the lockdown period. This was brought to the attention of the Police, and though the NT try to manage this they are not always successful. The ability to marshal and steward a large event would certainly be beyond their current operation, and there is no mention of how this could be managed on their	26.05.2023

			<p>application. The ability to control access to alcohol, event access and behaviour influenced by alcohol on such a large site is also not clear. There are numerous points of access to the site and the ability to control entrances and exits would require teams of Stewards on the perimeter and additional fencing as well as additional Stewards overs such a large site to monitor and control any poor behaviour. The use of third party drinks vans or food carts will surely only increase this risk across such a wide area. There could be a connected impact of an increase in crime and disorder in the local area. A dispersal order was in place on the area last year due to the increase in anti-social behaviour and the church graveyard has frequently been used as a toilet due to lack of facilities provided. Safety The site is open to fast flowing and deep water with very little fencing or barriers. The combination of crowds and alcohol is surely a recipe for disaster. There would need to be a comprehensive risk assessment undertaken to identify all measures that should be taken to protect and ensure public safety. We believe this should an important condition of any licence should it be approved.</p> <p>Consultation This application states that events are designed for the villagers, but there has been no consultation with those villagers. The National Trust has been included in numerous village meetings on future requirement where this application has not been raised. The parish council would have been supportive of any consultation exercise if requested and the National Trust is actively encouraged to engage in a proper consultation. For the reasons listed above, I strongly object to this application and move that the Licences are not granted in the current form being proposed and the National Trust is asked to withdraw and consult with the village to enable a more appropriate application to be submitted for consideration.</p>	
7			<p>Villagers haven't been asked if they want films / theatre productions nor consulted on these plans at all. I live close to the site and do not want evening entertainment with alcohol due to noise and risk of unruly behaviour resulting in rubbish including potentially human faeces which we have encountered around footpaths close to the mill in recent years). There has also be increased drug taking in the area - the smell of weed on occasions in the evening is very strong. I believe that the morning to late night licence will just attract more bad behaviour as the Mill site is secluded and poorly lit, in keeping with its riverside setting. Since Covid the Trust have restricted parking and consequently on busy days / weekends when visitors flood into the village the parking is inadequate. The numbers of visitors since Covid has increased. The consequence is that parking is in many cases unlawful (police are called) and definitely inconsiderate and behaviours due to alcohol visitors bring themselves doe on occasions cause anti-social behaviour. I do not have a drive or garage and on many occasions am unable to park anywhere near my own home. Police are repeatedly called to deal with jumping into the lock and CCTV installed last year has not deterred this behaviour. Just this weekend youngsters were jumping off the lock bridge into the river despite signs forbidding it. They were drinking. There are two pubs in the village and the Shop also serves alcohol (it is open until 7pm). I believe that there is no need for an additional outlet for alcohol and critically this will be detrimental to the trade of these existing businesses in the village. All three businesses rely heavily on visiting trade from campers and day visitors alike and in difficult trading conditions this would face additional burden upon all three</p>	28.05.2023

			particularly the shop. I strongly object to this application as I the feel strongly the village doesn't need it, want it or require it.	
8			The application is not in the interest of the villagers. It is a commercial application by the NT to increase the sites income. The NT does nothing to foster relationships with the local community indeed recent decisions have reduced available car parking on the NT site, this forces visitors to park where they feel like throughout the village. Visitors park on existing yellow lines, in awkward position that restricts access to roads and properties. We have an excellent community shops and local pubs to cater for alcohol requirements. The potential for anti-social behaviour will only increase over and above the existing disruption we experience. The NT application is ambiguous, disingenuous and lacks operational detail to support this application. To date no one from the NT has organised any local meetings to discuss their intended plans.	28.05.2023
9			I must object to the granting of this licence on the grounds that on previous summers the police have been forced to issue Dispersal Orders for drunken behaviour in the environs of Houghton Mill. In addition, there is only one road in and out of the National Trust site which is already very busy during holiday and summer periods and the granting of an alcohol and entertainment licence would not only exacerbate this situation but extend it to late at night which would inevitably lead to conflict with the residents of Houghton/Wyton. At present the Mill & campsite co-exists symbiotically with the village, it's facilities and residents. The granting of an alcohol licence along with hosting late night entertainment would be most disruptive indeed and would be against the wishes of the residents	29.05.2023
10			<p>I totally disagree with this application; it'll bring no end of issues. Healthy competition is good for businesses, however as soon as alcohol becomes saleable it completely changes things. Let the cinema go ahead as it'll only be a few nights a year, but don't become licenced. They would have to bring in a team of security for the mill, lock etc and I can't see them covering that much ground.</p> <p>It's a shame. The national trust have become greedy in how they are choosing to expand, it doesn't seem to be in keeping with traditionally what they're all about.</p> <p>Sure let they can get a licence for each event not all year round 7 days a week.</p> <p>The summer always bring safety and litter concerns, who is going to manage that?</p> <p>They village also gets very busy who will manage the traffic concerns down mill street and Thicket road when there isn't enough parking in the mill car park??</p> <p>I strongly disagree with this.</p>	29.05.2023

