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20th March 20, 2024

Dear Ms. Tierney,

**RE: Application for Premises Licence, Peak Ales, Longstone Lane,
Ashford in the Water.**

I wish to register an objection to the above application on the grounds of public safety and public nuisance. I have spoken to the applicant, Mr. R. Evans on 2 occasions and visited the site.

I am a resident of Longstone Lane and a near neighbour of the Brewery. The Brewery has been present for a number of years without incident, but the granting of a full premises licence would cause a significant change in activity and impact.

Longstone Lane is unlit and narrow, single track in places. It provides access to the Monsal Trail within half a mile and is therefore used by significant numbers of pedestrians and cyclists, including local residents, visitors and holiday makers. It is also used by large farm vehicles. Mr. Evans intends to hold organized events primarily, although not exclusively, at weekends, (Section M (a)), which tend to be the busiest time for recreational users on foot or cycles. At such times there would inevitably be an increase in vehicular traffic as well as pedestrians attending the event, possibly leaving after dark, and after the consumption of alcohol. This would pose a danger to public safety.

Mr. Evans intends initially that such events would be relatively infrequent, but the granting of a full licence would allow on site consumption of alcohol throughout the full licensing hours, until 23 30 Monday-Friday, 24 00 on Saturday and 23 00 on Sunday and would not restrict frequency. For infrequent events Mr. Evans could apply for individual event licences as he has done previously, without requiring an unrestricted full licence.

There is also an issue of public nuisance. There are 3 (not 1) holiday cottages immediately adjacent to his premises and one across the lane immediately overlooking his forecourt, and 4 permanent residences, nearby. Regular

outdoor events into the evening may well reduce the attractiveness of these cottages to holiday makers.

Mr. Evans explained to me that he wishes to be able to sell his alcoholic products for consumption on site to business visitors to his premises, and to tour groups. This is perfectly reasonable but could be accommodated by a licence restricting the hours to business hours, e.g. 9am to 6pm, which would be acceptable.

I should appreciate your consideration of the points raised in this letter when assessing this application.

Yours sincerely,



Valerie A. Brown.