

Aynho Parish Council



The Apricot Village

Aynho

Please reply to

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Aynho Parish Council has considered the licensing application submitted by Aynhoe Park House and has the following observations.

Aynho is a quiet village that is home to a 630 residents, who have chosen to live in the village to enjoy the combination of attractive surroundings and a quiet, peaceful environment. Residents span the full age gambit from young families with small children, through the middle-aged to a significant number of older, retired – all residents appreciate and want to keep the current attributes of the village as “a pleasant place to live”. Aynhoe Park is located at the core of our village and therefore any event organised at that venue could have a profound, adverse effect on the amenity value of the village. Indeed, during 2011, there have already been several instances where “private events” at Aynhoe Park have caused adverse “noise pollution” late into the night/ early morning.

In reviewing the application we feel that the times set out for a ‘night prior to a working day’ i.e. Thursday night and Sunday night i.e. 1am are too late and that 11pm, with the venue to be closed by 12am is more appropriate.

If the license is approved then we feel the following conditions should be set out.

- That noise levels generated by the event should not be allowed to breach prescribed levels
- That international best practise be adopted to set those levels in respect to the proximity of local residences
- That having granted any license that SNC be responsible for supervising and monitoring that the noise limits are being respected through a programme of regular “unannounced visits” to coincide with events
- That sound-proofing measures be installed in/around Aynhoe Park House to mitigate the release of noise – particularly when a marquee is being used
- That fireworks be specifically excluded from a license
- That entry/ egress of guests and parking matters be closely managed to mitigate the impact of noise on residents of the village

We look forward to receiving confirmation of the result of this application and seeing our conditions included within any license permission that is granted for the property. Please be advised that we fully recognise that Aynhoe Park has to generate on-going revenue to maintain the fabric of the building and the park in good condition. We ask that any license that is granted seeks to allow the commercial exploitation of the venue be set in the framework that imposes responsibilities and conditions on the owners/organisers such that the interests of the residents of Aynho are maintained and not degraded by loud, unpleasant noise pollution

Yours faithfully,

Sadie Patamia
Clerk to Aynho Parish Council