11			<p>I wish to object to the licence application made by the National Trust at Houghton Mill.</p> <p>Houghton Mill is situated at the end of a quiet, narrow residential street. Extending opening hours and providing an alcohol licence would cause considerable public disorder to the residents of Houghton with many people leaving the village at 2330 either on foot or by car.</p> <p>I urge you to consider the residential location of Houghton Mill and therefore the inappropriateness of what the National Trust are requesting.</p> <p>Please note, I do not want my objection to be visible on your web site.</p>	29.05.2023
12			<p>** edited below 29 May 23 **</p> <p>Application for Premises Licence 269354 - objection - National Trust at Houghton Mill</p> <p>I object to the application on the following grounds:</p> <p>I object specifically to <i>films</i> and a permanent <i>night time</i> alcohol licence as this cannot be related to the maintaining the heritage of an ancient watermill and the protection of a beautiful, quiet, natural setting and that the resulting disturbance to the wider community including immediate neighbours is unavoidable, cannot be suitable mitigated and is therefore unacceptable.</p> <p>I have some lower objection to the provision of a <i>daytime</i> alcohol licence (should other issues be suitably mitigated) in that our two small, independent pub businesses are both housed in Listed Buildings and their heritage buildings and business viability is tied exclusively to their alcohol licence. Houghton Mill is under the Trust's wider duty and that is not a single, small, independent enterprise whose viability is tied solely to their ability to serve alcohol. Indeed, it may be special in that it provides an amenity that <i>does not</i> support the alcohol industry. The Mill business just as our other community assets, have a symbiotic function to draw visitors to each other and support the community, not to draw custom away from each other. Daytime film showings may draw business to our two pubs but night time films, extending up to and beyond closing time, would be unlikely to do so and therefore only damage and not improve the quality of life of the members of the community.</p>	29.05.2023

