

Representations

Abbots Ripton Parish Council	30.03.2026
<p>I write on behalf of Abbots Ripton Parish Council to submit a revised representation in relation to the above premises licence application. This representation is made with direct reference to the four licensing objectives.</p> <p>Abbots Ripton is a designated conservation village, characterised by its rural setting, low ambient noise levels, and residential nature.</p> <p>The Parish Council is concerned that the proposed activities may adversely impact the licensing objectives as set out below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Prevention of Crime and Disorder:</b> The Parish Council is concerned that events of this nature, particularly if held regularly or at scale, may increase the likelihood of anti-social behaviour, particularly during arrival and dispersal times. The rural setting, limited lighting, and lack of regular policing presence may make it more difficult to manage such behaviour effectively, increasing the risk of disorder within the village.</li><li><b>2. Public Safety:</b> The local road network is narrow, rural, and not designed to accommodate increased volumes of traffic associated with organised events. There is concern that increased vehicle movements, parking pressures, and pedestrian activity (particularly in the evening or low-light conditions) may present risks to both residents and visitors. In addition, the Parish Council would seek reassurance that appropriate measures are in place for crowd management and safe dispersal.</li><li><b>3. Prevention of Public Nuisance:</b> This is the Parish Council’s primary concern. The proposed activities have the potential to generate noise from amplified music, voices, and vehicle movements. In a quiet rural conservation village, even moderate noise levels can have a significant and intrusive impact on nearby residents, particularly during evenings and weekends. There is also concern regarding the potential frequency and cumulative impact of events. Repeated or consecutive events, especially across weekends, may result in ongoing disturbance that adversely affects residents’ ability to enjoy their homes. Additional nuisance factors may include light pollution, litter, and general disturbance associated with arrivals and departures.</li><li><b>4. Protection of Children from Harm:</b> The Parish Council notes that events involving alcohol and large gatherings may increase the risk of children being exposed to inappropriate behaviour or environments, particularly where supervision and control measures are not clearly defined. Given the residential nature of the village, it is important that safeguards are in place to ensure children are not adversely affected by such activities.</li></ol> <p><b>Conclusion:</b> The Parish Council respectfully requests that the application be carefully assessed against the above licensing objectives. Should the application be approved, the Parish Council would strongly recommend that conditions are applied to mitigate impact, including restrictions on hours, limits on frequency of events, noise management controls, and appropriate safety and supervision measures. Given the</p>	

sensitive nature of a conservation village setting, consideration should also be given to ensuring that any permission is subject to review rather than operating on an ongoing or effectively permanent basis.