		<p>I would support limited and occasional use of the site up to say 8 or 9pm latest if impact to the community and environment were suitably mitigated.</p> <p><b>The prevention of crime and disorder</b></p> <p>The site is managed mostly by volunteers who are demonstrably incapable of maintaining governance across the site. They have little management support and are not aware of nor pay heed to the basic legislative features of the site such as the rights and responsibilities associated with public Rights of Way. There are reports of undue aggression from staff towards visitors. Logically they do not carry the full two-way accountability that an employer and employee might and their short-term, low commitment relationship with the site owners is a clear logical reason why they will be unlikely to receive the full training and management investment <i>prior to being deployed</i> as is required to maintain order. It is evidenced that the site is often short-staffed and has to close the Mill to visitors and the management is unable over a few years to carry out basics of land management such as maintaining boundaries, safety barriers against the roadway, gates and disposal of broken fencing materials. The management is lacking in its duty-of-care already. Extending the opening hours and planning events that may not be properly staffed at the last minute will add to the amount of work that they are already failing to cover.</p> <p>Risk of theft and damage to property increases by encouraging people to be in and move through a poorly lit residential area in hours of darkness.</p> <p><b>Public safety</b></p> <p>The site is inadequately fenced and there are multiple entrances and exits that cannot be managed. Along with two Rights of Way, the management team are not able to manage who is on the site and when. As such they cannot properly define and mitigate the risks that may occur with night-time activities. It is not possible to manage a site person limit. The site is down a single carriageway road and there are often parking related incidents and access issues caused by visitor parking. Therefore, there is restricted access for emergency services. With the Grade One Listed mill building being of timber and tar construction, the risk of and consequences of fire, and any delay in tackling fire, is critical at this site.</p> <p>The site is no longer staffed at night and this leaves the protection of the listed building and the site to the local community. There is no one available overnight apart from local residents and the local emergency services to deal with public safety issues. There is a campsite manager but I believe their responsibility does not extend to governing the Mill building, all of the land and the surrounding mill</p>	
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			<p>infrastructure. The manager also stays at a distance away from the mill building and the main site entrance.</p> <p>It is evidenced that the site is often short-staffed and has to close the mill to visitors also the management is unable over a few years to carry out basics of land management such as maintaining boundaries, safety barriers against the roadway, gates and safe disposal of broken fencing materials.</p> <p>The Trust is unable to stop users of the Rights of Way from entering the site even if they have been ejected by the site management. This may give rise to or escalate public order issues.</p> <p>The National Trust has previously objected to events much higher staffed, daytime community events being held in this area due to public safety concerns about the proximity of the waterway with, and even without, the associated consumption of alcohol.</p> <p><b>The prevention of public nuisance</b></p> <p>There is no visible capacity and capability to manage events on this site. No overnight senior site management means the community has to rely upon themselves and the emergency services to respond to public nuisance incidents. Evidentially here are inadequate staff to manage parking and litter, particular litter entering the waterway.</p> <p>The Trust is unable to stop users of the Rights of Way from entering the site even if they have been ejected by the site management. This may give rise to or escalate public nuisance issues.</p> <p>The Trust itself has previously objected to community events in the Trust area on the meadow and alongside the river, even those thoroughly-staffed, annual, community events during daytime. The Trust's belief was this would cause undue nuisance to campers, the natural environment and damage to natural habitat as well as the dangers of the waterway when mixed with alcohol consumption. There have been no changes in those pressures.</p> <p>Even middle-aged couples sitting on the grass of an evening have been 'moved on' for fear of noise disturbance.</p> <p>It should be noted that campers have no means to protect themselves from the disturbance of noise and lights of a social area and associate vehicles and people movement.</p>	
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			<p>from noise and light disturbance. This also applies to those residents in heritage buildings along the residential streets where overflow parking occurs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The licence application shows closing times but we need to recognise that visitors will leave site potentially up to an hour later, and staff and equipment will leave after that. It is likely night time disturbance will continue until after 1am. If equipment is to arrive early or remain overnight it will impact the quality of the special historic and natural features of the site leading to an overall detriment impact to enjoyment of the area.</li> <li>• Assuming all visitor vehicles are accommodated on site, all these vehicles will have to leave the small group village via either of Mill Street, The Green and St Ives Rd or Mill Street, The Green and Huntingdon Road. Both roads pretty much run the full length the community in each direction maximising impact of increased night time traffic movements to the greatest number of residents. If such a night time entertainment site were adjacent to a main road and not, like this one buried even beyond the centre of a community, then access and disturbance for a new venture might be acceptable. There are an almost innumerable amount of these locations, some at other National Trust sites, where this type of activity would provide more amenity than issues.</li> <li>• It should be noted that the special elements of the Houghton Mill Site, the Mill, its antiquity, the ancient setting, the natural surroundings, the Mill pool, the quiet and the riverside are all irrelevant to the conduct of an outdoor cinema as it would necessarily be dark. The customers would be concentrating on a projected image and I assume wearing headphones. If the special elements of the site are inconsequential to the activity then a site without these elements, that has less problems and night time hazards would be more suitable.</li> <li>• The darkness of the countryside at night is part of the essential character of this area, the mill and the waterway and the essential character sought by campers and users of the rights of way and waterway.</li> <li>• To attempt to mitigate hazards by running an operation that is specifically in the dark, the applicant would ironically seek to increase light on the site to facilitate safe movement into and out of and across the site. These lights plus the impact of the project system would be damaging to the local residents' quiet unchallenged enjoyment of living in a rural area and have a negative impact to natural habitat and the natural world, a point previously raised by the Trust, including the habitat of resident bats and relatively rare wild birds that live by the mill.</li> </ul> <p><b>The protection of children from harm</b></p> <p>We have determined that there is public use of this area across two significant Rights of Way including the Great Ouse Way and also that there are multiple pedestrian entry and exit points across</p>	
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			<p>the site so we cannot determine who is on site, and who is not, including those who may have been previously ejected from the site. Therefore encouraging night time activity perhaps aggravated by alcohol could cause incidents of public order and nuisance that would not protect children. Those camping with their families, for whom late night activity is precluded by their children's ages (or film choices) and would be disturbed by the late-night social activity, movement of cars and people, damaging their experience of the non-built environment a strong component in their healthy upbringing.</p> <p>Houghton Mill may be special in that it provides an amenity that <i>does not</i> support alcohol consumption and therefore we may lose a chance to maintain and enhance a child-friendly environment.</p>	
13			<p>I object to the license application on the following grounds. 1. The prevention of Crime &amp; Disorder. There have been prior disturbances around the lock area at the mill during the summer. E.g. <a href="https://www.huntspost.co.uk/news/22969879.police-clear-area-reports-anti-social-behaviour-people-jumping-river-houghton/">https://www.huntspost.co.uk/news/22969879.police-clear-area-reports-anti-social-behaviour-people-jumping-river-houghton/</a>, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile/100064687693454/search/?q=houghton%20mill&amp;locale=en_GB">https://www.facebook.com/profile/100064687693454/search/?q=houghton%20mill&amp;locale=en_GB</a> Introducing easy access to alcohol at this site could easily increase these events. 2. Public Safety. The site has had various measures implemented to prevent accidents in the water at the mill. These are clearly signposted by the National Trust at the site. Introduction of alcohol into this environment will increase risks to public safety. 3. The prevention of Public Nuisance. See above examples of disorder and nuisance. The proposed events (films etc.) are also likely to introduce more traffic into the village if they are intended for the wider community. The police have also highlighted the impact of illegal parking behaviour in their posts above, which would likely be exacerbated by such events. 4. The protection of Children from Harm. Again, see above examples which specifically reference the behaviour of teenagers at the site. If this license is granted, 18- &amp; 19-year-olds will have easy access to alcohol which could fuel the crime and disorder in point 1. Their behaviour could easily act as encouragement to those under 18 to do the same.</p>	29.05.2023
14			<p>Hello,</p> <p>I object to the National Trust premises application on the grounds of public safety and believe the granting of this licence will cause public nuisance and could have an adverse effect on the safety of the public.</p>	29.05.2023

			<p>The National Trust site at Houghton Mill can only be accessed via Mill Street, this is a narrow road which is already heavily used by visitors to Houghton Mill and Waterclose Meadows and in some places is not wide enough for two vehicles to pass each other when travelling in different directions.</p> <p>There is a footpath but only for half the length of Mill street so pedestrians only option is to walk on the road which causes nuisance to the vehicles using the road and has lead to disorder. The current situation of visitors to the Mill and Waterclose Meadows parking on the double yellow lines in Mill Street is already a crime which the authorities have to deal with and I believe the granting of a Premises Licence will increase the instances of crime and disorder.</p> <p>The licence application states the request for supply of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises from Monday to Sunday 09:00 to 23:30 and with the site being next to the river this is a danger to public safety.</p> <p>The National Trust cannot currently deal with the number of visitors to their site and I feel the request for an alcohol licence will increase the number of visitors which will be a public nuisance only exasperated by visitors fuelled by alcohol.</p>	
15			<p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>Further to the notices placed around the village of Houghton. I am writing to you to object to the application made by the National Trust for a premises Licence. My objection is based on my belief the application will cause a public nuisance and will have an effect of the safety of the public.</p> <p>In June 2020 Cambridgeshire Police issued a dispersal order at Houghton to reduce antisocial behaviour and "prevent risk to life". "Sergeant Alice Draper, from the St Ives neighbourhood policing team, said: "With the recent hot weather we've had increased reports of people causing anti-social behaviour in the area and most worryingly jumping into the water putting themselves in danger".</p> <p><a href="#">Police clear area after reports of anti-social behaviour and people jumping into river at Houghton</a></p> <p>With the introduction of the National Trust selling alcohol next to the river my concern is that there is an increased risk of further involvement by the police in the village, more dispersal orders being issued and peoples safety being placed at risk/</p> <p>My second concern is around public safety and the access to the National Trust premises which can only be accessed via Mill Street, this is on the mainly a single lane road which is already heavily used by National Trust members. The road is so narrow it is only possible for a footpath to be located on half of the street meaning that pedestrians including children have no option but to walk on the road.</p>	29.05.2023

			<p>The additional traffic that will be generated by the proposed premises licence will adversely affect the public's safety. Furthermore, the entire road has double yellow lines which you will see from the attached photographs taken today (29<sup>th</sup> May 2023) are blatantly ignored by those using the National Trust facilities. Parking in this matter is an offence and generates unnecessary additional work for the Police whose time is better placed elsewhere.</p> <p>Having lived in Houghton for a number of years it is clear the National Trust are not adequately staffed to deal with the number of visitors to their site and I feel the request for an alcohol licence will increase the number of visitors. This in turn will create a public nuisance that will be exasperated by visitors fuelled by alcohol and with the premises being next to the river will cause a danger to public safety.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to read my objection.</p> <p>****this email contained attachments of photographs of cars parked on double yellow lines****</p>	
16			<p>As a resident of Mill Street I am writing with my concerns on the proposed licence application, they are in short; Safety; impact of alcohol on safety being so close to river and lock there has already been a dispersal order on the area for this reason. Illegal parking in the road making access for emergency vehicles impossible. Many entrances to the site so impossible to restrict numbers. Nuisance; late night noise for residents, lack of parking, litter left behind, lack of toilet facility. Only one entrance and exit for vehicles so constant use of a narrow road. Impact on our local businesses. We live in an AONB which should be protected. I thought the ethos of this was to conserve and enhance the natural beauty and preserve the relative tranquility of the area. This proposal seems to go against all of those points. The National Trust say they like to integrate into our village but no consultation with the villagers has taken place. The reason for the licence is very sketchy with regard the events that will take place or the frequency. I am wholeheartedly against this proposal.</p>	30.05.2023
17			<p>Subject: Complaint regarding Alcohol Licensing Application for National Trust(Enterprises) Ltd. Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing to express my deep concern and opposition to the alcohol licensing application submitted by National Trust (Enterprises) Limited. As a resident of this community, I believe it is my responsibility to voice my objections regarding this matter, which I believe could have significant negative impacts on our neighbourhood and its residents. First and foremost, I would like to emphasize that our community is already facing issues related to excessive alcohol consumption. The presence of additional establishments serving alcohol in close proximity to residential areas will only exacerbate these problems. We have witnessed an increase in incidents of public disturbance,</p>	30.05.2023

			<p>noise pollution, litter and unruly behaviour associated with alcohol consumption. Allowing another alcohol-serving establishment to operate in our area will undoubtedly amplify these concerns and negatively affect the quality of life for residents. Moreover, the proposed location for is highly inappropriate. The proximity of the establishment to our local schools, parks, and St Marys Church raises serious safety concerns. Introducing alcohol into such a family-oriented environment not only compromises the well-being of our children but also goes against the values we hold dear as a community. We must prioritize the safety and welfare of our residents, particularly the most vulnerable members, and consider the potential consequences of granting this license. Furthermore, it is essential to consider the potential implications on traffic congestion and parking in the area. The addition of an alcohol-serving establishment is likely to attract a substantial number of patrons, which will inevitably lead to an increase in vehicular traffic. Given the already strained parking situation in our community, granting this license would exacerbate the problem and create an additional burden on the residents who rely on available parking spaces for their day-to-day activities. In light of these concerns, I respectfully request that the Alcohol Licensing Authority take into account the negative impact this licensing application could have on our community. I strongly urge you to consider the well-being and safety of the residents and deny the application submitted by National Trust (Enterprises). It is essential to prioritize the harmony and tranquillity of our neighbourhood over the potential profits of a single establishment. Please inform me of any further steps or public hearings related to this matter. I trust that the Alcohol Licensing Authority will consider the welfare of the community and act in the best interests of its residents. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to a favourable resolution and your continued commitment to preserving the integrity of our neighbourhood. Yours sincerely,</p>	
18			<p>I totally disagree to have an alcohol licence at Houghton Mill. The area is far too small to have additional people and traffic. There are problems late in the evening with alcohol and drugs as it is. Although you cover points regarding Health and safety, security etc, it is just a tick box exercise as in day to day reality there will not be enough resources. Areas that are already roped off as it protected for wild flowers, are having families sit all over it already. Access for emergency vehicles would be a huge problem if numbers of people and cars increased. We have 2 pubs and a community shop that deserve support, before the NT.</p>	31.05.2023
19			<p>Such a far reaching license not appropriate for a relatively small NT site It would conflict with the Neighbourhood Plan defining 'quiet tourism' Noise and nuisance risks would be increased As would traffic noise and parking capacity There is an uneasy juxtaposition of alcohol and the river with associated safety risks If the NT wishes to hold occasional events like the film shows they refer to couldn't they apply for an event specific license The licensing hours are too long - especially when coupled with and potentially feeding potential noise and nuisance issues It is not made clear exactly how the tea room will be adjusted to allow for what will be additional alcohol related sales The idea of</p>	31.05.2023

			a mobile cart on the site and how it will be managed and controlled is not clear and is therefore a concern. Finally I restate the mismatch of the scale and scope of the application in relation to the character and size of the Houghton Mill site	
20			<p>Hello</p> <p>I am writing to object to the above licence application.</p> <p>AS a villager of over 30 years I have welcomed the sensitive development of the Mill site to date. However this application seems to be a step change and is so broad and general that I am concerned about the National Trust's actual intentions. Indeed, if this is a precursor to building larger premises on this site, this would be even more unwelcome.</p> <p>This site is in the middle of a busy village, not in parkland surrounded by fields where such developments might be more appropriate and less intrusive.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the narrative, they mention events such as plays and films but then the list of events say No to Plays.</li> <li>2. The site does not need a license from 09.00 to 23.30 7 days week. A licence to serve drink with lunch is a good idea but such an open-ended request is unjustified. If they just want a licence for events they could apply on a one-off basis.</li> <li>3. While I am not an immediate neighbour I am concerned about noise and nuisance intrusion for those living closest to the site.</li> <li>4. While they make play of offering events for the villagers, our experience since Covid shows that people will travel in for events. The car park is small, the access road is narrow and we have had many occasions where inconsiderate parking has inconvenienced residents and presented a challenge for emergency vehicles, or delivery vehicles from getting down Mill Lane. Once that is full visitors have blocked the village green and then the main St Ives Road rather than use the car park at the entrance to the village.</li> <li>5. WE have had issues with people and alcohol in the environs of the mill and indeed a while back the NT prevent a traditional Feast Week event from taking place because of the proximity of the river and mill pond and concerns about alcohol.</li> <li>6. The village has an excellent community-owned shop, two pubs and another private owned tea room and while competition is always healthy, a much extended and regular offering at the Mill will take business away from businesses that supported the community through Covid and depend on villagers and visitors to thrive.</li> <li>7. The licence is for consumption off premises as well which is clearly a direct challenge to the existing businesses.</li> </ol> <p>I ask the licensing commissioners to review my points and take them into account when making their decision.</p>	31.05.2023

			Regards	
21			<p>My name is John Roderick Wilkins of 7 Mill Street Houghton. I am writing to express my strong concern and opposition to the above application for a licence to sell alcohol at the National Trust site at Houghton Mill. I have listed the reasons for this application to be refused below.</p> <p>First and foremost there is a real and serious safety issue with the combined factors of provision of alcohol, increased numbers and a fast flowing river. This has been clearly demonstrated during the recent COVID lockdown.</p> <p>The proposed extended hours, far beyond the current limitations, combined with the provision of alcohol represents a severe potential nuisance of noise and traffic to residents.</p> <p>The impact on village businesses (shop, 2 pubs and a tearoom) of on-site provision of alcohol would be severe at a time when they are hoping to rebuild business since the pandemic.</p> <p>Access to the site is restricted (one narrow road with double yellow lines to both side). The inevitable increase in traffic would also have implications for access for emergency services.</p> <p>It is inappropriate for the proposed 'limited number of events' to hold an unrestricted licence to sell alcohol.</p> <p>For all of the above reasons, and the complete lack of consultation with local residents, I would urge that the application be refused.</p> <p>Regards</p>	01.06.2023
22			<p>As a resident of Mill Street I have great concerns regarding this application for a licence which I note is for 7 days a week up till 11.30 at night. Mill street is a narrow street with only one exit out. That means all residents will be impacted by traffic noise of food trucks and visitors coming and leaving after the end of the films and entertainment late at night. The National Trust car park is very limited and often in the summer their staff have to put up signs at the top of Mill Street to say the car park is full. It is reasonable therefore to assume people will park on Mill Street causing a nuisance and preventing access to the site by emergency vehicles. With the proximity to the river and the lock this would clearly in my opinion constitute a public safety issue potentially leading to harm to teenagers/young adults getting into trouble on the river. The street as well does not have a pavement all the way down and the safety of local pedestrians and dog walkers will be impacted by the increased traffic.</p>	31.05.2023
23			<p>I am wholly in opposition to this application. The hours suggested for the availability of alcohol could impact negatively on the residents living along Mill Street, Chapel Lane, The Thicket , the village square and further roads and lanes around the village with traffic noise late at night, pedestrians potentially the worse for wear, making their way home, taxis waiting for passengers with engines</p>	31.05.2023


			<p>running. Where are the National Trust proposing that their visitors will park? There will be late night traffic up Mill Street from those using the mill car park that will impact hugely on residents in this area. There is already a significant traffic impact with the Trust's traffic to and from The Mill during current opening hours. There could be a negative impact on established businesses operating in the village ie the village shop and both pubs. If alcohol is available for consumption on and off the site there is likely to be groups of drinkers congregating in the village square under the clock tower or along the river. There is already a significant litter problem in the summer from groups establishing themselves by the river for the day/evenings. . I cannot see any benefits for Houghton and Wyton or it's residents and cannot see that The National Trust has given any consideration to the environmental impact of their proposed plans.</p>	
24			<p>I believe it to be entirely inappropriate for the National Trust (NT) to make this application. The NT states that this application will provide amenity for the local community. I am not aware of any canvassing of the community to establish support for this. Indeed when the NT has hosted theatre productions in the Mill Grounds, there has been little or no local advertising of the events and therefore I would suggest, little intention to provide local benefit. The NT does not demonstrate that it has the resources that it manage the consequences of any increase in antisocial behaviour, litter, noise and nuisance that success of this application would bring. It appears to be short staffed as it is often canvassing for additional volunteers. It's own Mill House is not well maintained, the grounds are full of weeds and does little to enhance the space. I would question that increase in the workload that would arise from an alcohol license, has not been demonstrated to be manageable. In the summer months, the Mill and Lock area are already a virtual 'no go' area for villagers, with antisocial behaviour, disgusting amounts of litter, drug use and frequent attendances by the Police into the evenings. The sale of alcohol can only add to a very real issue for the local population. The Mill has shown scant regard for the wellbeing of the community, increasing the camp site size, extending opening of the cafe whilst limiting parking on site. The overflow of cars into narrow village streets has a real impact on the lives of villagers, causing stress and frustration. This was highlighted during lockdown when the NT deliberately limited parking even further at a time when the public were only allowed to engage outdoors. The NT no longer makes real efforts to integrate in to village life, withdrawing support from community events. We already have three local businesses supplying alcohol. These also provide employment and are fully engaged with the community, They deserve our support and should not be out under further pressure by increased competition. Whilst occasional use of the Mill for weddings for example might have little impact on locals, the scope of the application, if granted, would have serious consequences for villagers. Whilst the scope of the application may be designed as a catch-all, if anything like the frequency requested was to be granted this would have a very real negative effect on the local population</p>	01.06.2023



25			I am concerned that the selling of alcohol at the Mill could lead to an increase of people under the influence of alcohol around the water that surrounds the Mill which definitely puts those people and others at risk of harm. This increase in people will inevitably create more noise and general disturbance.	01.06.2023
26			Increase the risk of public safety in close proximity to the river with the sale of alcohol and public nuisance with the noise levels from outdoor cinema showings and such an extended period for the sale of alcohol	01.06.2023
27			I object to this application, which at a minimum should be delayed until better information is available. Public safety is a major issue given that the site is within 50m of a watercourse that contains both sluice gates and water generators. The police are already called out on many occasions to the nearby lock to clear young adults swimming in the river and jumping from the lock. Late night drinking will only increase the temptation to swim in the mill pond. Public nuisance is an issue in that these premises will be allowed to open later in the evening than local pubs and village shops so will attract late night drinking which will doubtless lead to noise for local residents. Crime is also an issue in that the site can be accessed from 3 different entrances and allow escape via the Thicket, Mill Street and Hemingford Grey making law enforcement difficult.	01.06.2023
28			The submitted application is not appropriate for this site and should be rejected. The Prevention of Crime and Disorder / Public Safety Objectives: I do not believe the National Trust will be able to control the access to the site as there are 2 public Rights of Way crossing the site and at least 4 access points that cannot be locked to pedestrians. This means they will not know who is purchasing the alcohol or where they subsequently take it. There is already a well documented problem with Anti-social behaviour at the nearby Houghton Lock and along the River Great Ouse, increase access to alcohol will not help this. The proximity of the site to the river access and the use of boats is also a risk to public safety. The Prevention of Public Nuisance: The Mill is situated at the end of a narrow unclassified residential road. This road is well used by walkers, cyclists and other users, including dogs and children. It is also the only access for the caravans etc accessing the National Trust campsite here. The availability of alcohol and the likelihood this will lead to other events will make this road dangerous. There is limited parking onsite and also throughout the village. Residents of Mill Street often complain about illegal parking on this road, and cars having to turn round when the car park is full. Extra events here will be a nuisance to local residents, some of whom border the site, with	01.06.2023

			increased noise, light pollution and traffic. Noise from events can also carry over the river to neighbouring villages The Protection of Children from harm: This is a family site and is also well used by residents and visitors for a day out. The exposure of children to alcohol sold here will be obvious. There has been no consultation with the residents or the Parish Council, despite recent attempts to foster a better relationship with the National Trust. An open discussion and publicity might help them gain support	
29			1. Concerns that the sale of alcohol will exacerbate the already existing drink and drug related noise and antisocial behaviour in and around the site. 2. Concerns that alcohol sales will lead to an increased deep water health and safety risk for visitors and managers alike. 3. The application is not in keeping with the Parish's stated aim in the Neighbourhood Plan of protecting the right of visitors and residents to the quiet enjoyment of this conservation area.	01.06.2023
30			The NT policy is to "create and restore wildlife habitats". An influx of up to 390 people, 7 days a week, drinking until midnight on site and from an off licence even later, is totally incompatible with its stated plan to protect places of natural beauty. Alcohol and water can be a dangerous combination and a dispersal order has previously been put in place to stop people jumping in to the lock and lighting bonfires. The residual litter is picked up by the villagers ....even from their own gardens. Both on and off licences would lead further public nuisance. The single vehicular access to the site can barely accommodate the current traffic. There is often a queue as cars attempt to pass each other and with no pedestrian walkways either at the site entrance or on that part of Mill Street. People with children and prams have to retrace their way to avoid being hit. Emergency services would not be able to access the site if this situation worsens.	01.06.2023
31			I have concerns about an increase in anti-social behaviour as a result of alcohol being sold on site. This can result with more noise which can be heard in the wider village.	02.06.2023
32			On behalf of St Mary the Virgin C of E Houghton with Wyton we strongly object to the granting of any License on the grounds of debris and other toiletry issues taking place within the Church boundary. We suffer the problem now and this can only be exasperated by further entries onto the churchyard. Also as a villager I object on the grounds of noise, litter and traffic adding to the existing problems we have now.	02.06.2023

33			<p>There is a lack of clarity as to how many family-friendly events would be laid on per year for 'local villagers'. Additionally, these events could not be limited to local villagers (ie those within walking distance). Therefore, I am concerned at the potential for a consequent unacceptable increase in litter, traffic and noise for local residents, which would not meet the licencing objective to prevent public nuisance. Regarding the application for an on-site alcohol licence, the mill is next to a river and the site is so large that alcohol consumption could not be monitored, especially during hours of darkness. The dangers of easy access to alcohol (including drinks in glass bottles) at a site next to a river where boating, bathing and barefoot walking commonly occur seems to fly in the face of the objective to preserve public safety. Given the high number of children usually on site, it would also appear to contravene the objective to protect children from harm. If Mill staff do ask people under the influence of alcohol to leave the site then the nearby church yard is a likely place for further drinking to occur and to be used as an impromptu toilet. Such behaviour would contravene the objective to prevent public nuisance.</p>	02.06.2023
34			<p>We refer to the above application and hereby express our vehement objection on the grounds of crime &amp; disorder, public safety and public nuisance.</p> <p>The sale of alcoholic drinks at seemingly unspecified hours will exacerbate the increasing rowdiness of noisy youths, many being under-age drinkers, who hang around the riverside, ignoring instructions not to dive into the river in dangerous locations and leaving heaps of litter on the river banks and meadows. None of this sort of behaviour is what civilised people associate with the purpose and aims of The National Trust. This important organisation is clearly departing from its remit by submitting the application in question.</p> <p>The village of Houghton already has two public houses, both accessible to vehicles without the need to drive along Mill Street which is not suitable for the increased traffic flows which this application would surely generate. Should the application in question be approved it will not be long before it is proved to be directly responsible for some form of crime, disorder, safety violations or public nuisance. Such infringements would reflect badly on those members of HDC who were responsible for approving the Premises Licence. So, with the reputation of your elected members in mind, we strongly urge you to reject the senseless application unreservedly.</p>	02.06.2023

35		<p>For the attention of the Huntingdonshire Licensing Authority</p> <p><u>Application Number: 269354 for a premises licence, Houghton Mill National Trust, Mill Street, Houghton PE28 2AZ</u></p> <p>With reference to the HDC Statement of Licensing Policy, 7 Jan 2021.</p> <p>Given only a binary choice of either approving or accepting and Houghton &amp; Wytor Parish Council recommends <b>REFUSAL</b> of this application on the following grounds:</p> <p><b>1. Prevention of Crime and Disorder</b>  <b>Increasing traffic and emergency vehicle access:</b>  The only access to the site is Mill Street which experiences issues with illegally parked cars which cannot access the Mill carpark at times when it is overcapacity. This has resulted in the road becoming 'single track' when visitors abandon their cars in the road and has created concerns about the ability for emergency vehicles to access the site and larger motorhomes/caravans accessing/leaving the site. The access and egress points to the site will be difficult to police as there are several points that cannot be shut as they are Public Rights of Way. The application lacks details as to how this situation will be assessed and addressed with more events taking place at the Mill following permission to sell alcohol.</p> <p><b>2. Public safety</b>  The form the river takes by splitting and forming islands, together with its man-made channels and structures from its industrial past, make the site interesting and attractive to visitors, but also add danger. Illegal and highly dangerous swimming/anti social behaviour in and around the area of the Mill and Houghton Lock can already be a major problem during the summer, mainly concentrated into the day/early evening up until the site is effectively cleared of visitors and the car park gates closed. Long licensing hours may extend this use and increase the risks in the evenings or night.</p> <p>The National Trust have roped off the Mill Pond area, known locally as 'the beach', discourage people from frequenting the area but have very limited success or control. At busy weekends, large groups have been known to gather at the Mill site at Houghton Lock and have been known to effectively 'take-over' areas. The police are regularly called to attend. The Environment Agency also employ marshals to try to prevent lots of people playing in and around the lock area (situated behind the Mill and therefore away from the campsite area). This behaviour continues to prove difficult to control but we fear may be exacerbated and extend longer into the evenings if alcohol were available and more readily accessible on site.</p> <p>Sadly the Mill has experienced fatalities as well as injuries from such activities with living memory of residents, as has the stretch of river immediately upstream of it.</p> <p>There are times we consider the site is already over capacity in terms of parking, people and activities involving the water. Once again we fear that holding events with alcohol available will potentially add to this issue and extend the problem, for longer periods of the day when events take place.</p>	02.06.2023
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36			<p>269354</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; I wish to object as a Houghton resident.</li> <li>&gt;</li> <li>&gt; I did not see this in the local paper so was not able to comment earlier. I contacted both the Hunts Post and the Cambridge Evening news and neither were able to say when it had be printed.</li> <li>&gt;</li> <li>&gt; I fear that the alcohol license in particular would be virtually impossible to police properly as there are 2 public footpaths and the river frontage on this site causing possible underage drinking/drugs and the river makes this even more hazardous and a serious safety concern.</li> <li>&gt; The site is on a flood plain.</li> <li>&gt;</li> <li>&gt; The noise would also disturb locals and any increase in traffic on the narrow access to the site would be dangerous, polluting and haphazard</li> <li>&gt; parking could be a further hazard.</li> <li>&gt;</li> <li>&gt; At the moment there is only a cafe -no shop and the toilet facilities are very limited for more people and only open 10-4. Any significant expansion would damage the site. The toilet block is for campers only on a family site. There maybe be concern for the safety of children should large events be held</li> <li>&gt;</li> <li>&gt; This therefore seems totally inappropriate. Drunkenness has been a</li> </ul>	02.06.2023

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37			<p>Re Application 269354</p> <p>As a resident of Houghton I wish to object to this application. What is being requested is totally out of place in a quiet village situation.</p> <p>Effectively the trust is asking for carte blanche to run whatever events it pleases as often as it wishes every day of the week from early morning until late at night. There is no way the Trust will know how many people will attempt to attend these events and there is the possibility that this could lead to very dangerous situations.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Road safety, motor traffic and parking: The village is already overwhelmed with visitors traffic at many weekends in the summer and car parking resources are stretched to the limit. Any further increase in traffic is likely to result in severe congestion with potential for accidents involving pedestrians in the centre of the village and Mill Street. This street, which leads to the camp site is narrow, often busy with pedestrians and unsuitable for heavy traffic. Within its own site the Trust may have space to accommodate more parking but this is for a fee and so cars will spill out into residential roads leading to further congestion and annoyance for residents who may be unable to access their own properties.</li> <li>2. Safety at the site: There are public footpaths crossing the site and the Trust will not be able to control the numbers of people who may arrive. The site is adjacent to the bank of the River Ouse and close to the sluices by the mill which may open without warning. The Trust has already tried to cordon off the river bank but they will be unable to police this in a crowd situation and it is entirely possible that people under the influence of alcohol will attempt to enter the water with potentially disastrous consequences, especially after dark.</li> </ol>	02.06.2023



			<p>3. Safety in the surrounding area: There has been a significant increase in anti-social behaviour since the Covid lockdowns when people from outside the village discovered the accessibility of the river bank. Police were called on a number of occasions. Litter is a problem at the lock. If the Trust's application is approved all of this is only likely to increase.</p> <p>Overall the application if accepted is likely to result in greatly increased noise nuisance and traffic congestion for villagers.</p>	
38			<p>I do not want my representation to be published on the CCC website. The Applicant's purposes/intentions are not wholly clear to this Respondent which therefore makes it hard to address precisely the four licensing objectives. The Applicant for example has stated 'No' to Plays but then the text cites 'theatre productions' as well as 'cinema evening(s)' and to be licensed for such from 9am to 11.30pm these being, and I paraphrase, "family friendly events...for local villagers to attend". This Respondent, then, objects firstly to the lack of clarity as to the Applicant's intentions; will these 'events' be daily/nightly or only occasionally and will alcohol always be available for what purportedly are to be local families from the village. Let the Applicant be much clearer about just what is intended and then would -be Respondents like myself can be reasonably expected to shape our concerns in respect of one or more of the licensing objectives. Should the Licensing Authority determine that a public hearing is called for, then the Applicant should be asked to quickly provide greater clarity to the local community thus providing the opportunity for more sharply focused representations to be made.</p> <p>Secondly, the Applicant indicates that "the authorities " have been consulted as part of the preparation of this Application. As a Respondent, am I correct to infer from the self-imposed conditions relating to extensive training to be given to staff in respect of preventing sales of alcohol to persons under 18 and, I paraphrase, their recording/reporting of incidents of disorder, seizure of drugs, offensive weapons etc that those authorities have expressed concerns about such things happening either within the site premises or nearby? I trust the Licensing Authority itself knows much more than I do about various 'anti-social' incidents in the vicinity of the Mill in recent years, but to my understanding the police have been called out on numerous occasions in response to reports of anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of Houghton Mill. Whatever the exact truth of the matter regarding past behaviour, making alcoholic drinks more easily available over extended hours of the day and night (until 11.30pm) combined with giving people reasonable cause to be on the premises for 'events' will not help those responsible for keeping the peace to do so.</p>	02.06.2023
39			<p>I would like to oppose this application on grounds of public safety and local disturbance. there have been many instances of disturbance caused by young people consuming alcohol (supplied by themselves) within the area concerned, and also littering. Not only is this upsetting for</p>	02.03.2023

			local residents, but bearing in mind the proximity of the very real danger of drowning in Houghton Lock and the river, of people inebriated due to the availability of alcohol, I must object to the granting of this license.	
40			<p>As stated on the form I submitted yesterday, (Reference VFCLTXFH) I object on the licensing objectives 2. and 3. Please refer to the online form, referred to above for the specific objections.</p> <p>From CC Form VFCLTXFH</p> <p>I wish to lodge a complaint in the strongest possible terms to the application for a alcohol and late license for Houghton Mill. I feel the terms stated by the license are very vague and would allow a large range of activities, not specified, basically they can arrange what they like??</p> <p>I have been a resident of Wyton for 35 years and as we area village, made up predominately of elderly and young families, neither group would appreciate loud music until the early hours. We saw in the pandemic, when restrictions were lifted, the youths drinking excessively down by the Mill, so much so, that the police and ambulances had to be called numerous times in the summer. A one point we had a restriction order put into place</p> <p>for 'non congregation of groups' This license, I feel, would exacerbate the problem. Parking is already is already difficult in the village and this would only compound the problem. All things taken into consideration I think the</p> <p>granting of this license would be a very bad decision for a small, quiet and usually peaceful village.</p>	02.06.2023